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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 27th November 2024
10.00 a.m.

Kempton Municipal Offices
85 Main Street, Kempton

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Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Date: Wednesday, 27th November 2024

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Venue: Kempton Municipal Offices, 85 Main Street, Kempton.

The Local Government Act 1993 section 65 provides the following:

1. *A general manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council or a council committee is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.*
2. *A council or council committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless –*
 - (a) *the general manager certifies, in writing –*
 - (i) *that such advice was obtained; and*
 - (ii) *that the general manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and*
 - (b) *a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the council or council committee with the general manager's certificate.*

I therefore certify that with respect to all advice, information or recommendation provided to the Council in or with this Agenda:

- (1) *The advice, information or recommendation is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation; and*
- (2) *Where any advice is directly given by a person who does not have the required qualification or experience, that person has obtained and taken into account in that person's general advice, the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.*

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Kirkwood', written over a faint circular stamp.

Tim Kirkwood
GENERAL MANAGER

OPEN COUNCIL AGENDA

1. PRAYERS

Reverend Dennis Cousens to recite prayers.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and recognise their continuing connection to the land, water and to community. We pay respects to Elders past and present.

3. ATTENDANCE

4. APOLOGIES

Clr F Miller (as previously advised)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the apology from Clr F Miller be noted and a leave of absence granted.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

5. MINUTES

5.1 Ordinary Council Meeting

The Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the previous meeting of Council held on the 23rd October 2024, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 23rd October 2024 be confirmed.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

5.2 Special Committees of Council Minutes

5.2.1 Special Committees of Council - Receipt of Minutes

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

- Community Shed – Oatlands AGM Minutes – 4th November 2024
- Campania Hall Management Committee AGM Minutes – 5th November 2024
- Woodsdale Community Memorial Hall General Meeting – 10th November 2024
- Chauncy Vale Management Committee Minutes – 18th November 2024

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

5.2.2 Special Committees of Council - Endorsement of Recommendations

The recommendations contained within the minutes of the following Special Committees of Council are submitted for endorsement:

- Community Shed – Oatlands AGM Minutes – 4th November 2024
- Campania Hall Management Committee AGM Minutes – 5th November 2024
- Woodsdale Community Memorial Hall General Meeting – 10th November 2024
- Chauncy Vale Management Committee Minutes – 18th November 2024

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

5.3 Joint Authorities (Established Under Division 4 Of The *Local Government Act 1993*)

5.3.1 Joint Authorities - Receipt of Minutes

Nil.

5.3.2 Joint Authorities - Receipt of Reports (Annual & Quarterly)

Nil.

6. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Agenda is to include details of any Council workshop held since the last meeting.

One workshop has been held since the last Ordinary Meeting.

A workshop was held on the 12th November 2024 at the Council Chambers, Oatlands commencing at 1.30 p.m.

Attendance: Mayor E Batt, Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, Clrs A E Bisdee OAM, D Blackwell and D Fish and F Miller (remotely).

Also in Attendance: T Kirkwood, A Benson, D Richardson, B Williams (part), B Condie (part) and J Rowley (part).

Apologies: Clr B Campbell and Clr F Miller

The Workshop focussed on the following items for consideration and discussion:

1. Possible Development of the Kempton Baptist Cemetery in Kempton

Manager- Heritage Projects (Brad Williams) presented a preliminary report in relation to the development of this Council owned property in Erskine Street, Kempton. Further investigations to be undertaken to enable the report to be finalised and presented to Council for formal consideration.

2. Development Proposal (preliminary briefing)

Representatives from Tas Petroleum addressed Council and provided preliminary information relating to a potential development proposal.

3. Mt Seymour Hall – Research Undertaken

Deputy General Manager, in response to recent request for information relating to the Mt Seymour Hall, provided the following information provided by Property Services (Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service - Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania):

- *The site is untitled, currently zoned 'community purpose' and has a public reserve status.*
- *It was previously the subject of an application to purchase, but did not proceed because the reserve price determined for the property was regarded as too high for the applicant.*
- *A neighbour also objected to the sale of the hall, but did not wish to purchase it themselves because of the cost.*
- *The land is potentially problematic to sell to a neighbour and consolidate with their title now that that planning scheme has changed, as the consolidated parcel would have a split zoning. Council planning may regard a subdivision like this as one that would not be 'reasonably approved', and this would prevent the Crown sealing a plan of consolidation.*

- *For a public sale, the zoning is also problematic for any potential repurposing of the building. As surveying would be required to have title issued at considerable cost, it is a low priority on my public sales list as the costs may not be recouped if we fail to attract a purchaser because of the zoning issue.*

Potentially, the best use of the site would be to lease to a community organisation or Council for some sort of public use. However, the condition of the building and suitability for the purpose may require some investment.

Information noted.

4. Draft Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Development Assessment Panels) Bill 2024

Clr Bisdee OAM asked that this matter be included in the Workshop Agenda.

Further information provided to Councillors and discussion of issues relating to the draft Bill.

Concerns raised by Council basically mirror the issues raised by the Local Government Association of Tasmania in its response to the 'Development Assessment Panel (DAP) Framework Position Paper' issued in late 2023. None of the recommendations LGAT made in its submission were adopted or included in the draft Bill.

It was noted that proposed Motions relating to DAP's are to be considered at the forthcoming LGAT General Meeting and the Mayor (as Council's voting delegate) will take into account the outcomes of the workshop discussion.

The workshop concluded at approximately 3.25 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

7. COUNCILLORS – QUESTION TIME

7.1 Questions (On Notice)

Regulation 30 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* relates to Questions on notice. It states:

- (1) *A councillor, at least 7 days before an ordinary council meeting or a council committee meeting, may give written notice to the general manager of a question in respect of which the councillor seeks an answer at that meeting.*
- (2) *An answer to a question on notice must be in writing.*

Nil.

7.2 Questions Without Notice

Section 29 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* relates to Questions without notice.

It states:

“29. Questions without notice

(1) *A councillor at a meeting may ask a question without notice –*

- (a) of the chairperson; or*
- (b) through the chairperson, of –*
 - (i) another councillor; or*
 - (ii) the general manager.*

(2) *In putting a question without notice at a meeting, a councillor must not –*

- (a) offer an argument or opinion; or*
- (b) draw any inferences or make any imputations – except so far as may be necessary to explain the question.*

(3) *The chairperson of a meeting must not permit any debate of a question without notice or its answer.*

(4) *The chairperson, councillor or general manager who is asked a question without notice at a meeting may decline to answer the question.*

(5) *The chairperson of a meeting may refuse to accept a question without notice if it does not relate to the activities of the council.*

(6) *Questions without notice, and any answers to those questions, are not required to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.*

(7) *The chairperson of a meeting may require a councillor to put a question without notice in writing.*

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

8. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, 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 2015*.

9. 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 2015*, 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: 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 2015*.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (SCHEDULED FOR 10.30 A.M.)

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the agenda is to make provision for public question time.

In particular, Regulation 31 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* states:

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

Councillors are advised that, at the time of issuing the Agenda, no Questions on Notice had been received from members of the Public.

10.1 Permission to Address Council

Nil.

**11. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDER
REGULATION 16 (5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING
PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2015**

Nil.

12. 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.

12.1 Development Applications

Nil.

12.2 Subdivisions

Nil.

12.3 Municipal Seal (Planning Authority)

Nil.

12.4 Planning (Other)

12.4.1 Draft of the New Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS), and the ‘State of Play’ Report.

Author: SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICE (DAMIAN MACKKEY)

Date: 8 NOVEMBER 2024

Attachment(s):

1. *Draft of the New Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS), dated 4 November 2024*
2. *STRLUS Review “State of Play” Report.*

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of:

- the preliminary draft of the new Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS), dated 4 November 2024, and
- the associated ‘State of Play’ report that has been produced for the Review of STRLUS, and
- the opportunity to provide comment on both of the above.

BACKGROUND

The Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS) is a long-term plan to facilitate and manage change, growth, and development, whilst protecting our natural values, within Southern Tasmania to 2046.

Section 5A of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* provides for the making of Regional Land Use Strategies.

Since the preparation of the first STRLUS in 2010, the Southern Tasmanian region (comprising 12 LGAs) has experienced significant population growth and new economic and social conditions are driving change.

There have also been changes to the Tasmanian planning framework including the introduction of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

Furthermore, draft Tasmanian Planning Policies (TPPs) are currently under consideration. The STRLUS will need to be consistent with the TPPs, once they are approved by the Minister for Planning.

In the context of these changes, the 12 Southern Councils committed to conduct a comprehensive review and update of the current 2010 STRLUS. The comprehensive review and update program is co-funded by the 12 Councils and the State Government.

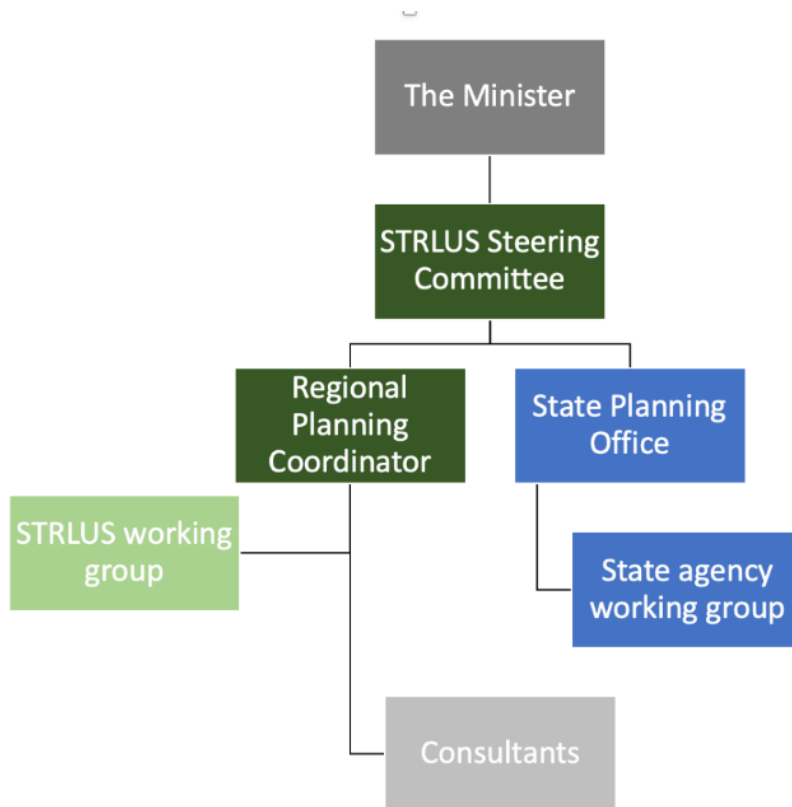
In February 2023, a Steering Committee was established consisting of Mayors and General Managers of several southern Councils, with representatives of the State Planning Office.

The role of the Steering Committee is to:

- ensure Project outcomes and deliverables are achieved;
- approve the release of Project deliverables and establish communication channels and maintain regular project updates with the elected members and executives of the Councils.

In August 2023, a Regional Planning Coordinator (Adele Fenwick) was appointed. The Regional Planning Coordinator is responsible for working with the Southern Councils and the State Planning Office to coordinate the comprehensive review and development of the updated STRLUS.

In December 2023, to support the delivery of the project, a Working Group was established. This is comprised of the Regional Planning Coordinator, a senior planning advisor from the State Planning Office, two State Agency/Authority representatives and 12 Council planners. The role of the Working Group is to provide advice to the Regional Planning Coordinator on regional planning matters relevant to the review and provide advice on technical planning issues, as relevant.



