

SOUTHERN  
MIDLANDS  
COUNCIL



# **AGENDA**

## **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

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Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024  
10.00 a.m.

Levendale Community Hall  
1325 Woodsdale Road, Levendale

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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, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**

**Time: 10.00 a.m.**

**Venue: Levensdale Community Hall, 1325 Woodsdale Road, Levensdale.**

*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 'TF Kirkwood', written in a cursive style.

TF 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

## 5. MINUTES

### 5.1 Ordinary Council Meeting

The Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the previous meeting of Council held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> April 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:

- Woodsdale Community Memorial Hall General Meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- Colebrook Memorial Hall Management Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee Minutes – 13<sup>th</sup> May 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:

- Woodsdale Community Memorial Hall General Meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- Colebrook Memorial Hall Management Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee Minutes – 13<sup>th</sup> May 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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at the Council Chambers, Oatlands commencing at 9.30 a.m.

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

Also in Attendance: T Kirkwood, A Benson, G Finn, W Young and A Burbury.

Apologies: Nil.

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

### 1. 2024/25 Budget

Presentation of draft 2024/25 Operating Budget in conjunction with the review of the Long-Term Financial Management Plan.

The session also included a preliminary discussion of the proposed Rates and Charges and the draft Scheduled of Fees & Charges for 2024/25.

Issues noted:

- Operating Budget – include an allocation of \$20,000 in the ‘Information, Communications, Technology Program’ which provides the ability to progress initiatives contained within the Digital Connectivity Plan
- Rates & Charges – General Rate – application of penalty (removed in 2023/24) – further consideration
- Rates & Charges - Waste Management Levy – further consideration to review application for commercial premises
- 2024/25 Fees & Charges Schedule – presentation of fees and charges (with a focus on Development Services related fees) – draft schedule to be circulated for review and listed for further discussion and clarification (if required) next workshop

### 2. Review of Strategic Plan

Deputy General Manager, Andrew Benson, provided a further update on the review of the Strategic Plan. Draft Strategic Plan to be submitted to the Council Meeting scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.

### 3. High Street, Oatlands – Traffic Issues

The issue of introducing a 40 klm/hr speed limit in High Street, Oatlands, together with the possible introduction of additional pedestrian crossings (i.e. centre refuges) was raised at the Council Meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024.



Extracts from the ‘Oatlands Structure Plan’ relating to ‘High Street Traffic Management and Parking’ was presented to the workshop which provided the basis for potential options to be considered by Council.

Further research and discussion to be undertaken to gain a better understanding of the issues and a report to be submitted to Council.

**4. Other Matters:**

4.1 Property Issue - Kempton

General discussion regarding a property matter in Kempton.

4.2 Woodsdale Recreation ground – Property transfer proposal (Meeting with Woodsdale Football Club)

The workshop was informed that the Woodsdale Football has nominated a number of representatives to participate in a meeting to progress the discussion relating to the possible transfer of ownership of the Woodsdale Recreation Ground property.

Cirs Miller and Campbell expressed an interest in representing Council at this meeting which will be convened as soon as practicable.

The workshop concluded at approximately 1.30 p.m.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the information be received.**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
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.*

Clr F Miller submitted the following question on notice on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Can an update be provided in response to the issues raised at the last Council Meeting relating to the status of the Tasmanian Irrigation 'Greater South East Irrigation Scheme', and in particular, the pricing policies that ?

#### **General Manager**

*Greater South East Irrigation Scheme – For the public's information, the following extract is taken from the Tasmanian Irrigation (TI) Website to describe the irrigation scheme:*

*The Greater South East Irrigation Scheme is being designed to secure a reliable water source, integrate the existing South East Stages One, Two and Three schemes, and service existing and additional demand around Gretna, Jordan River Valley, Brighton, Richmond, Dulcote, Cambridge, Colebrook, Campania, Tea Tree, Orielson, Pawleena, Penna, Sorell, Forcett, Elderslie and Broadmarsh”.*

*As suggested at the Council Meeting, a representative(s) from Tasmanian Irrigation has been invited to attend a Council Workshop on either the 4<sup>th</sup> June (Budget workshop) or the 10<sup>th</sup> June (normal monthly workshop) to provide an update in respect of the Scheme.*

*Specific mention was made to the concern raised at the last Council meeting regarding the pricing policy(s) adopted for the Scheme. This issue has been raised with TI in anticipation that its representative will be able to provide further detail and comment.*

*Note: At the time of writing this comment it has been reported that the federal budget did not include funding support for this scheme.*

## 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 the Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
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

#### 12.1.1 Development Application (DA240009) Storage (9 Shipping containers) at land described as 27 Williams Road, Tea Tree and submitted by e3planning Pty Ltd obo SR & WI Bush.