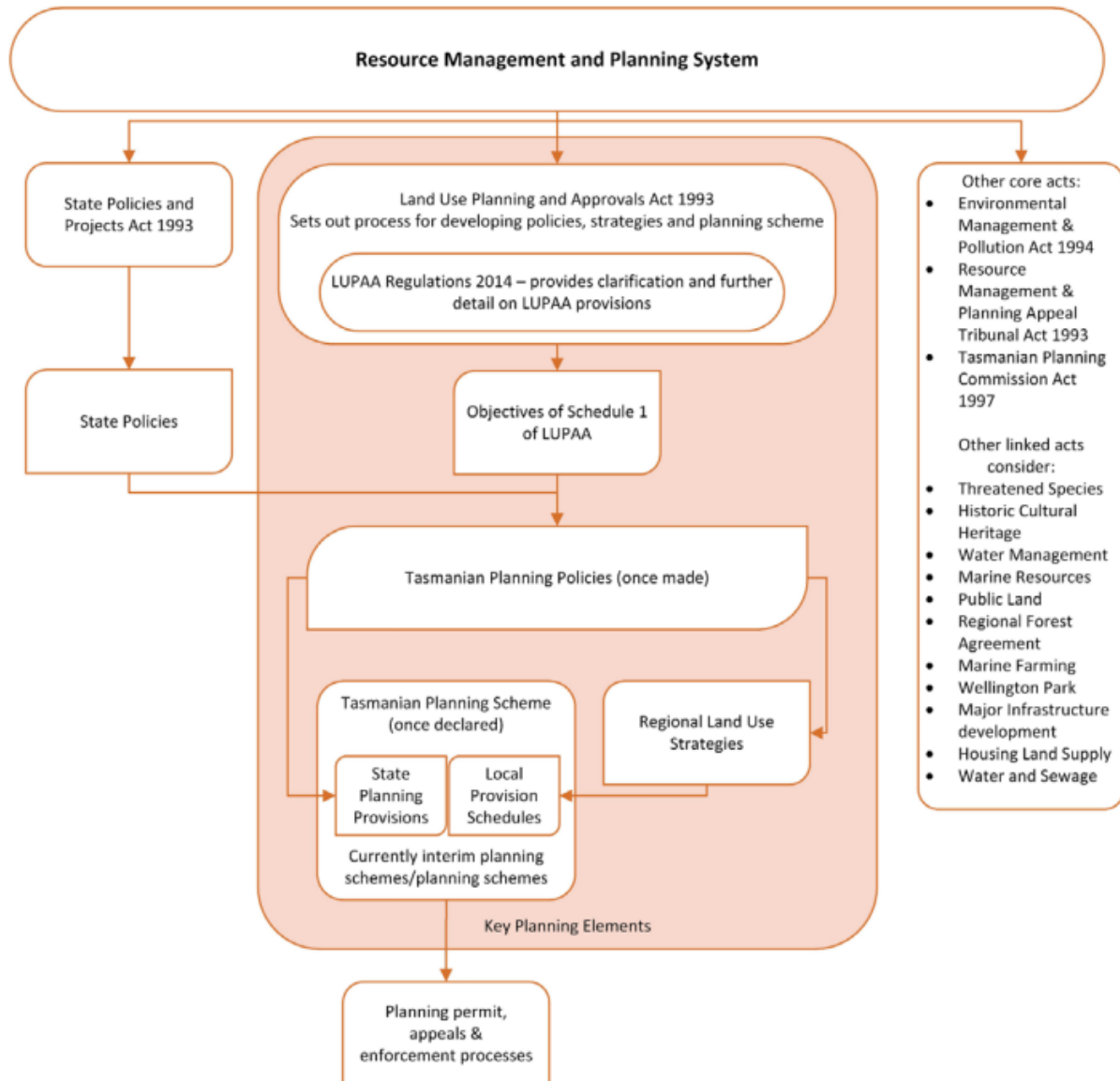
ETHOS Urban, a leading consultancy comprising of planners, economists, social strategists and designers, was engaged to support the delivery of the ‘State of Play’ report and an overhauled STRLUS.

Capire Consulting Group, a specialist community engagement consultancy with expertise in regional planning, community development and social impact, and public policy has been engaged to support with communication and engagement.

Cooee Communities, palawa consultants, have reviewed the State of Play and are currently being engaged to support palawa engagement.

REGIONAL LAND USE STRATEGIES WITHIN THE PLANNING SYSTEM

Each of the three regions in Tasmania (Southern, Cradle Coast and Northern) has a Regional Land Use Strategy, all developed around 2010-2011. They play a key role in Tasmania’s planning system, known as the *Resource Management and Planning System*:



All three regions are now embarking on projects to review their existing Regional Land Use Strategies. The initial intention was that they would be reviewed every five years. However it has now been 14 years and the current review process is therefore considered long overdue.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCIL COMMENT

The State of Play Report:

The State of Play report is the first step in updating the STRLUS. It endeavours to summarise available data and information on a range of issues to understand the key issues and influences in the Region and the causes of growth and change. It seeks to address what we

know from experience, what is currently happening, and (for some issues) projections of what may occur over the next 25-30 years.

In July 2024, Councils were provided with the State of Play report 'for noting', prior to it being released to the community as the basis for the initial consultation for the revision of the STRLUS. Council, along with the rest of the community, can now provide comment. This comment period is open until **18 December**.

Draft Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy, 4 November 2024:

Council officers have been provided with a preliminary draft of the new Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy, STRLUS, and dated 4 November 2024. This has not yet been released for community comment and is provided as a council-only enclosure to this report.

STATE OF PLAY REPORT: PROPOSED COMMENTS

1. The State of Play report ought to be just a snapshot of the current situation in the region and not venture in to the realm of policy. However, the 'Region Shapers' are policy positions. These should have been left to the process of developing the new STRLUS and subject to community and stakeholder consultation.
2. The State of Play report does not acknowledge that, at this point in time, there are no Tasmanian Planning Policies. These are yet to be declared and may or may not be modified when they are formally declared. The uninformed reader would believe that we have Tasmanian Planning Policies in place. As a snapshot in time of the current situation, the State of Play report should acknowledge that these do not yet formally exist.
3. Whilst the seven Region Shaper statements are not necessarily listed in any order of priority, it is noted that statement focussing on economic growth is last. It is proposed that this be listed first, as without economic prosperity, none of the others are possible.
4. In *5.1 Population Growth & Change*, the report notes that in the 12 years between 2011 and 2023 we had strong population growth of 20%; more than 51,000 people. It then simply accepts population forecasts that we will have less than this growth over the next 23 years, growing by only 43,000 people in that period, (which is less than half the growth rate). There is no explanation.

With increased climate-change induced immigration to Tasmania likely, it is reasonable to assume that there will be greater growth, not less, over coming decades.

Tasmania is unique in Australia, in that climate change induced heat extremes and less rainfall will drive immigration out of other states, and into Tasmania. Migrants are likely to come from other countries as well.

If we do not meet this demand with supply, house and rental prices will increase further and be beyond the reach of even more Tasmanians.

The State of Play report acknowledges climate change is real and endeavours to deal with other reasonably foreseeable impacts, yet it ignores this aspect.

At the very least, the State of Play report ought to include a discussion on this issue.

5. The State of Play report does not acknowledge we are in a housing crises. House prices are unaffordable for a large percentage of the population. So too are rental prices. There are many people living on the streets. Essentially, dwelling demand outstripped dwelling supply years ago.

The requirement to prove that demand exists before land is allowed to be rezoned for housing should be dropped until the housing crisis is over.

6. The State of Play report does not include any discussion on ‘land banking’. This phenomenon is real, and has therefore been included in the draft Tasmanian Planning Policies which require Regional Land Use Strategies to address this issue.

Land banking can be both intentional and unintentional. The former is common around Greater Hobart and the latter is common in small rural towns. The result is the same: the practical amount of residential land supply is significantly lower than the theoretical supply, contributing to land shortages and artificially increasing prices, and contributing to the housing crisis.

The only real way to address land banking is to ensure there is more land zoned for residential development than is theoretically needed, (subject to all other town planning considerations, of course). In each area of Greater Hobart or each rural town there needs to be multiple landowners with the potential to subdivide.

DRAFT SOUTHERN TASMANIA REGIONAL LAND USE STRATEGY: PROPOSED COMMENTS:

1. The Draft STRLUS should be aspirational. It is cast as a development-control document, setting out what development can't be done rather than what we should seek to achieve. It is the role of the planning schemes to control development by limiting opportunity. By contrast, as a strategic document, the STRLUS ought to be forward looking and include visionary thinking.
2. In 1.3, the dot point “*fostering sustainable economic development that allows our communities to prosper*” should be elevated to the first dot point.
3. In 1.4, the text reads as if Tasmanian Planning Policies (TPPs) exist. If this document is subject to community consultation before the TPPs exist, this section will need to be changed accordingly.
4. In 2.1, the vision statement should be centred on developing a strong economy. As written, this is a secondary consideration.
5. In 2.2, seven ‘region shapers’ are listed. ‘*Economically Strong*’ is listed as the last ‘region shaper’. It should be listed first. Unless this is achieved, none of the others are possible.
6. In 3.1, the strategy titled ‘Growth Management’ should be amended to ‘Growth Facilitation’ which is considered to be more enabling.

7. In 3.1, a new paragraph should be added to note that Tasmania will be a destination for climate change driven immigration over the next 25 years, (unlike mainland Australia which will be a place of origin). This will change our future demographics.

If Tasmania does not increase housing supply to meet this demand, the housing affordability crisis will deepen. We need to address this now, in the new STRLUS, due to the inevitably long time lag between strategic intent and outcomes on the ground.

8. In 3.1, the last paragraph on page 25 should be amended to acknowledge we are in the midst of the worst housing crises in many generations, and that demand has outstripped supply. It will not be enough to '*ensure capacity for new homes is maintained*'. There needs to be a significant increase.

The requirement for councils and developers to prove that demand exists before land is allowed to be rezoned for residential use should be removed, as an emergency measure, until the housing crises is over. The fact that demand exists is inarguable.

9. In 3.1.3, Table 5 '*Town and Village Roles and Functions*' Oatlands is correctly listed as a '*tourist destination*'. It should also be listed as a 'service hub', as it has a rural supplies store, the Midlands Multi-Purpose Medical Centre, the Midlands Aquatic Centre, a pharmacy, hotels, shops, cafes, IGA supermarket, ambulance, fire station, police station, council offices, Centre Link/Service TAS, a high school, a primary school and child care centre, retirement units and other services and facilities.

10. In 3.4.2, under '*Industry, Freight and Logistics*', the role of the Rural Zone should be recognised as providing opportunity for many rural industries as a 'defacto' Industrial Zone. In addition to being an agriculture zone, it is a multi-purpose rural industry zone. (This is one of the reasons why the Agriculture Zone should only apply to prime and significant agricultural land (LUC 1-3.)

11. In 3.4.2, under '*Industry, Freight and Logistics*', the potential for the very large rural holdings in the Midlands, accessed by the State's main road and rail links, with few houses, offer potential sites for industries that require large attenuation distances (such as the composting facility on Interlaken Road). Wording similar to a strategy statement in Council's strategic plan is suggested:

Pursue the establishment of regional or state-wide facilities that can take advantage of the municipality's central location, accessibility to the State's major road and rail facilities and/or the presence of very large titles affording opportunities for industries requiring large attenuation distances.

12. Throughout the document, the correct terms 'Urban Growth Boundary' and 'Settlement Growth Boundary' should be used, as per the terms in the draft Tasmanian Planning Policies. The omission of the word 'growth' panders to those who erroneously believe that nothing needs to change.

13. Overall, the draft STRLUS is heavily biased towards growth in greater Hobart and a few larger nearby centres. It fails to recognise that the smaller rural towns have capacity to absorb new population, ensuring services such as schools and local shops remain open.

Growth in small rural towns outside the gravitational pull of greater Hobart does not negatively impact regional strategic planning considerations. Overall, any such growth would be small from a regional point of view, but significant for small towns. The new STRLUS should not dictate whether such towns grow. As drafted, towns not nominated as regionally significant and accorded a Settlement Growth Boundary will face substantial hurdles set in place by STRLUS. These are unnecessary and should be removed.

14. The draft STRLUS contains no strategies to address 'land banking', as required by the draft TPPs. This is a very real phenomenon. It is largely 'intentional' around greater Hobart, where some developers hold on to scarce residential zoned land, drip-feeding lots to the market to maintain high prices. In rural towns it is largely 'unintentional', where owners simply enjoy the lifestyle of living on large lots and have no intention of subdividing, even though they are aware that demand exists.

The only way to address the issue of land banking is to ensure that there is more land available for subdivision than is theoretically needed, giving more land owners the option of subdividing. More competition will also lower house prices.

15. The 2010 STRLUS and the draft Tasmanian Planning Policies include a mechanism whereby existing rural residential settlements that are nevertheless in a rural zone may be zoned Rural Living. This should be inserted into the new STRLUS:

5. *Avoid allocating additional land for the purpose of rural residential use and development, unless:*
 - a) *the amount of land to be allocated is minimal and does not constitute a significant increase in the immediate vicinity, or the existing pattern of development reflects rural residential type settlement;*
 - b) *the land is not within an urban growth boundary or settlement growth boundary;*
 - c) *the location of the land represents an incremental, strategic and natural progression of an existing rural residential settlement;*
 - d) *the land is not strategically identified for future development at urban densities, or has the potential for future development at urban densities;*
 - e) *growth opportunities maximise the efficiency of existing services and physical infrastructure;*
 - f) *agricultural land, especially land within the more productive classes of agricultural capabilities, cultural heritage values, landscape values, environmental values and land subject to environmental hazards are, where possible, avoided;*
 - g) *the potential for land use conflict with surrounding incompatible uses, such as extractive industries and agricultural production is avoided or managed; and*
 - h) *it contributes to providing for a mix of housing choices that attracts or retains a diverse population.*

NEXT STEPS

It is anticipated that a draft STRLUS will be formally provided to the twelve southern Councils by March 2025.

Councils will be requested to endorse the document so that it can be sent to the Minister for Planning, seeking the Minister's approval for it be placed on public exhibition.

The public exhibition process will likely occur in the second half of 2025.

The twelve Councils and the Minister will then undertake a process to consider the submissions and create a final version of the new STRLUS.

A potential complication in the above could be the finalisation of the Tasmanian Planning Policies. The new STRLUS is being crafted to comply with the current *draft* Tasmanian Planning Policies. It is unknown at this point in time if they will be significantly amended before being statutorily declared.

FINANCIAL

There are no current or proposed funding implications associated with the State of Play or the STRLUS.

Funding for the STRLUS review was allocated within the 23/24 budget.

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is recognised as a key principle for shaping the region within the State of Play and the draft STRLUS. Embedded through all chapters, the ongoing sustainability of our communities, towns and natural environment is discussed.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: STATE OF PLAY REPORT

The Tasmanian Government, State Planning Office is preparing a communications plan for Regional Land Use Strategies.

The State of Play report and associated materials have been made publicly accessible via a project website and through each of the twelve Councils. The report forms the basis for the initial public consultation for the review of STRLUS, and this consultation period will end on 18 December.

FUTURE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: DRAFT STRLUS

The Draft STRLUS will not be subject to community consultation until after a further draft has been endorsed by the Councils and approved by the Minister for Planning as suitable for community consultation. This is likely to be in the second half of 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT: Council submit the comments detailed above on the State of Play report and the Draft Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS) to the STRLUS Review Project.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
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Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
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**[THIS CONCLUDES THE SESSION OF COUNCIL
ACTING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY]**

13. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – INFRASTRUCTURE)

13.1 Roads

Strategic Plan Reference 1.1

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

Nil.

13.2 Bridges

Strategic Plan Reference 1.2

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

Nil.

13.3 Walkways, Cycle Ways and Trails

Strategic Plan Reference 1.3

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

Nil.

13.4 Lighting

Strategic Plan Reference 1.4

Ensure adequate lighting based on demonstrated need / Contestability of energy supply.

Nil.

13.5 Buildings

Strategic Plan Reference 1.5

Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of public buildings in the municipality.

Nil.

13.6 Sewers / Water

Strategic Plan Reference(s) 1.6

Increase the capacity of access to reticulated sewerage services / Increase the capacity and ability to access water to satisfy development and Community to have access to reticulated water.

Nil.

13.7 Drainage

Strategic Plan Reference 1.7

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

Nil.

13.8 Waste

Strategic Plan Reference 1.8

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

Nil.

13.9 Information, Communication Technology

Strategic Plan Reference 1.9

Improve access to modern communications infrastructure.

Nil.

13.10 Officer Reports – Infrastructure & Works

13.10.1 Manager – Infrastructure & Works Report

Author: MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS (DAVID RICHARDSON)

Date: 20 NOVEMBER 2024

Roads Program

Maintenance grading works will continue throughout the municipality.

Pot holes in both sealed and unsealed roads are being addressed as resources allow.

Council has engaged the services of a jet-patching contractor to address some of the defects in the sealed surface areas throughout the municipality.

Culvert cleaning and drainage works are underway in various areas and will continue as weather permits. The focus on roadside drainage has proven to be invaluable during the high rain events and potentially contributed towards the level of resilience that has been observed throughout the road network.

A number of sealed roads have been identified that require edge break repairs to be undertaken, these works have commenced.

Various large potentially dangerous roadside trees have been removed throughout the road network.

Current Capital Works

Interlaken Road upgrade works are progressing well AWC are currently working around the 10-11km area from the Midlands Highway with drainage and verge widening.

Reseal preparation works have been completed on various roads.

Bagdad shared walkway works have commenced starting at the Bagdad Community Centre heading north and progressing well.



Callington Park new toilet works have commenced building works are underway.

Flood mitigation works have been completed at Roberts Road Bagdad. These works involved the clearing of vegetation and rock stabilization where the drainage flow path meets the rivulet at the bottom end of Roberts road.

Council's annual road stabilization programme has commenced, sections of York Plains Road and Woodsdale Road are completed, and it is planned that a section of Pelham Road will be completed in the coming weeks.

Interlaken Road reconstruction project is nearing completion, the final layer of gravel is being applied and sealing will commence soon (expected completion end of January 2025).

Parks and Reserves

Maintenance of recreation grounds, parks and playgrounds ongoing as required. Spring grass growth is keeping mowing crews busy as well as weed growth. Annual sports grounds maintenance works will be commencing shortly –top dressing, verti-draining and fertilizing as required.

Bridge Works

Minor works on some bridges to be scheduled as resources permits.

Building Services Unit

Maintenance works have been carried out on various council buildings.

Construction of toilets at Callington Park has commenced.

Planned Works

- Drainage and pavement repairs various roads;
- Undertake various bridge maintenance repairs;
- Continue Interlaken Road upgrade works (nearing completion);
- Continue footbridge/pathway works Bagdad;
- Commence planning of works for Kempton-Mood Food Pathway;
- Commence Tunbridge kerb replacement works main road Tunbridge;
- Preparation works on various roads for Annual spray sealing works;
- Edge break repairs on various roads;
- New toilet Callington park;
- Install BBQ at Oatlands aquatic centre;
- Commence roadside slashing programme.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Infrastructure & Works Report be received and the information noted.

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14. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – GROWTH)

14.1 Residential

Strategic Plan Reference 2.1

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

Nil.

14.2 Tourism

Strategic Plan Reference 2.2

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

Nil.

14.3 Business

Strategic Plan Reference 2.3

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

Nil.

14.4 Industry

Strategic Plan Reference 2.4

Retain and enhance the development of the rural sector as a key economic driver in the Southern Midlands / Increase access to irrigation water within the municipality.

Nil.

15. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – LANDSCAPES)

15.1 Heritage

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 22

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.

15.1.1 Heritage Project Program Report

Author: HERITAGE PROJECTS OFFICER (ALAN TOWNSEND)

Date: 22 NOVEMBER 2024

ISSUE

Report from the Heritage Projects Officer on various Southern Midlands Heritage Projects.

DETAIL

During the past month, Southern Midlands Council Heritage Projects have included:

- Assistance with “Oatlands Art Retreat” including presentations;
- Continuing appearances on ABC 936 regarding the history of the Southern Midlands which have included the Oatlands Commissariat Store and several major heritage properties;
- Negotiating for the artefact collection to be available through Trove;
- Ongoing contribution from volunteers Rubee Dano and Linda Clark;
- Research into the Kempton Baptist cemetery site;
- Discussions with possible partner for re-launching of HESC initiatives;
- Engagement of surveying and engineering input for commencement of old Oatlands Pool demolition works. Preparatory works commenced;
- Finalisation of subdivision survey for the Melton Mowbray Park and liaison with Heritage Tasmania re the revised heritage listing;
- Several statutory heritage assessments for development applications, and pre-purchase consultation for heritage properties in the region;
- Our current Artist in Residence is Robyn Foster from Mount Cotton, Queensland. Robyn works with watercolours and sculptured papers.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Heritage Projects Program Report be received and the information noted.

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15.2 Natural

Strategic Plan Reference – page 23/24

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.

15.2.1 NRM Unit – General Report

Author: NRM PROGRAMS MANAGER (MARIA WEEDING)

Date: 18 NOVEMBER 2024

ISSUE: Southern Midlands NRM Unit Monthly Report.

DETAIL

- Maria continues to be busy with works relating to the proposed toilet block at Callington Park. The slab has been poured and the brickwork walls partially built. Plumbing services connection points within the building have been factored in. The doors, screen, tiles, signage, baby change table, Dyson Blade hand drier have all been ordered and many of the items are now at Council ready for installation. Site works will recommence again on 25th November after a break of two weeks due to the bricklayer having other prior arranged commitments.
- Helen and Mary planted trees and bushes at the Mangalore Recreation Ground. This has been quite a challenging task as some of the soils at the site were quite hard and compacted.
- Maria and Helen planted some replacement trees in the former cattle stock yards area at Callington Park following some very high winds having taken out quite a lot of aged vegetation, particularly wattle trees in recent weeks. Time was also spent on some maintenance on the two oak trees in the area – redoing the ties for the trees to ensure they remain sturdy whilst they still fully establish on the site.
- Maria has been busy with Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee issues. An agenda has been prepared and sent out for the next meeting of the committee – scheduled for Monday 25th November.
- Helen spent time at a Drought Resilience Project meeting whereby the steering group further considered the draft Southern Region plan. The Draft is to go out for public consultation in early 2025.
- Helen has been assisting Mary with some on ground works in relation to weeds. See Weeds Officer report below.

Weeds Officer Report, Mary Smyth

15th October – 18th November 2024

Enquiries/feedback

Received a couple of calls regarding Patterson's curse (Mangalore and Tea Tree), both of which have been followed up.

Report of a pampas grass on a small parcel of crown land next to the railway line in Colebrook has been noted and will be actioned when next in the area.

Site visits

Total = 10, with repeat visits to some sites, and numerous stops within others.

Attended the new planting site at the end of the horse arena in Mangalore Recreation Ground on a number of occasions to: spray weeds, plant the banksias/eucalypts/cypress, put in the plant protections (mat/plastic guard/stakes) and undertake follow-up watering. The digging was so hard, and the soil so clumpy in half of the site that we had to use a crow bar as well as source backfill soil elsewhere for around the plants...

Used the dual spray reel trailer to spray a heap of gorse and broom in a couple of spots along the Dulverton Track.

The windy weather continued and so some strategic cut and paste work was undertaken along the shores of Lake Dulverton and along the Dulverton Track. A single afternoon's work netted 228 broom plants, 3 gorse, 3 briar rose, 2 boxthorn and a square metre of ivy.

Visited the Pound at Oatlands to water and check the newest seedlings: of the 16 seedlings, 6 are still looking good, a couple are looking a bit sick and the rest have died. It might be time to try the super hardy Silver wattle (*Acacia dealbata*) to see if this plant survives better in this problematic site...

Noticed a couple of Chilean needle grass plants in a new location on Mud Walls Road. To save seed getting spread by imminent roadside slashing, a total of 50 small plants were chipped out in my own time.

Checked out Matzoo Lane roadside (on the border of SMC) for Chilean needle grass: a few plants are present and will be taken care of ASAP.

Inspected the roadsides below the Pontville Roundabout for African lovegrass but found an unknown grass, Patterson's curse and *Amsinckia* instead! The PC and *Amsinckia* have been removed and the unknown grass sent to the Herbarium for identification.