**Author:** SENIOR PLANNING OFFICER (LOUISA BROWN)

**Approved:** MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
(GRANT FINN)

**Date:** 17 MAY 2024

**Attachment(s):**

*Development Application documents  
Representation 1*

**Discretions**            21.3.1 P1 & P2  
                                  C2.6.2 P1

### PROPOSAL

Council is in receipt of a Development Application for a change of use of 9 existing shipping containers used for Agricultural Use to Storage (Cold Storage) at the property described as 27 Williams Road, Tea Tree.

The property has recently undergone an upgrade to an existing vehicle access, improvements to the internal road, a concrete slab (loading bay) has been laid and the 9 x 40-foot shipping containers located opposite an existing outbuilding in preparation of the proposed cold storage use. The 9 containers and outbuilding are currently used to store agricultural equipment.

The property owners have recently purchased 27 Williams Road and wish to use the shipping containers to store ice from their business, *Mountain Dew Ice* which is located in Shearwater. The Cold Storage shipping containers will be used for freezing and cool storage for wholesale goods, ice and local agricultural products including grapes, apricots, cherries, tomatoes, fruits and berries. This facility would operate as a business, *Southern Midlands Cold Storage*.

*Southern Midlands Cold Storage* will include will include 9 insulated shipping containers each providing separate cold rooms, constructed from reused 40 foot shipping containers and modern refrigeration systems, which are low in noise and subsequently ~~which~~ use less energy.

It is proposed within the Traffic Assessment that the facility will operate between 6.30am and 4.30pm weekdays, all year round. The operation does not require staff to be onsite



between these hours. The following allocations between ice and agricultural/horticultural produce are proposed;

- 1/3 of the space (60 pallets) for Mountain Dew Ice;
- 2/3 of the space (120 spaces) for products from other local growers.

The application was advertised in accordance with Section 57 of the Act. Council gave notice of the application for public comment from 19/4/2024 – 6/5/2024. During the notification period one (1) representation was received.

*As a discretionary development, Council has the discretion to grant a permit for this proposal with or without conditions, or refuse to grant a permit.*

*It is recommended that Council grant a permit for the use of Cold Storage at the property 27 Williams Road, subject to conditions.*

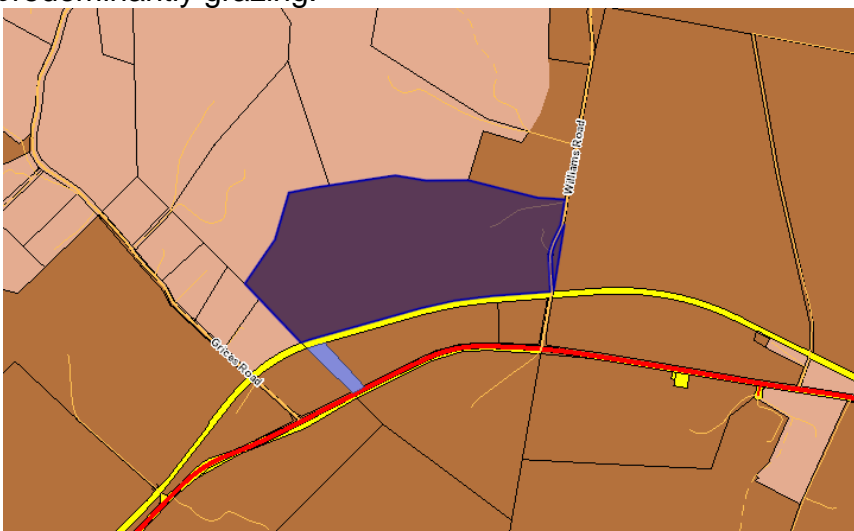
This report will assess the proposal against the relevant provisions of the Act and the Scheme.

## **THE SITE**

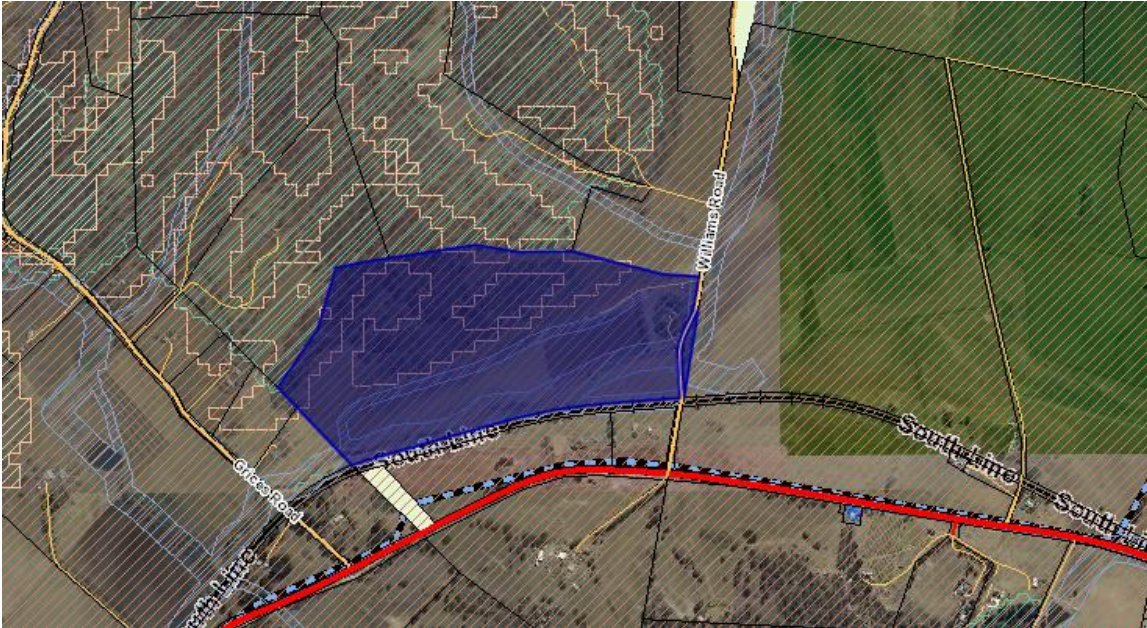
The property is located 160m north of the junction of Tea Tree Road and Williams Road. The Southern Railway Line forms the property boundary to the south and Williams Road forms the eastern site boundary. Adjacent properties are zoned Rural and include residential dwellings and agricultural land uses, such as grazing.

An existing dwelling is located 45m to the south of the proposed Cold Storage.

The proposed Cold Storage will be located within existing structures, which are to the north east corner of the property, the remainder of the land will remain for agricultural use, predominantly grazing.



*Map 1\_ The subject land is identified in blue. Surrounding properties are in the Agriculture Zone (Brown) and Rural Zone (Pink). Source: theLIST (15.05.24)*



Map 2\_ The subject land is identified in blue. Blue Lines indicate the Natural Assets Code, representing Waterway & Coastal Protection Areas. The orange lines represent the Landslip Hazard Code. The brown lines represent the Bushfire Prone Area Code overlay. Source: theLIST (15.05.24)



Map 2 \_ Aerial image of the subject land and surrounding area, Source: theLIST (20.09.23)

### **THE APPLICATION**

The Applicant has submitted the attached plans and information to accompany the Development Application form:

- Planning Report prepared by e3planning
- Letter response to Council's Request for Further Information
- Correspondence from 3 local businesses in support of the Cold Storage proposal

- *Traffic Assessment prepared by Pitt & Sherry and dated 4 April 2024*
- *Agricultural Assessment Report prepared by Pinion Advisory and dated April 2024*
- *Certificate of Title documents*

*In addition, the application was referred to both the Department of State Growth and Tasrail. DSG had no concerns with the proposal and Tasrail requested that their standard notes be incorporated into the advice section of any Planning Permit issued.*