Exiting the main gate into the stemless thistle site, I found and pulled out a couple of *Amsinckia* plants. On the way home from this same site, I inspected the previously sprayed *Amsinckia* at the end of Beards Road. All the plants were looking crispy, except one that I had missed. That plant was pulled out.

Communication

Article on weed spreading and machinery hygiene published in the Southern Midlands Regional Newsletter, November edition.

Liaising with Graham Green regarding a thistle spraying day at Chauncy Vale in late November.

Related and extra-curricular activities

Attended the Invasive Species Council Tasmanian Campaign Launch at Hadleys Hotel on the evening of 12th November. Most interesting and I have lots of reading to do.

Weeds Action Fund – Stemless thistle and serrated tussock

Follow-up work continues with the stemless thistle site, with a couple of visits netting a further 983 plants, plus a couple of new clusters found and dug out by the lessee.

Weeds officer has been involved with facilitating a couple of surveys around the core infestation of serrated tussock at Spring Hill, and liaising with the property manager throughout. The WAF survey involved a couple of contractors driving their ATV over extended amounts of ground well past the core and monitor zones, and taking especial care around roads/tracks and stockyards. This was done over two days in early November. No serrated tussock was found on this survey.

The following week, Fonz the weed detector dog was brought in with his handler for a couple of days to survey the paddocks immediately around the core ST infestation. This work was paid for by the landowners but supported by in-kind work by the weeds officer tagging along to map and chip out any ST found. No ST was found along the farm tracks and paddocks to the north of the core zone, nor over the highway to the east. However, a few large plants were discovered

in two new areas: south of the site (past the quarry), and over the fence to the west. At the latter site, 26 large fully seeding plants were de-seeded and a further 30 small plants were chipped out. A number of smaller plants were also found along the same section of road that nearly 300 plants were chipped out of last year. The locations of all the new plants will be forwarded to the landowners for immediate follow-up work. Two Patterson’s curse plants (one very small, and one very large) were also found and dug out during the survey.

Research

Usual research into the best herbicides for particular weeds in various situations, and background material for the SMRN article.

Weed of the Week

Montpellier and Scotch brooms, gazania, flowering hawthorn and tree lupin displayed in the Oatlands office this month.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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15.3 Cultural

Strategic Plan Reference 3.3

Ensure that the cultural diversity of the Southern Midlands is maximised.

Nil.

15.4 Regulatory (Development)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.4

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

Nil.

15.5 Regulatory (Public Health)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.5

Monitor and maintain a safe and healthy public environment.

Nil.

15.6 Regulatory (Animals)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.6

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

15.6.1 Animal Management Report

Author: ANIMAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER (RACHEL COLLIS)

Date: 20 NOVEMBER 2024

Enclosure:

Animal Management Statement 2024

ISSUE

Consideration of the Animal Management/Compliance Officer's report for November 2024

The purpose of the report is twofold:

1. To inform Council and the Community of infringements issued by Council Officers in relation to Animal Management for the period November; *and*
2. Provide a brief summary of actions and duties undertaken by Council Officers in relation to animal management.

This in turn informs the community of the requirements and expectations of the Council to uphold and enforce the relevant legislation. This reminds Council and the community of the importance of responsible ownership of animals.

The infringements detailed in this report were all issued under the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

Resource Sharing

Southern Midlands Council currently provide Animal Management services to the Central Highlands Council through resource sharing arrangements. Jobs of note are itemised in the enclosed statement.

INFRINGEMENT DETAILS:

20/11/24 – Failing to register dog over 6 months – Yarlinton area

20/11/24 - Failing to ensure dog is not at large – Oatlands area

ATTACK DETAILS:

ENCLOSURE
 Agenda Item 15.9.1

**YTD ANIMAL MANAGEMENT STATEMENT
 2024**

DOG IMPOUNDS	RECLAIMED	ADOPTED/DOGS HOME	EUTHANISED	OTHER IMPOUNDS
16	13	3		1 – goat 1 – ram 1 – Weather 4 – Sheep 1 – Miniature goat

**JOBS ATTENDED
 November 2024**

DOGS AT LARGE	DOG ATTACKS	DOG BARKING	DOG GENERAL
3	0	2 – (1 Formal Complaint)	7
NEW KENNEL LICENCES	WELFARE	STOCK	Central Highlands
1 pending	3	1	7

REGISTERED DOGS: 1709
KENNEL LICENCES: 67
INFRINGEMENTS ISSUED: 2

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Animal Management Report be received and the information noted.

DECISION		
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15.7 Environmental Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 3.7

Implement strategies to address the issue of environmental sustainability in relation to its impact on Councils corporate functions and on the Community.

Nil.

16. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – COMMUNITY)

16.1 Community Health and Wellbeing

Strategic Plan Reference 4.1

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

16.1.2 Woodsdale Cemetery (2003 Woodsdale Road, Woodsdale PID 5840316) – Transfer of Ownership from Crown to Southern Midlands Council (Update - Information Only)

Author: GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

Date: 21 NOVEMBER 2024

Enclosure:

Management Committee – Terms of Reference (as adopted previously)

ISSUE

To provide Council with an update relating to the transfer of ownership of the Woodsdale Cemetery to the Southern Midlands Council.

BACKGROUND

The transfer of ownership of the Woodsdale Cemetery has been in progress for a number of years. It dates back to a formal Council decision to accept ownership made back in December 2012.

In summary that decision involved:

- a) Council accepting ownership on the basis that Crown Land can only be transferred to Council (and not a separate entity);
- b) The Levendale and Woodsdale History Rooms Inc. forfeiting the Lease arrangement (since actioned); and
- c) Council establishing a Management Committee consisting of local residents to manage the property.”

Whilst Council entered into a Transfer Agreement back in 2021, this process was terminated pending compliance with the new provisions of the *Burial and Cremation Act 2019* (“BCA”). The amended legislation imposed various notice; auditing and regulatory approval requirements prior to any transfer or sale.

DETAIL

A new Agreement for Sale was entered into in September 2024 and the settlement was finalised on 4th November 2024. All documentation has been submitted to the Lands Titles Office for registration.

It is confirmed that all conditions precedent have been satisfied, including:

- The Minister has complied with the requirements of the *Burial and Cremation Act 2019* in regards to the sale of a cemetery;
- The Southern Midlands Council has been appointed as the Cemetery Manager in accordance with section 32(6) of the *Burial and Cremation Act 2019*; and
- The Crown has provided Council with the 'Exclusive Right to Burial register'; the Interment Register; and all relevant mapping files (digital and printed).

There are three administrative procedures still to be undertaken which will be finalised by the week ending 29th November 2024:

- a) Public notification of the change in ownership which requires placement of an advertisement in the Mercury; Examiner and Advocate newspapers.
- b) Formally notify in writing each person who holds an exclusive right of burial in respect of the cemetery; and finally
- c) Complete the Notice of transfer of cemetery ownership – pursuant to section 61 of the *Burial and Cremation Act 2019* and lodge with the Regulator.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Purchase of the property was for an amount of \$1.00 (excluding GST). In addition, Council has paid a fee of \$213.60 to apply for approval as the Cemetery Manager; Stamp Duty (assessed at \$1,735); Recorder of Titles Fees (\$244.97) plus legal fees incurred to date \$365. There will be additional costs associated with public notification (i.e. advertising) and it is expected that the remaining legal fees will be minimal.

In terms of future management, it was always intended that the Cemetery will be managed by a local Management Committee (established under the provisions of section 24 of the *Local Government Act 1993*). This was seen as a practical arrangement at the time the original decision was made to take on ownership.

However, subsequent amendments to the *Burial and Cremation Act 2019* place considerable obligations on the Cemetery Manager in terms of management procedures; record keeping and general compliance. These obligations will require Council to maintain close control and oversight of the Cemetery operations.

Whilst the previously adopted Terms of Reference for the Management Committee can be used as the basis for a discussion with the Management Committee (refer note below), they will certainly need to be amended to ensure adequate management procedures are in place, and ensure compliance with the Act.

Note: A community meeting was held back in November 2021 at which a number of persons were nominated (or volunteered) to form the Management Committee.

A meeting of those persons will now be arranged to work through the new compliance; record keeping and administrative processes. This will result in the need to amend the Terms of Reference for the Management Committee which will be revised and referred back to Council.

Similar to the Campania Cemetery, there is no doubt that Council will need to be the nominated point of contact for all future burials and will need to be responsible for all record keeping and compliance matters. This then raises the issue of Burial Fees which will also need to be discussed with the above persons and considered by Council.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Refer comment above.

Policy Implications – N/A

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – N/A

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

- a) the information be received; and
- b) Council acknowledge that meeting is to be arranged with persons that have expressed an interest in being a member of the Management Committee; and
- c) Council acknowledge that a further report will be submitted that will address the need to amend the Terms of Reference for the Management Committee and the issue relating to Burial and Cemetery Fees.

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ENCLOSURE
Agenda Item 16.1.2



CONSTITUTION OF THE WOODSDALE CEMETERY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Established as a Special Committee by the Southern Midlands Council under the provisions of Section 24 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

1. INTERPRETATION

In this Constitution unless otherwise stated:-

"**The Council**" shall mean the elected Council of the Southern Midlands.

"**The Committee**" shall mean the Committee of Management of the Woodsdale Cemetery appointed by the Council.

"**The Property**" shall mean the Council property known as the Woodsdale Cemetery, situated at 2003 Woodsdale Road, Woodsdale (PID 5840316).

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Committee shall be:-

- (a) To manage the use of the property and to comply with the duties and powers of cemetery managers in accordance with section 34 of the *Burial and Cremation Act 2019* (refer attached extract from the Act);
- (b) To make such rules not inconsistent with this Constitution as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of administration and control of the property;
- (c) To develop, upgrade and maintain the property and its facilities; and
- (d) To raise funds for the purposes of meeting expenditures by the Committee for the operation of the property and to offset costs of the Council associated with the property.

3. POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS

The Council has appointed the Committee for the purposes of managing the property and in order to achieve the objects outlined above empowers and obliges the Committee as follows:-

- (a) To do all that is necessary to comply with the duties and powers of cemetery managers in accordance with the *Burial and Cremation Act 2019*;
- (b) To purchase, lease, hire, make, provide and maintain all kinds of equipment for the carrying out of the objects of the Committee;
- (c) To invest any monies not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be determined by the Council or Council's delegate;
- (d) To expend funds towards the development, enhancement, day-to-day maintenance and operations of the property;
- (e) To determine fees and charges, and conditions, if any, relating to graves, vaults and monuments. Fees and charges are to be referred to Council for prior review and approval;



- (f) The Committee may not hire staff for the purpose of caretaking and maintaining the property, but may engage contractors for this purpose after consultation and in accordance with the directions of the Council's General Manager.
- (g) All fixtures, fittings, equipment and appliances provided with or for the property by Council or donated by any party or purchased by the Committee shall be and remain the property of Council;
- (h) The Committee will maintain a comprehensive inventory of all assets included under Clause (g). A copy of this inventory shall accompany the Annual Financial Statements for presentation to the Council (refer Clause 11.).
- (i) No equipment or appliances shall be sold without a formal resolution by the Committee, which is to be subsequently endorsed by Council prior to the equipment or appliance being sold. The items shall be offered for sale through tender or auction, alternatively through a method of disposal approved by the Council.
- (j) The Committee may pay an honorarium to the elected Office Bearers out of its own operating funds, the amount of the payment to be decided in consultation with the Council.

4. OFFICE BEARERS

- (a) The Committee shall be comprised of the following:
 - i) One representative of Council as determined from time to time by Council; and
 - ii) At least four community representatives as determined from time to time by Council.

The Committee shall appoint the following Office Bearers, with all members being eligible for nomination.

- Chairperson;
- Vice Chairperson;
- Secretary;
- Treasurer



5. DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS

The duties of the Office Bearers shall include:

CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson may chair all meetings of the Committee.

The Chairperson shall be responsible for the efficient management of the property within the objects of this Constitution. The Chairperson shall instigate policy initiatives in consultation with the Council. The Chairperson shall issue all public statements on behalf of the Committee after first referring such statements to the Council for the Council's consent. The Chairperson shall prepare:

The Annual Report to the Committee and to the Council comprising a report on the achievements of the previous year, as well as the aims and objectives of the Committee in the year ahead.