**USE/DEVELOPMENT DEFINITION**

Under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Southern Midlands (The Scheme), storage is defined as follows;

*“Use of land for storage or wholesale of goods, and may incorporate distribution. Examples include boat and caravan storage, self-storage, contractor’s yard, freezing and cool storage, liquid fuel depot, solid fuel depot, vehicle storage, warehouse and woodyard”.*

Taken from the Tasmanian Planning Scheme Amendment Number 01-2022

The property is located within the Agriculture Zone of the Scheme. The use of the land for Storage purposes, is a discretionary use in this zone with the qualification of:

*“if for:*

- (a) a contractors yard;*
- (b) freezing and cooling storage;*
- (c) grain storage;*
- (d) a liquid, solid or gas fuel depot; or*
- (e) a woodyard’.*

This is a discretionary application under the Planning Scheme and the proposal is to be assessed against the development standards of the zone and the development standards of the applicable Codes. These matters are described and assessed in this report.

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND REPRESENTATIONS**

**The application was advertised for public comment from 19/4/2024 – 6/5/2024.**

**During the notification period one (1) representation was received and is summarised in the table below. Please refer to enclosure to view the full copy of representation that was received.**

<b>Public Notice Period 19/4/2024 – 6/5/2024</b>	
<i>Representation 1</i>	<i>Council Officer Comment</i>
<p>We object to the “partial change of use from Resource Development use to Storage”. We object to the proposal for the following reasons:</p> <p>— We dispute that “the shipping containers are currently used as agricultural sheds”. We dispute that they were put there for use as agricultural sheds and now there will only be a “change of use”. These shipping containers were specifically brought to the property for ice storage and have been set up that way from the start of the</p>	<p><b>Council takes note of the comments, however Council can only assess applications for Planning Permits based on the information provided in the application documents.</b></p> <p><b>The proposal states that the Cold Storage facility will be used to store ice and agricultural commodities such as berries,</b></p>

<p>development of the site by the new owners.....had bought the property to have a southern distribution centre for his ice business.....no mention of a cold storage facility for agricultural products. We believe this "agricultural" use has been engineered for the sole purpose of getting council approval for the cold storage facility and that once approval is given Mountain Dew Ice will be the primary user of the facility rather than the owner's proposed new business "Southern Midlands Cold Storage".</p> <p>- We dispute that this is "an important piece of infrastructure for the surrounding agricultural region". As mentioned above we believe the sole purpose of the refrigeration units is to store ice (for the owner's business Mountain Dew Ice) rather than horticultural products.</p> <p>- The report states that "A number of horticultural businesses have expressed an interest in gaining access to the proposed facility". The letters of support hardly ensure that this new development will be used for horticultural produce storage. There is no "commitment" to store their products at the facility as this is not really what the purpose of it is for. The council have asked the owners to establish the product quantities to be stored and where the products are coming from within the Municipality - they have not provided this. This is because the sole storage purpose is for ice, not for the storage of fruits and wine.</p> <p>- The 7 day a week operating hours of the proposed business use (7am-5pm weekdays, 9am-5pm Saturday and Sunday) are inappropriate for the local area - Tea Tree is a rural area, not a commercial area.</p> <p>- The approximate number of commercial vehicles servicing the site would disturb the rural appeal of properties on Williams Road. This is stated to be 4/day, however the e3Planning document suggests on page 11 that there would be "a maximum of 10 vehicle movements per day".</p> <p>— We dispute that "5 Williams Road is the only property which could potentially be</p>	<p>cut flowers, stone fruit and grapes.</p> <p><b>The Development Application includes 3 letters of support for the cold storage, which all reinforce the need and requirement for such a development. All 3 small businesses support the idea in concept of the cold storage. However, it is unclear if these 3 companies have produce in the area and are committing to using the facility.</b></p> <p><b>The use of the property for Cold Storage is a discretionary use in the Agriculture Zone. As a discretionary use, Council may at its discretion grant or refuse to grant a Planning Permit.</b></p> <p><b>The proposal has been assessed against the relevant standards of the scheme and is recommended for approval.</b></p> <p><b>As a rural area where agriculture activities are common place, often occurring outside of business hours, there are no operating hours in which Council can assess in this zone.</b></p> <p><b>The Traffic Impact Assessment has been prepared by a suitably qualified person and an increase of 20 vehicle movements a day is expected. This increase in vehicle movements is an acceptable increase when assessed against the standards of the Scheme.</b></p> <p><b>It is accepted that the increase in vehicular movements and the refrigeration containers will generate a degree of noise. However, it is anticipated that the noise generated will not cause a nuisance. In addition, as a rural area where agricultural activities occur outside of business hours, it is acceptable</b></p>
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impacted by the increased vehicle movements along Williams Road". If there are up to 10 trucks coming along Williams Road a day this would significantly increase the noise pollution to neighbouring properties. There is also many wildlife deaths along the start of Williams Road which would probably increase with an increase in vehicle movements along the road.

- We disagree that "the proposed development will have no impact on neighbouring properties" - ....the refrigeration units are very close.

We do not believe they have provided "sufficient separation to minimise any land use conflict" there are horses in this paddock and 24/7. Noise from the refrigeration units will disturb them. Also 24/7 noise pollution from the refrigeration units will travel up to residential dwellings. On clear days and nights we hear agricultural machinery from properties across Williams Road - this is acceptable as we are in a rural area and it is not 24/7 noise. 24/7 refrigeration noise is not acceptable. Nor is the noise pollution from increased trucks on Williams Road and on the Low Fold property as they are delivering and picking up ice from the facility. In the Pinion report the noise risk is "to be determined". When will this "noise risk" be determined and the information provided to us? We disagree that "all noise impacts arising from the operation would be contained within the site". .....- noise travels up the hill, especially on still nights. We do not believe "the surrounding residential amenity would be preserved" due to this noise pollution.

We dispute their claim that the cool storage is for anything other than ice (as described above). The claim that it will be used for storage of agricultural products including grapes, apricots, cherries, tomatoes, fruits and berries has only been made to get the application through council. The legitimacy of this claim is further made questionable by the references not being from major players in the Coal Valley horticultural sector. As we believe the cold storage will be for the sole purpose of the owner's ice business the claim that "the proposal would fill a current

**for some activity and noise to occur.**

**Council agrees that the development is not screened however it is partially screened from the road or nearby properties and some landscape treatment is proposed to assist in screening views of the facility. These are within the conditions of the proposed planning permit.**

void and value add to the Southern Midlands agricultural industry" is false.

- The development started soon after settlement of the property with the aim for it to be a refrigeration facility. Was this built before council approval?

- We would like assessment of the impact to Williams Road in wet weather. It has been an extended dry period of late and as such there has been no mention of what increased numbers of trucks along Williams Road will do to the gravel section of the road especially at the entrance to the cold storage facility. We propose the gravel road and driveway at the entrance is not suitable for increased heavy traffic in wet weather conditions.

- The Pitt & Sherry team assessing traffic on Williams Road were only there for half an hour to observe traffic movements - no specification of time of day or weather - for this reason we would like assessment in wet weather as described above.

- Does the refrigeration units have suitable temperature control for chilling of fruit and wine as the letters of support suggest they need? The Pinion report states that the cool storage facility can hold produce at less than or equal to 4 degrees Celsius or frozen at -18 degrees Celsius" - is this the requirement for specific perishable products they propose to store e.g. Specific fruit and wine? Surely more information needs to be provided on this to ensure that the facility is used for horticultural products and not just for the owner's ice business?

- We propose that 100% of the vehicular movements would be related to the Mountain Dew Ice company rather than the Southern Midlands Cold Storage company. If rigid trucks need to reverse all the time at the facility this adds to the noise pollution produced by the facility.

- Their claim that the cold store "is screened from Williams Road by an existing agricultural shed" is not true. The shed is small and unless you take a specific angled

<p>photo the small shed does not “screen” Williams Road from the cold store. The cold store is definitely not screened.</p>	
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**ASSESSMENT - TASMANIAN PLANNING SCHEME - SOUTHERN MIDLANDS**

**Agriculture Zone**

The subject site is located within the Agriculture Zone.