VICE CHAIRPERSON

The Vice Chairperson shall chair meetings of the Committee should the Chairperson be absent or should the Chairperson choose not to chair that meeting. The Vice Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson with his/her duties.

SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Committee.

The Secretary shall forward a copy of all minutes to Council for information and endorsement of recommendations where appropriate. The Secretary shall be responsible for correspondence and any other duties as delegated by the Committee. The Secretary may maintain a petty cash float as provided for under Clause 11(c). The Secretary shall submit a report on the maintenance / upgrade needs of the property to Council's Facilities & Recreation Committee by no later than 30th April, each year.

TREASURER

The Treasurer shall keep the books of account of the Committee. The Treasurer shall:-

- i) Receive and bank all subscriptions and other monies paid to the premises into an account opened in the name of the Committee;
- ii) Make all authorised disbursements on the Committee's behalf;
- iii) Keep proper accounts and records of all sums of money received and expended;
- iv) Produce a list of accounts for payment including the most recent bank statement at each Committee Meeting;
- v) Present accounts for payment to the Committee at each meeting;



- vi) Produce all books, receipts and accounts to Council's Finance Officer for audit at the end of each financial year;
- vii) The Treasurer shall submit a full report on the financial accounts to the Committee and to Council by no later than 15th August each year;
- viii) Subject to any reasonable restrictions as to the time and manner of inspection, these accounts shall be open to inspection by members of the Committee and Council's Finance Officer.

GENERAL MEMBER

General Members of the Committee shall attend Committee Meetings, serve on Subcommittees as appropriate and perform any duties as delegated by the Committee.

6. TERMINATION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- (a) Any person elected to the position of office bearer in the Committee shall hold office until a decision is made by the Committee to elect a successor.
- (b) The Committee may seek to expel any member of the Committee whose conduct in the opinion of the Committee or the Council is discreditable or injurious to the character or interests of the Committee and the Council.
- (c) Where the Committee has made a determination under b) the Committee shall report its finding to the Council together with its recommended course of action. The Council's decision on the report shall be final.
- (d) The position of any elected Office Bearer shall be automatically deemed vacant if that person is absent without leave of absence for three (3) consecutive Committee Meetings.
- (e) Any member may resign from the Committee. Such resignations must be in writing and forwarded to the Secretary.

7. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

(a) COMMITTEE

The Committee shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of the property within the objects of this Constitution. The Committee shall meet quarterly unless otherwise determined by the Committee. All elected members of the Committee specified in Clause 4 of this Constitution may vote at Committee Meetings.



(b) SUBCOMMITTEES

The Committee may appoint Subcommittees for a specified purpose. Any person may be appointed by the Committee as a member.

The Convenor of a Subcommittee shall be a Committee Member and shall report to the Committee on the activities and decisions of the Subcommittee. The Chairperson or in his/her absence the Vice Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of all Subcommittees.

A quorum shall comprise at least 50% of the members and shall include the Convenor.

A Subcommittee shall not be authorised to expend funds on behalf of the Committee.

8. MEETINGS

(a) COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- i) The Committee shall meet at least once each calendar quarter unless otherwise determined for the purpose of:-
 - Confirming the minutes of the previous meeting;
 - The payment of accounts;
 - Correspondence and;
 - General Business.
- ii) A quorum of the Committee shall consist of four members;
- iii) The Committee shall have power to adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it deems fit. Any three members shall have the power to call a meeting of the Committee. The Chairperson of the Committee shall take the chair at all such meetings. Should the Chairperson not be present then the Vice Chairperson shall take the chair. In the absence of the Vice Chairperson the Committee shall elect one of its number to take the chair;
- v) All notices of Committee meetings shall unless extreme urgency arises, be in writing to members at least seven days prior to the date of such meeting;
- vi) The Committee shall have the power to delegate any of its powers to a Subcommittee or delegates to deal with any particular matter or matters upon such terms as the Committee may think fit except the power to expend the funds of the Management Committee.



9. ELECTIONS

- (a) The Office Bearers shall be appointed at the inaugural meeting of the Committee, and shall hold office until otherwise determined by the Committee.

10. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

- i) The business and affairs of the property shall be under the Management of the Committee and under the control of the Council; and
- iii) The Committee may, subject to the Constitution and Rules, exercise the powers required to do such things which it considers necessary or expedient to carry out the objects of the Committee;

11. FINANCE

- (a) All monies raised by, for or otherwise on behalf of the Committee (including Subcommittees) shall be used solely for the property needs and shall be deposited in Bank Accounts maintained for the purpose of the Committee.
- (b) The Treasurer shall maintain a Cheque Account. All cheques, draft bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any two of the following.
- Chairperson;
 - Vice Chairperson;
 - Secretary;
 - Treasurer.
- (c) The Secretary may maintain a petty cash float of \$150.00 with a limit of \$20.00 on disbursements.
- (d) The Financial Year shall commence on 1 July. The Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet shall be prepared by the Treasurer and must be forwarded to the Council by 31st July each year. The Council shall audit the financial statements at the end of each financial year.
- (e) Management Committees are strictly prohibited from borrowing funds from any source.

12. THE CONSTITUTION

- (a) Any proposed change to the Constitution must firstly be notified to the Council and provided that such proposed change is within the legislative requirements for elected Committees of Management it may then (on advice from the Council) proceed to be determined.
- (b) This Constitution may be amended at any Committee meeting provided that the proposed amendments are presented to the Secretary in writing by no later than 7 days prior to the meeting.
- (c) A motion to amend the Constitution must receive the support of not less than 75% of those present and eligible to vote.
- (d) This shall be the only Constitution of the Management Committee. The Secretary shall supply a copy of this Constitution to any member of the Committee upon request.



- (e) In the event of the dissolution of the Committee all funds and assets of the Committee shall remain the property of the Council and be held for the benefit of the residents of the area. Those funds and assets may at the Council's discretion be handed over to a similar organisation in the area which has indicated its preparedness to manage the property on behalf of the Council. If no such group exists within a reasonable period of time after the dissolution of the Committee the Council may employ these assets elsewhere as it sees fit.

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Extract from the *Burial and Cremation Act 2019*

Duties and powers of cemetery managers

Section 34 of the Burial and Cremation Act 2019

(1) A cemetery manager must keep the cemetery for which he or she is the cemetery manager –

- (a) in accordance with this Act; and*
- (b) so as not to be prejudicial to public health or public safety.*

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 50 penalty units and a further fine not exceeding 5 penalty units in respect of each day during which the offence continues.

(2) Subject to [subsection \(3\)](#), a cemetery manager must ensure that –

- (a) as far as reasonably practicable, the cemetery, for which he or she is the cemetery manager, is maintained so as to prevent the cemetery from falling into disrepair, or from being defaced or damaged; and*
- (b) any disrepair or defacement of, or damage to, the cemetery is rectified as soon as practicable.*

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 50 penalty units.

(3) [Subsection \(2\)](#) does not apply to a vault, grave or monument within a cemetery unless –

- (a) the defacement or damage to the vault, grave or monument was caused by, or was the result of an act that was approved by, the cemetery manager for the cemetery; or*
- (b) the cemetery manager for the cemetery has entered into an agreement under [section 39\(3\)](#) in respect of the vault, grave or monument.*

(4) A cemetery manager must keep all prescribed records, in the prescribed manner, in respect of the cemetery.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 50 penalty units.

(5) A cemetery manager must permit any person to have access free of charge at any reasonable time to visit monuments and graves in any portion of the cemetery.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 30 penalty units and, in the case of a continuing offence, a further fine not exceeding 5 penalty units in respect of each day during which the offence continues.



(6) It is a defence in proceedings for an offence under [subsection \(5\)](#) if the cemetery manager establishes that –

- (a) the person was refused access to all, or a portion, of the cemetery due to the person's behaviour or previous behaviour; or
- (b) the person was refused access in accordance with the rules of operation for the cemetery.

(7) Subject to this and any other Act, a cemetery manager may –

- (a) improve, embellish and enlarge the cemetery under the management of that manager; and
- (b) restrict interments in any portion of the cemetery, except as may be required by an exclusive right of burial; and
- (c) take any other action as may be required for the reasonable management and maintenance of the cemetery.

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16.2 Recreation

Strategic Plan Reference 4.2

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

16.2.1 Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinators Report

Author: OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE COORDINATOR (ADAM BRIGGS)

Date: 15 NOVEMBER 2024

ISSUE

Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinator's Report for the month of October 2024.

BACKGROUND

The Oatlands Aquatic Centre opened to the public on Monday 14th November 2022.

DETAIL

The purpose of the report is twofold:

1. To report on the financial performance of the Centre compared to budget for the relevant month ending; and
2. To provide details regarding usage of the facility.

Financial Reporting:

OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE - OPERATING BUDGET

INCOME		Annual Budget 2024/25	Oct 2024	Oct 2023	2024/25 Year to Date	2023/24 Year to Date	% of Budget 2024/25
Admission Fees		\$237,500	\$20,530	\$18,986	\$65,983	\$61,658	27.8%
Sale of Goods		\$12,500	\$2,308	\$1,164	\$5,167	\$3,496	41.3%
Charging Station Energy Use Reimbursement		\$14,000	\$4,861	\$0	\$9,028	\$0	64.5%
Sub-Total		\$264,000	\$27,699	\$20,150	\$80,177	\$65,154	30.4%

EXPENDITURE		Annual Budget 2024/25	Oct 2024	Oct 2023	2024/25 Year to Date	2023/24 Year to Date	% of Budget 2024/25
Salaries (incl. On-Costs)		\$473,945	\$34,586	\$38,569	\$140,280	\$171,379	29.6%
Operating Costs - Other		\$260,395	\$20,650	\$50,347	\$118,040	\$109,401	45.3%
Total Expenditure		\$734,340	\$55,236	\$88,916	\$258,321	\$280,780	35.2%

Budgeted Deficit		-\$470,340	-\$27,537	-\$68,766	-\$178,143	-\$215,626	37.9%
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Group Bookings & Programs – October (16/10/24 - 17/11/24):

Event / Booking	School / Group	Participation Numbers
Lane Hire	Campbell Town District School	20 participants
Physio Rehab Sessions	Annabel Butler – Physiotherapist	26 individual bookings
Lane Hire	Midlands Swimming Club	4 individual bookings
Swimming Carnival	Bagdad Primary School	60 participants
Swimming Carnival	Bothwell District School	20 participants
Lane Hire	Campbell Town Early Learning Program	10 participants
Lane Hire/Student Visits	Oatlands District School	9 group bookings
Swimming Carnival	Orford Primary School	20 participants
Learn to Swim Program	Bagdad Primary School: Prep – G2	54 participants
Centre Visits	Nova Miller: Cycling Group	5 participants

USAGE FOR THE PERIOD 16/10/2024 – 17/11/2024

PAID UPFRONT

Type	Units
Gym	
Gym Pass 10 Sessions (17 years)	0
Gym Pass 10 Sessions (Concession)	0
PAYG – Gym (17 years)	40
PAYG – Gym (Concession)	25
Gym/Pool Combo	
Gym/Pool Pass 10 Sessions (17 years)	1
Gym/Pool Pass 10 Sessions (Concession)	1
PAYG – Gym/Pool Combo (17 years)	8
PAYG – Gym/Pool Combo (Concession)	1
Learn to Swim (Total Numbers)	
Term 4, 2024 Program Enrolments (Currently)	132
Pool	
Pool Passes 10 Sessions (Child/Concession)	10
Pool Pass 10 Session (17 years)	3
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (17 +)	2
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Concession)	1
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Family)	1
PAYG – Pool (4 years and under)	147
PAYG – Pool (5-16)	258
PAYG – Pool (17)	280
PAYG – Pool (Concession)	198
PAYG – (Family)	33

DIRECT DEBITS – Current Numbers

Type	Units
DD Pool/Gym	11
DD Gym	8
DD 6 Months Pool – 17 years +	0
DD 6 Months Pool – Child/Concession	22
DD 6 Months Pool – Family	0

Grant Applications & General Information

See below an update on new programs implemented during September:

- **Corumbene “Health & Wellbeing Program” for 2025:**

We have been working closely with Corumbene over the past couple of months to have a new Health & Wellbeing program offered at the Oatlands Aquatic Centre. This program has been confirmed to commence on Wednesday 5th February, 2025 and operate over a 9 week period. The program will offer an Aqua Class and a GYM class to participants each week with a qualified Allied Health Assistant, Nurse and Physio, further details and sign-up information will be circulated to the Community in the coming month.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Refer above detail.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Not applicable.