The purpose of the Agriculture Zone is:

- To provide for the use or development of land for agricultural use.
- To protect land for the use or development of agricultural use by minimising:
  - (a) conflict with or interference from non-agricultural uses;
  - (b) non-agricultural use or development that precludes the return of the land to agricultural use; and
  - (c) use of land for non-agricultural use in irrigation districts.
- To provide for use or development that supports the use of the land for agricultural use.

As previously advised the proposed Storage is a Discretionary Use in the Zone.

The proposal must therefore satisfy the requirements of the following relevant development standards of the zone:

<p><b>21.3 Use Standards</b>  <b>21.3.1 Discretionary uses</b>                  That uses listed as Discretionary:                  (a) support agricultural use; and                  (b) protect land for agricultural use by minimising the conversion of land to non-agricultural use.</p>		
<p><b>Acceptable Solutions</b></p>	<p><b>Performance Criteria</b></p>	<p><b>Officer Comment</b></p>
<p><b>A1</b>                  No Acceptable Solution.</p>	<p><b>P1</b>                  A use listed as Discretionary, excluding Residential or Resource Development, must be required to locate on the site, for operational or security reasons or the need to contain or minimise impacts arising from the operation such as noise, dust, hours of operation or traffic movements, having regard to:</p>	<p><i>The proposed cold storage use is not required to be located on the property for operational reasons or security reasons. Nor is it required to be located on the property to minimise or contain impacts such as noise, hours of operation or dust.</i></p> <p><i>The proposed storage will not have access to naturally occurring resources on the site. It is</i></p>

	<p>(a) access to a specific naturally occurring resource on the site or on land in the vicinity of the site;</p> <p>(b) access to infrastructure only available on the site or on land in the vicinity of the site;</p> <p>(c) access to a product or material related to an agricultural use;</p> <p>(d) service or support for an agricultural use on the site or on land in the vicinity of the site;</p> <p>(e) the diversification or value adding of an agricultural use on the site or in the vicinity of the site; and</p> <p>(f) provision of essential Emergency Services or Utilities.</p>	<p><i>proposed to store bulk ice and to receive produce from the local area to store on site.</i></p> <p><i>The proposed use is not required to be located on the property due to the availability to infrastructure. It is noted that the location of the property is well connected to Tea Tree Road and the Midland Highway.</i></p> <p><i>By virtue of its location and connection to arterial road network, it can be assumed that produce in the local area includes grapes and stone fruit from the Coal River Valley area. The property is located within this area, therefore access to this produce could be a requirement for the location of the cold storage facility. The proposed use would also provide a service for local producers of the area.</i></p> <p><i>The Agricultural Assessment Report prepared by Pinion, states that the property includes Class 4, 5 and 6 land which is currently used for grazing at a non-commercial scale (10 cows and calves run on the property), best described as a 'lifestyle property'.</i></p> <p><i>The property is suited to grazing, at a small scale. The proposed Cold Storage Use requires an area of 180m<sup>2</sup>, located to the north east corner of the property and will</i></p>
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		<p><i>therefore have a negligible effect on the grazing productivity of the property. This small area of site area has long been retired from agricultural purposes.</i></p> <p><i>Non Agricultural uses within the Agriculture Zone should not preclude the return of the land to agricultural use, the proposal meets the objective of the zone purpose.</i></p> <p><i>The purpose of the Agriculture Zone is also to protect agricultural land for agricultural purposes by minimise non-agricultural uses. The proposal meets the purpose of the zone as a very small area of land will be used for non-agricultural uses.</i></p> <p><i>The proposal meets the Performance Criteria P1.</i></p>
<p><b>A2</b> No Acceptable Solution</p>	<p><b>P2</b> A use listed as Discretionary, excluding Residential, must minimise the conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural use, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the area of land being converted to non-agricultural use;</p> <p>(b) whether the use precludes the land from being returned to an agricultural use;</p> <p>(c) whether the use confines or restrains existing or potential</p>	<p><i>The Agricultural Assessment Report prepared by Pinion, states that the property is includes Class 4, 5 and 6 land which is currently used for grazing at a non-commercial scale.</i></p> <p><i>The Proposed Cool storage facility will require 180m<sup>2</sup> which equates to 0.06% of the total land available on the property.</i></p> <p><i>The existing pasture operation will continue, with the productivity of the existing livestock grazing</i></p>

	<p>agricultural use on the site or adjoining sites.</p>	<p><i>not negatively impacted or diminished.</i></p> <p><i>The shipping containers can be removed and the land returned to an agricultural use.</i></p> <p><i>The Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Southern Midlands defines “agricultural use” as means use of the land for propagating, cultivating or harvesting plants or for keeping and breeding of animals, excluding domestic animals and pets.</i></p> <p><i>The property to the north of the site currently keep horses, a domestic animal, in the paddock adjacent to the proposed Cold Storage. However, this property has the potential for agricultural use, and is zoned Agriculture.</i></p> <p><i>Properties to the east of Williams Road are classified as primary production, whereas properties to the north, west and south of the site are predominantly residential, with some non-commercial agricultural use. In addition, properties to the north and north west of the site are zoned Rural in the Scheme.</i></p> <p><i>It is anticipated that the proposed Cold Storage will generate some noise from vehicular movements and the refrigeration system, it is not anticipated that the</i></p>
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		<p><i>use could confine or restrain existing or potential agricultural uses on adjacent properties.</i></p> <p><i>The proposal is deemed to satisfy the Performance Criteria P2.</i></p>
<p><b>A3</b> No Acceptable Solution.</p>	<p><b>P3</b> A use listed as Discretionary, excluding Residential, located on prime agricultural land must:</p> <p>(a) be for Extractive Industry, Resource Development or Utilities, provided that:</p> <p>(i) the area of land converted to the use is minimised;</p> <p>(ii) adverse impacts on the surrounding agricultural use are minimised; and</p> <p>(iii) the site is reasonably required for operational efficiency; or</p> <p>(b) be for a use that demonstrates a significant benefit to the region, having regard to the social, environmental and economic costs and benefits of the proposed use.</p>	<p><i>The proposal is not for Extractive Industry, Resource Development or Utilities, therefore this clause does not apply.</i></p>
<p><b>A4</b> No Acceptable Solution.</p>	<p><b>P4</b> A Residential use listed as Discretionary must:</p> <p>(a) be required as part of an agricultural use, having regard to:</p> <p>(i) the scale of the agricultural use;</p>	<p><i>The proposal is not for a Residential Use, therefore this clause does not apply.</i></p>

	<p>(ii) the complexity of the agricultural use;</p> <p>(iii) the operational requirements of the agricultural use;</p> <p>(iv) the requirement for the occupier of the dwelling to attend to the agricultural use; and</p> <p>(v) proximity of the dwelling to the agricultural use; or</p> <p>(b) be located on a site that:</p> <p>(i) is not capable of supporting an agricultural use;</p> <p>(ii) is not capable of being included with other agricultural land (regardless of ownership) for agricultural use; and</p> <p>(iii) does not confine or restrain agricultural use on adjoining properties.</p>	
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<p><b>21.4 Development Standards for Buildings and Works</b>  <b>21.4.1 Building height</b>                  To provide for a building height that:                  (a) is necessary for the operation of the use; and                  (b) minimises adverse impacts on adjoining properties.</p>		
<b>Acceptable Solutions</b>	<b>Performance Criteria</b>	<b>OFFICER COMMENT</b>
<p><b>A1</b>                  Building height must be not more than 12m.</p>	<p><b>P1</b>                  Building height must be necessary for the operation of the use and not cause an unreasonable impact on adjoining properties, having regard to:</p>	<p><i>The height of the proposed Cold Storage Unit (9 x Shipping Containers and refrigeration system) is less than 12m.</i></p>