Policy Implications – N/A

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received and noted.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

16.3 Access

Strategic Plan Reference 4.3

Continue to explore transport options for the Southern Midlands community / Continue to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.

Nil.

16.4 Volunteers

Strategic Plan Reference 4.4

Encourage community members to volunteer.

Nil.

16.5 Families

Strategic Plan Reference 4.5

Ensure that appropriate childcare services as well as other family related services are facilitated within the community / Increase the retention of young people in the municipality / Improve the ability of seniors to stay in their communities.

Nil.

16.6 Education

Strategic Plan Reference 4.6

Increase the educational and employment opportunities available within the Southern Midlands

Nil.

16.7 Capacity & Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 4.7

Build, maintain and strengthen the capacity of the community to help itself whilst embracing social inclusion to achieve sustainability.

Nil.

16.8 Safety

Strategic Plan Reference 4.8

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

Nil.

16.9 Consultation & Communication

Strategic Plan Reference 4.8

Improve the effectiveness of consultation & communication with the community.

Nil.

17. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – ORGANISATION)

17.1 Improvement

Strategic Plan Reference 5.1

Improve the level of responsiveness to Community & Developer needs / Improve communication within Council / Improve the accuracy, comprehensiveness and user friendliness of the Council asset management system / Increase the effectiveness, efficiency and use-ability of Council ICT systems / maintain the Business Process Improvement & Continuous Improvement framework

Nil.

17.2 Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 5.2

Retain corporate and operational knowledge within Council / Provide a safe and healthy working environment / Ensure that staff and elected members have the training and skills they need to undertake their roles / Increase the cost effectiveness of Council operations through resource sharing with other organisations / Continue to manage and improve the level of statutory compliance of Council operations / Ensure that suitably qualified and sufficient staff are available to meet the Communities need / Work co-operatively with State and Regional organisations / Minimise Councils exposure to risk / Ensure that exceptional customer service continues to be a hallmark of Southern Midlands Council

17.2.1 Tabling of Documents

Nil.

17.2.2 Elected Member Statements

An opportunity is provided for elected members to brief fellow Councillors on issues not requiring a decision.

17.2.3 Proposed 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting Schedule

Author: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JEMMA THOMAS)

Date: 13 NOVEMBER 2024

Enclosure:
Proposed 2025 Council Meeting Schedule

ISSUE

Council to confirm dates and locations for ordinary Council meetings to be held throughout the municipal area in 2025.

DETAIL

In 2024, Council held meetings from January to June in various community venues throughout the municipality. These meetings included public question time where members of the public are invited to attend and discuss local issues with Council.

In 2024, meetings were held at the following community venues:

January 2024 – Woodsdale Hall

February 2024 - Tunbridge Hall

March 2024 – Colebrook Hall

May 2024 – Levendale Hall

June 2024 – Broadmarsh Hall

A Meeting Schedule (draft) has been developed for consideration, including the meeting date, venue and commencement time.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the 2025 Council meeting schedule.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

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2025 Council Meeting Schedule

DATE	VENUE	TIME
Wednesday, 22nd January 2025	Tunnack Hall 2310 Woodsdale Road, Woodsdale	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Tuesday, 25th February 2025	Tunbridge Hall 2147 Tunnack Main Road, Tunnack	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, 26th March 2025	Campania Hall 45 Reeve Street, Campania	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, 23rd April 2025	Runnymede Recreation Ground Woodsdale Road, Runnymede	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, 28th May 2025	Broadmarsh / Elderslie Hall 1218 Elderslie Road, Levensdale	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, 25th June 2025	Oatlands Council Chambers 71 High Street, Oatlands	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, 23rd July 2025	Kempton Council Chambers 85 Main Street, Kempton	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, 27th August 2025	Oatlands Council Chambers 71 High Street, Oatlands	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, 24th September 2025	Kempton Council Chambers 85 Main Street, Kempton	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, 22nd October 2025	Oatlands Council Chambers 71 High Street, Oatlands	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, 26th November 2025	Kempton Council Chambers 85 Main Street, Kempton	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, 10th December 2025	Oatlands Council Chambers 71 High Street, Oatlands	2.00 p.m. <i>Public Question Time 2.30 p.m.</i>
Annual General Meeting Wednesday, 10th December 2025	Kempton Council Chambers 85 Main Street, Kempton	5.00 p.m.

17.2.4 Christmas and New Year Arrangements – Council Office Closures

Author: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JEMMA THOMAS)

Date: 22 NOVEMBER 2024

Enclosure:

Proposed Christmas and New Year Arrangements community flyer

ISSUE

Council to confirm Christmas and New Year office arrangements, including changes to waste transfer stations and garbage collection.

DETAIL

Proposed office closures for Oatlands and Kempton are as follows: Offices to close Tuesday 24th December 2024 at 2.00 p.m. and reopen Thursday 2nd January 2025 at 9.00 a.m.

Waste Transfer Stations - all closed Christmas Day.

Garbage Collection: Following discussions with Andrew Thorp from Thorp Waste the subsequent changes have been made:

Bagdad / Mangalore / Pontville

Collection scheduled for Wednesday 1st January 2025 will be Tuesday 31st December 2024.

Dysart / Kempton / Melton Mowbray / Broadmarsh / Elderslie

Collection scheduled for Wednesday 25th December 2024 will be Tuesday 24th December 2024.

Campania / Colebrook / Woodsdale / Levendale

No change

Oatlands / Tunbridge / Jericho

No change.

Oatlands Aquatic Centre will be closed Christmas Day.

A copy of the flyer to be provided to the community is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the 2024-2025 Christmas and New Year Council office closure and waste collection arrangements.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

ENCLOSURE(S)
Agenda Item 17.2.4



**SOUTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL**



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

OFFICE CLOSURE (OATLANDS & KEMPTON)

The Municipal Offices at Oatlands & Kempton will close on Tuesday, 24th December at 2.00pm and re-open on Thursday, 2nd January 2025 at 9.00am.

WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

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

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Location	Original Schedule	Updated Collection
Bagdad / Mangalore / Pontville	Wednesday, 1 st January 2025	Tuesday, 31 st December 2024
Dysart / Kempton / Melton Mowbray / Broadmarsh / Elderslie	Wednesday 25 th December 2024	Tuesday, 24 th December 2024
Campania / Colebrook / Woodsdale / Levendale	No Change	
Oatlands / Tunbridge / Jericho	No Change	

OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE

Closed on Christmas Day.

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

17.3 Finances

Strategic Plan Reference 5.3

Community's finances will be managed responsibly to enhance the wellbeing of residents / Council will maintain community wealth to ensure that the wealth enjoyed by today's generation may also be enjoyed by tomorrow's generation / Council's financial position will be robust enough to recover from unanticipated events, and absorb the volatility inherent in revenues and expenses.

17.3.1 Monthly Financial Statement (Period ending 31 October 2024)

Author: FINANCE OFFICER (MANDY BURBURY)

Date: 6 NOVEMBER 2024

ISSUE

Provide the Financial Report for the period ending 31st October 2024.

BACKGROUND

The Operating Expenditure Report includes a Year to Date (YTD) Budget Column, with variations (and percentage) based on YTD Budgets.

Note: Depreciation is calculated on an annual basis at the end of the financial year. The budget and expense for depreciation are included in the June period.

DETAIL

The enclosed Report incorporates the following: -

- Statement of Comprehensive Income – 1 July 2024 to 31 Oct 2024.
- Operating Expenditure Report – 1 July 2024 to 31 Oct 2024.
- Capital Expenditure Report – 1 July 2024 to 31 Oct 2024.
- Cash Flow Statement – 1 July 2024 to 31 Oct 2024.

OPERATING EXPENDITURE (OPERATING BUDGET)

Overall operating expenditure to end of September was \$3,257,761 which represents 89.3% of the Year to Date Budget.

Whilst there are some variations within the individual Program Budgets (refer following comments), expenditure is consistent with the Budget.

Strategic Theme - Infrastructure

Nil.

Strategic Theme – Growth

Nil.

Strategic Theme – Landscapes

Sub-Program – Regulatory (Animals) - expenditure to date (\$42,282 – 115.98%).
 Additional expenditure relates to increased resources required to address non-compliance issues.

Strategic Theme – Community

Sub-Program – Capacity & Sustainability - expenditure to date (\$28,436 – 114.35%).
 Increased expenditure is due to costs relating to the Heritage and Bullock Festival.

Strategic Theme – Organisation

Nil.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM

Capital expenditure projects are colour coded to signify the grant program and show the completion deadlines. A legend of the colour coding is as below:

Legend – Source and completion deadlines for grant funded projects

Roads to Recovery	It is the Government’s intention that the full allocation is budgeted and spent in the year allocated
Local Road and Community Infrastructure (LRCI)	Phase 4 – 30 June 2025 (use or lose)
Other Specific Purpose Grants	Completion date as per grant deed or approved extension date

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Financial Report be received and the information noted.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 October 2024

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
Income				
Rates	7,375,148	7,388,447	100.2%	Includes Interest & Penalties on rates
User Fees (refer Note 1)	1,304,313	509,315	39.0%	Includes Private Works
Interest	486,000	191,008	39.3%	
Government Subsidies	11,700	0	0.0%	Heavy Vehicle Licence Fees
Other (refer Note 2)	232,400	260,973	112.3%	Includes TasWater Distributions
Sub-Total	9,409,561	8,349,742	88.7%	
Grants - Operating	4,426,800	197,471	4.5%	
Total Income	13,836,361	8,547,213	61.8%	
Expenses				
Employee benefits	-5,735,244	-1,158,154	20.2%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised)
Materials and contracts	-3,996,965	-1,151,881	28.8%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised), Includes Land Tax & Private Works
Depreciation and amortisation	-4,120,000	-1,038,466	25.2%	Percentage Calculation (based on year-to-date)
Finance costs	-4,979	-2,577	51.8%	Interest
Contributions	-287,371	-71,843	25.0%	Fire Service Levies
Other	-173,993	-63,558	36.5%	Audit Fees and Councillor Allowances
Total expenses	-14,318,552	-3,486,479	24.3%	
Surplus (deficit) from operations	-482,191	5,060,734	-1049.5%	
Grants - Capital (refer Note 3)	3,905,575	61,680.00	1.6%	
Sale Proceeds (Plant & Machinery)	0	35,545		
Sale Proceeds (Land & Buildings)	0	0		
Sale Proceeds (Other Assets)	0	614		
Net gain / (loss on disposal of non-current assets)	0	0		
Surplus / (Deficit)	3,423,384	5,158,573	150.7%	

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 October 2024

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
NOTES				
1. Income - User Fees				
- All other Programs	919,613	423,845	46.1%	
- Private Works	384,700	85,471	22.2%	
	<u>1,304,313</u>	<u>509,315</u>	39.0%	
2. Income - Other				
- Tas Water Distributions	182,400	38,000	20.83%	
- Public Open Space Contributions	50,000	25,500	51.00%	
- Regional Community Learning Centre Levendale Contribution	0	776		
- Insurance Recoveries	0	5,425		Includes Premium Recoveries and JLB Trust Interest Distribution
- MMPHC Community Advisory Committee Cont. to GP Units	0	50,000		
- MMPHC Auxiliary Contribution to GP Units	0	49,999		
- TasWater Contribution to OAC Sculpture	0	5,000		
- Blue Gum Rovers donation to Tunnack Rec. Ground	0	185		
- Committee Contribution for Broadmarsh Hall Variations	0	85,708		
- Transfer from HBS	0	379		
	<u>232,400</u>	<u>260,973</u>	112.3%	
3. Grants - Capital				
- Roads To Recovery	665,531	0	0.00%	
- Rural & Remote Roads Program	2,673,090	0	0.00%	Interlaken Road Project (\$1,069,236 in 2022-23 budget)
- LRCI - Phase 4	397,584	0	0.00%	
- Vulnerable Road User Program	130,124	0	0.00%	Included in 2022-23 budget
- Tas Govt (Bus Stop Program) - Oatlands & Campania	39,246	0	0.00%	1st Instalment - Total of grants \$39,246
- Tas Govt (Better Active Transport) - Bagdad Shared Walkway	0	0		
- Aust Govt - BS Bushfire Recovery Grant - The Haven	0	0		Broadmarsh/Elderslie Progress Association Inc Grant
- Tas Govt (Dept Health) - Oatlands Medical Accommodation	0	0		
- Tas Govt (State Growth) - VRUP Round 1 1st Instalment	0	0		2024-25 budget items - 2 Projects Reeve St & 1 Project Climie St. Campania
- Tas Govt (State Growth) - Safer Rural Roads	0	55,000		2023-24 Projects - Woodsdale & Green Valley Rds Guard Rail
- Aust Govt - DVA Saluting their Service	0	6,680		
	<u>3,905,575</u>	<u>61,680</u>	1.58%	
4. Grants - Operating				
- FAGS 2024/25	4,426,800	194,549	4.39%	
- Navigate Family Services (School Holiday Program)	0	2,559		
- Australia Day Grant	0	364		
	<u>4,426,800</u>	<u>197,471</u>	4.5%	

**SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL : OPERATING EXPENDITURE 2024/25
 SUMMARY SHEET**

PROGRAM	ACTUAL (to 31 Oct 24)	BUDGET (to 31 Oct 24)	YTD VARIANCE	YTD %	FULL YEAR BUDGET - INC. GRANTS & OTHER
INFRASTRUCTURE					
Roads	477,589	443,798	-33,791	107.61%	3,695,184
Bridges	5,427	22,656	17,229	23.95%	459,620
Walkways	73,919	79,487	5,568	93.00%	243,503
Lighting	13,934	31,312	17,378	44.50%	84,790
Public Toilets	32,598	31,085	-1,513	104.87%	96,102
Sewer/Water	-	-	-	-	-
Stormwater	7,315	9,909	2,594	73.82%	85,679
Waste	402,443	499,154	96,711	80.62%	1,373,747
Information, Communication	-	6,667	6,667	0.00%	20,000
INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:	1,013,225	1,124,068	110,843	90.14%	6,058,625
GROWTH					
Residential	-	-	-	-	-
Tourism	20,939	26,817	5,879	78.08%	47,718
Business	118,467	112,178	-6,288	105.61%	391,418
Industry	-	-	-	-	-
GROWTH TOTAL:	139,405	138,996	-410	100.29%	439,136
LANDSCAPES					
Heritage	90,328	179,272	88,944	50.39%	471,709
Natural	61,145	74,983	13,838	81.54%	206,318
Cultural	-	6,667	6,667	0.00%	25,000
Regulatory - Development	277,005	340,740	63,734	81.30%	1,050,886
Regulatory - Public Health	3,846	6,740	2,894	57.06%	20,220
Regulatory - Animals	42,282	36,455	-5,827	115.98%	115,108
Environmental Sustainability	-	1,667	1,667	0.00%	5,000
LANDSCAPES TOTAL:	474,606	646,524	171,918	73.41%	1,894,241
COMMUNITY					
Community Health & Wellbeing	87,320	118,325	31,005	73.80%	313,472
Recreation	399,819	520,297	120,478	76.84%	1,212,694
Access	-	-	-	-	-
Volunteers	4,394	13,333	8,939	32.95%	51,000
Families	418	2,000	1,582	20.89%	10,000
Education	-	-	-	-	-
Capacity & Sustainability	28,436	24,868	-3,568	114.35%	49,605
Safety	1,612	11,317	9,705	14.24%	33,950
Consultation & Communication	2,637	12,433	9,796	21.21%	37,300
LIFESTYLE TOTAL:	524,636	702,573	177,938	74.67%	1,708,021
ORGANISATION					
Improvement	752	27,507	26,755	2.73%	80,289
Sustainability	971,608	882,300	-89,308	110.12%	2,928,058
Finances	133,530	127,276	-6,254	104.91%	355,238
ORGANISATION TOTAL:	1,105,890	1,037,083	-68,807	106.63%	3,363,585
TOTALS	\$3,257,761	\$3,649,243	\$391,482	89.3%	\$13,463,607

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		BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION
		\$	\$	\$		DEADLINE
INFRASTRUCTURE						
ROAD ASSETS						
Resheeting Program	Roads Resheeting	586,107	53,300	532,807		
	Dysart - Clifton Vale Road Resheeting	113,893	-		LRCI - \$113,893	30 June 2025
Reseal Program	Roads Reseal Program (as below)	456,787	-	414,251		
	Bagdad - Green Valley Road (towards Huntingdon Tier Rd Jnct) - 2200m2		1,305			
	Campania - Estate Road (370m from Reeve St to bridge) - 7000m2		11,981			
	Colebrook - Station Street - 400m2 - 2 Coat Seal				Originally Reconstruct & Seal	
	Kempton - Sugarloaf Road (Main Street to Bridge) - 8800m2 (150m)				Originally Reconstruct & Seal	
	Kempton - Council Office (Rear Carpark) - 470m2 - 2 Coat Seal					
	Oatlands - High Street (Wellington Street to Barrack Street) - 9400m2		364			
	Oatlands - Stanley Street (Midland Hway to Marlborough Street) - 6000m2		28,886			
	Orielton - Aldridge Road (off Tasman Highway) - 3300m2	80,000	12,372	67,628	Roads to Recovery - \$70,000	30 June 2025
	Pontville - Brighton Road - 6000m2	60,000	-	60,000	Roads to Recovery - \$56,687	30 June 2025
	Sealed Roads - Edge Breaks (as below)	300,000		265,190		
	Woodsdale Road		34,810			
	York Plains Road		-			
Minor Seals (New)	Oatlands - Bentwick Street	20,000	-	20,000	Budget c/f	
Reconstruct & Seal	Elderslie - Pelham Road (1km)	160,000	17,196	142,804	Funded from Projects moved to Reseal / RTR	30 June 2025
	York Plains - Vicinity of 'Handroyd' - 800 metres	130,000	9,936	120,064	Roads to Recovery - \$130,000 (originally \$168K)	30 June 2025
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road (2.4 klms) Cricket Ground towards Quarry	370,000	1,813	368,187	Roads to Recovery - \$370,000 (originally \$288,750)	30 June 2025
	Colebrook - Station Street (includes drainage)	25,000	15,500	9,500	Seal component moved to Reseal Program	
Construct & Seal	Oatlands - Interlaken Road	5,746,180	4,197,504	1,548,676	23/24 WIP - \$2,983,324	31 December 2024
Junction / Road Realignment	Andover - Nala Road Junction with Inglewood Road (Asphalt junction)	30,000	-	30,000		
Other	Campania - Car Park Improvements	67,600	-	67,600	LRCI - \$65,816	30 June 2025
	Campania - Estate Road (vicinity Mallow property)	49,000	14,974	34,026	Budget c/f - WIP \$14,974	
	Campania - Structure Plan - Town Gateway and Streetscape	40,000	-	40,000		
	Elderslie - Cliftonvale Road (Guard Rail) - 600 metres	90,000	-	90,000	Roads to Recovery - \$78,506	30 June 2025
	Oatlands - Hasting Street Junction	15,000	959	14,041	Budget c/f - WIP \$959	
	Oatlands - Stanley Street (from Midland Highway junction to Nelson Street)	35,000	32,354	2,646	Shoulder Repairs & Drainage (i.e. piping)	
	Oatlands - William Street (from Wellington Street towards Stanley Street)	13,500	16,475	-2,975	Approx. 100 metres - Shoulder Repairs & Drainage (i.e. piping)	
	Tunbridge - Main Street (Kerb & Gutter Renewal)	40,000	-	40,000		
	Tunnack - Link Road Landslip	25,000	107	24,893	Budget c/f - WIP \$107	
	York Plains Road (vicinity of Rooney's Road) - Guard Rail - approx. 50 metres	7,250	-	7,250		
		8,460,317	4,449,836	3,896,588		
BRIDGE ASSETS	Nil	-	-	-		
		-	-	-		

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	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
	\$	\$	\$		
WALKWAYS					
Footpaths - General Streetscapes	40,000	-	40,000		
Bagdad - Midland Highway Pathway (Primary School north to Community Club)	240,000	-	240,000	Election Commitment - \$150,000	
Bagdad - Midland Highway Pathway (north of Bagdad Community Club)	645,840	343,111	302,729	Better Active Transport in Tas - \$370K; LRCI - \$145	30 September 2024
Campania - Climie Street (Across Railway)	41,250	6,707	34,543	VRUP Grant - \$35,250	31 December 2024
Campania - Reeve Street (West - adjacent to Flour Mill Park)	100,209	414	99,795	VRUP Grant - \$58,616	31 December 2024
Campania - Reeve Street (East - Rec Ground entrance to Villeneuve Street)	51,158	-	51,158	VRUP Grant - \$36,258	31 December 2024
Campania - Reeve Street - Footpath through to Hall	30,000	432	29,568	Budget c/f	
Campania - Reeve Street Bus Stop - All Access All Weather Bus Stop Upgrade Progr	40,696	120	40,576	Bus Stops Grant - \$26,246	31 December 2024
Kempton - Burnett Street to Mood Food	425,565	4,100	421,465	\$147,565 Budget c/f	
Oatlands - High Street Bus Stop - All Access All Weather Bus Stop Upgrade Program	28,300	120	28,180	2024-25 budget project	21 December 2024
Oatlands - Stanley Street (High Street to Nelson - 280 metres - kerb & footpath)	75,000	114,945	39,945	LRCI P4 - \$75,000	30 June 2025
Oatlands - Campbell Street (scope of works expanded to include kerb/gutter)	85,000	85,074	74	LRCI P4 - \$85,000	30 June 2025
Oatlands - Church Street (Sth Parade to William St - north. side - Footpath - 130 m)	30,000	-	30,000		
	1,833,018	555,023	1,277,995		
PUBLIC TOILETS					
Oatlands - Callington Park	203,000	42,975	160,025	Election Commitment - \$45,000 & 23/24 Budget c/f of \$158,000	
General Public Toilets - Upgrade Program	20,000	-	20,000	Budget c/f	
Oatlands Public Toilets - rear of Town Hall		865	865		
	223,000	43,841	179,159		
DRAINAGE					
Stormwater System Management Plans (<i>Urban Drainage Act 2013</i>)	50,000	456	49,544		
Bagdad / Mangalore - Hydraulic Assessment (Flood Mapping)	221,460	144,400	77,060	Grant Funding \$80,830 WIP \$127,285	30 September 2024
	271,460	144,857	126,604		
WASTE					
Wheellie Bins and Crates	5,000	-	5,000		
WTS Safety & Operational Improvements	25,000	-	25,000		
	30,000	-	30,000		
GROWTH TOURISM					
Oatlands - Heritage Interpretation Panel renewal	2,000	-	2,000		
Oatlands Accommodation Facility	-	42,283	42,283	WIP \$42,283 (Offset by Barrack Street Property)	
	2,000	42,283	40,283		

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	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
	\$	\$	\$		
LANDSCAPES					
HERITAGE					
Jericho - Memorial Avenue - Plaques	20,000	4,300	15,700	Budget c/f WIP \$4,300	
Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park - Interps	19,545	374	19,171	Budget c/f WIP \$155	
Melton Mowbray - Recognition plaque JH Bisdee VC OBE (DVA Grant)	8,480	240	8,240	Saluting Their Service Grant \$7,480	30 November 2024
Oatlands - Callington Mill - Structural Repair & External painting	40,000	-	40,000		
Oatlands - Council Chambers - Internal Toilets & Access Upgrade	100,000	9,357	90,643	Budget c/f WIP \$9,357	
Oatlands - Court House (Wall Stabilisation)	15,000	4,764	10,236	WIP \$1,187	
Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Chimney Capping & Fireplace Repairs)	5,000	-	5,000		
Oatlands Gaolers Residence (Wingwall)	23,000	-	23,000	Budget \$15K c/f	
Oatlands - Heritage Buildings (Security Upgrades)	10,000	-	10,000		
Oatlands - Heritage Collections Store	10,000	3,700	6,300	Budget c/f WIP \$3,700	
Oatlands - Roche Hall (Building Improvements)	90,000	-	90,000		
Oatlands - Roche Hall Forecourt (Interps - Planning Condition of Approval)	40,000	7,820	32,180	Budget c/f WIP \$7,820	
Parattah - Railway Station -Shed for Gangers Trolley	2,000	11,771	-	9,771	Budget c/f
	383,025	42,326	340,699		
NATURAL					
Campania - Bush Reserve / Cemetery	300,000	95,131	204,869	WIP \$93,346	
Chauncy Vale - Day Dawn Cottage Improvements	12,000	8,557	3,443	WIP \$8,557	
Chauncy Vale - Toilet & Interps Upgrade	45,000	-	45,000	Election Commitment \$45,000	
	357,000	103,688	253,312		
CULTURAL					
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Forecourt - Art Installation)	20,000	24,083	-	4,083	TasWater Contribution \$5,000
	20,000	24,083	-	4,083	
LANDSCAPES					
REGULATORY					
- DEVELOPMENT					
Master / Structure Plans (Bagdad / Mangalore / Campania)	50,000	12,231	37,769		
Kempton Council Chambers - Office Furniture & Equipment	7,500	2,958	4,542		
Property Purchase - 10 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	530,000	-	530,000		
Oatlands - Stanley Street Master Plan	20,000	172	19,828	Budget c/f WIP \$172	
Oatlands - MMPC Church Street Sub-Division	-	5,219	-	5,219	WIP \$4,988 Offset by sale of property
	607,500	20,579	586,921		
REGULATORY					
- PUBLIC HEALTH					
Oatlands - GP Accommodation Units	500,000	459,184	40,816	Council Commitment \$100K (grant funded)	
	500,000	459,184	40,816		
ANIMAL CONTROL					
Oatlands - Off-Lead Dog Park	35,000	-	35,000	LRCI - \$35,000	
	35,000	-	35,000		

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	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION
	\$	\$	\$		DEADLINE
COMMUNITY					
RECREATION					
Facilities & Recreation Committee	38,200	-	38,200	\$1800 to Colebrook Hall - Stage Flooring	
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Precinct Plan)	25,000	23,817	1,183	Budget c/f WIP \$23,817	
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Redevelopment)	-	36,868	36,868		
Bagdad - Iden Road Park Development	75,000	-	75,000		
Broadmarsh - Broadmarsh Hall "The Haven"	1,737,247	1,737,247	-	Administration of Progress Assoc. Grant (incl SMC Cont \$30K)	
Campania - Justitia Court POS - Shelter Hut	16,000	15,516	484	LRCI P4 - WIP \$15,516	30 June 2025
Campania - Memorial Hall (External Repainting)	10,600	10,600	-		
Campania - Recreation Ground (Electronic Scoreboard)	47,875	-	47,875	Election Commitment - \$35,000 & LRCI - \$12,875	
Campania - Recreation Ground (All abilities Car Parking)	26,750	-	26,750	Election Commitment - \$18,000	
Campania - Recreation Ground (Ground Improvements - Landscaping & Tiered Seating)	270,000	-	270,000	Election Commitment - \$200,000 & LRCI - \$70,000	
Campania - Recreation Ground (Upgrade Change rooms)	1,100,000	3,850	1,096,150	LRCI - \$100,000 - Bal. Subject to Grant Funding	
Colebrook - Hall Improvements (Resurface Timber Flooring)	1,800	9,000	7,200	\$7,200 reimb by Tas Electoral Commission	
Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park (Land Acquisition Fees)	-	2,452	2,452		
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Irrigation)	60,000	1,637	58,363	LRCI P4 - \$60,000; WIP \$1637	30 June 2025
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Site Dev and Play Equipment)	24,250	14,118	10,132	Budget c/f	
Mangalore - Recreation Ground (Upgrade Horse Arena)	6,400	-	6,400	Election Commitment (to be reallocated)	
Mangalore - Recreation Ground (Dust Remediation - Tree planting etc.)	5,000	-	5,000		
Melton Mowbray - Streetscape Works (Trough / Shelter etc)	60,000	16,323	43,677		
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Courtyard Development -Shelter / BBQ)	30,000	262	29,738		
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Reception - Sliding Counter Window)	6,000	-	6,000		
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Gymnasium - Mirror & Equipment)	16,400	7,247	9,153		
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Replace pump)	-	-	-		
Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Air Lock & Heating)	30,000	-	30,000		
Oatlands - Midlands Community Centre (External Painting - Front of Building)	8,000	-	8,000		
Oatlands - Old Swimming Pool (Staged demolition)	200,000	26,081	173,919	WIP \$26,081.22	
Oatlands Recreation Ground (Redevelopment)	-	15,287	15,287	Subject to Grant Funding	
Woodsdale Recreation Ground	45,000	-	45,000		
Water Bottle Refill Stations	7,980	-	7,980	Budget c/f	
	3,847,502	1,920,304	1,927,198		
CAPACITY & SUSTAINABILITY					
Property Purchase - 9 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	73,248	49,683	23,565	Budget \$519,490 less \$446K spent in 22/23	
Levendale Community Centre - Dept. Natural Resources & Env. Trf Fees	-	13,826	-		
	73,248	63,508	23,565		

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	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
	\$	\$	\$		
ORGANISATION					
SUSTAINABILITY					
Monitors; PC's; Keyboards & UPS's	7,500	-	7,500		
Communications Link (possible transfer to Tasmanet)	16,000	-	16,000		
WiFi Equipment	7,000	-	7,000		
Asset Management Software	-	2,680	- 2,680		
Council Website - Upgrade	25,000	-	25,000		
New Phone System	-	10,836	- 10,836		
Oatlands - Town Hall (General - Incl. Office Equip/Furniture)	7,500	2,495	5,005		
Oatlands - Town Hall (Replacement Heat Pumps x2)	-	4,909	- 4,909		
Oatlands - Town Hall (External Painting Doors & Window Frames)	-	7,605	- 7,605		
	63,000	28,525	34,475		
WORKS					
Minor Plant Purchases	12,000	-	12,000		
Survey Equipment (Road Layout & Stormwater Projects)	25,000	21,342	3,658		
Variable Message Board	20,000	-	20,000		
Radio System	5,000	-	5,000		
Plant Replacement Program					
Heavy Vehicles - Refer separate Schedule (Trade Allowance - \$227)	1,044,800	-	1,044,800		
Light Vehicles (Net Changeover) (Trade Allowance - \$178)	340,257	54,196	286,061		
	1,447,057	75,538	1,371,519		
GRAND TOTALS	18,153,127	7,973,575	10,079,485		

Southern Midlands Council
Agenda – 27th November 2024

CASH FLOW 2024/2025	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS
	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)
	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	(Total 2024/25)	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Cash flows from operating activities														
Payments														
Employee costs	(407,267)	(381,825)	(373,541)	(379,639)										(1,542,272)
Materials and contracts	(1,634,717)	(331,633)	(234,312)	(258,485)										(2,459,147)
Interest	(2,577)	0	0	0										(2,577)
Other	(23,309)	(43,531)	(152,853)	(79,383)										(299,086)
	(2,067,861)	(756,988)	(760,706)	(717,507)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(4,303,063)
Receipts														
Rates	387,766	855,775	2,038,182	705,240										3,986,964
User charges	67,092	198,531	47,643	159,883										473,149
Interest received	53,664	54,327	15,409	67,608										191,008
Subsidies	0	0	0	0										0
Other revenue grants	0	197,107	0	364										197,471
Other	86,726	112,946	232,743	41,435										473,850
	595,249	1,418,685	2,333,976	974,531	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,322,441
Net cash from operating activities	(1,472,612)	661,698	1,573,270	257,023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,019,378
Cash flows from investing activities														
Payments for property, plant & equipment	(211,844)	(830,072)	(956,248)	(463,891)										(2,462,056)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	0	0	0	0										36,159
Proceeds from Capital grants	61,680	0	0	0										61,680
Proceeds from Investments	0	0	0	0										0
Payment for Investments	0	0	0	0										0
Net cash used in investing activities	(150,005)	(830,072)	(956,248)	(427,891)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(2,364,217)
Cash flows from financing activities														
Repayment of borrowings	(8,632)	0	0	0										(8,632)
Proceeds from borrowings	0	0	0	0										0
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	(8,632)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(8,632)
Net increase(decrease) in cash held	(1,631,248)	(168,375)	617,021	(170,868)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,353,470)
Cash at beginning of reporting month	14,547,299	12,916,051	12,747,676	13,364,697	13,193,829	13,193,829	13,193,829	13,193,829	13,193,829	13,193,829	13,193,829	13,193,829	13,193,829	14,547,299
Cash at end of reporting period	12,916,051	12,747,676	13,364,697	13,193,829	13,193,829	13,193,829	13,193,829	13,193,829	13,193,829	13,193,829	13,193,829	13,193,829	13,193,829	13,193,829

17.3.2 Tasmanian Government 2024/25 Budget - Funding – 2024 Election Commitments (Information Only)

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Date: 22 NOVEMBER 2024

ISSUE

To inform Council and provide confirmation of the election commitments funded in the 2024-25 Tasmanian Budget.

BACKGROUND

Nil.

DETAIL

The Premier of Tasmania, the Hon Jeremy Rockliff MHA, has formally advised that the 2024-25 Tasmanian Budget has now passed through both Houses of Parliament and has received Royal Assent.

As committed by the Government during the State Election process held earlier in the year, confirmation has been received that the following projects have been funded in the Budget:

1. Bagdad Walkway (Primary School north) - \$150,000 (Council contribution \$90K – total project cost \$240K)
2. Callington Park – Unisex Toilet adjacent to playground - \$45,000 (council contribution \$158K – total project cost of \$203K)
3. Campania Recreation Ground – Electronic Scoreboard - \$35,000 (council contribution \$12,875 – total project cost of \$47,875)
4. Campania Recreation Ground – Car Park Improvements - \$18,000 (council contribution \$8,750 – total project cost of \$26,750)
5. Campania Recreation Ground – Ground Improvements – Landscaping & Tiered Seating - \$200,000 (council contribution \$70,000 – total project cost of \$270,000)
6. Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary – New Toilets & Interps - \$80,000 (council contribution – Nil)
7. Kempton Recreation ground – Half-court basketball Court and practice Cricket nets - \$80,000 (council contribution – Nil)

In addition to the above, but relating to Council owned properties, the Mt Pleasant Football Club was granted \$29,920 for the installation on new LED lighting; and the Woodsdale Football Club was allocated \$147,000 for upgrades to Wallaby Park.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – All council contributions have been allocated in the 2024/25 Capital Works Program Budget.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – N/A.

Policy Implications – N/A

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Works can be scheduled following receipt and execution of the Funding agreements.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received and noted.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

18. MUNICIPAL SEAL

19. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION

THAT in accordance with Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the following items are to be dealt with in Closed Session.

Matter	Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Reference
<i>Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation</i>	15(2)(g)
<i>Applications for Leave of Absence</i>	15(2)(h)
<i>Contract – Annual Road Stabilisation Program</i>	15(2)(b)(ii)

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

RECOMMENDATION

THAT in accordance with Regulation 15(2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, Council move into Closed Session and the meeting be closed to members of the public.

DECISION(MUST BE BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY)		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

CLOSED COUNCIL AGENDA

20. BUSINESS IN “CLOSED SESSION”

20.1 Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council.

Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15(2)(g) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

20.2 Applications for Leave of Absence

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council.

Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15(2)(h) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

20.3 Contract – Annual Road Stabilisation Program

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council.

Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15(2)(b)(ii) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council move out of “Closed Session”.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

OPEN COUNCIL AGENDA

21. CLOSURE