	<p>(a) the proposed height of the building;</p> <p>(b) the topography of the site;</p> <p>(c) the bulk and form of the building;</p> <p>(d) separation from existing use on adjoining properties;</p> <p>(e) the nature of the existing uses on adjoining properties; and</p> <p>(f) any buffers created by natural or other features.</p>	<p><i>Therefore the proposal meets the Acceptable Solution A1.</i></p>
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<p><b>21.4.2 Setbacks</b>                  That the siting of buildings minimises potential conflict with use on adjoining properties.</p>		
<b>Acceptable Solutions</b>	<b>Performance Criteria</b>	<b>OFFICER COMMENT</b>
<p><b>A1</b>                  Buildings must have a setback from all boundaries of:</p> <p>(a) not less than 5m; or</p> <p>(b) if the setback of an existing building is within 5m, not less than the existing building.</p>	<p><b>P1</b>                  Buildings must be sited to provide adequate vehicle access and not cause an unreasonable impact on existing use on adjoining properties, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the bulk and form of the building;</p> <p>(b) the nature of existing use on the adjoining properties;</p> <p>(c) separation from existing use on the adjoining properties; and</p> <p>(d) any buffers created by natural or other features.</p>	<p><i>The proposed Cold Storage Units (9 x Shipping Containers and Refrigeration system) are 12m to the northern property boundary and over 20m to the eastern boundary of Williams Road.</i></p> <p><i>Therefore the proposal meets the Acceptable Solution A1.</i></p>
<p><b>A2</b>                  Buildings for a sensitive use must have a setback from all boundaries of:</p>	<p><b>P2</b>                  Buildings for a sensitive use must be sited so as not to conflict or interfere</p>	<p><i>Not applicable, the building is not for a sensitive use (dwelling).</i></p>

<p>(a) not less than 200m;                  or                  (b) if the setback of an existing building for a sensitive use on the site is within 200m of that boundary, not less than the existing building.</p>	<p>with an agricultural use, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the size, shape and topography of the site;</p> <p>(b) the prevailing setbacks of any existing buildings for sensitive uses on adjoining properties;</p> <p>(c) the location of existing buildings on the site;</p> <p>(d) the existing and potential use of adjoining properties;</p> <p>(e) any proposed attenuation measures; and</p> <p>(f) any buffers created by natural or other features.</p>	
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## CODE ASSESSMENT – TASMANIAN PLANNING SCHEME – SOUTHERN MIDLANDS

### C2.0 Parking & Sustainable Transport Code

The purpose of the Parking and Sustainable Transport Code is:

- To ensure that an appropriate level of parking facilities is provided to service use and development.
- To ensure that cycling, walking and public transport are encouraged as a means of transport in urban areas.
- To ensure that access for pedestrians, vehicles and cyclists is safe and adequate.
- To ensure that parking does not cause an unreasonable loss of amenity to the surrounding area.
- To ensure that parking spaces and accesses meet appropriate standards.
- To provide for parking precincts and pedestrian priority streets.

This Code applies to all development. The applicable standards of this Code are addressed in the following table:

<p><b>C2.5 Use Standards</b></p>		
<p><b>C2.5.1 Car parking numbers</b></p>		
<p>Objective: That an appropriate level of car parking spaces are provided to meet the needs of the use</p>		
<p><b>Acceptable Solutions</b></p>	<p><b>Performance Criteria</b></p>	<p><b>OFFICER COMMENT</b></p>
<p><b>A1</b>                  The number of on-site car parking spaces must be</p>	<p><b>P1.1</b>                  The number of on-site car parking spaces for uses,</p>	<p><i>The requirement for Storage is 1 space per</i></p>

<p>no less than the number specified in Table C2.1, less the number of car parking spaces that cannot be provided due to the site including container refund scheme space, excluding if:</p> <p>(a) the site is subject to a parking plan for the area adopted by council, in which case parking provision (spaces or cash-in-lieu) must be in accordance with that plan;</p> <p>(b) the site is contained within a parking precinct plan and subject to Clause C2.7;</p> <p>(c) the site is subject to Clause C2.5.5; or</p> <p>(d) it relates to an intensification of an existing use or development or a change of use where:</p> <p>(i) the number of on-site car parking spaces for the existing use or development specified in Table C2.1 is greater than the number of car parking spaces specified in Table C2.1 for the proposed use or development, in which case no additional on-site car parking is required; or</p> <p>(ii) the number of on-site car parking spaces for the existing use or development specified in Table C2.1 is less than the number of car parking spaces specified in Table C2.1 for the proposed use</p>	<p>excluding dwellings, must meet the reasonable needs of the use, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the availability of off-street public car parking spaces within reasonable walking distance of the site;</p> <p>(b) the ability of multiple users to share spaces because of:</p> <p>(i) variations in car parking demand over time;</p> <p>or</p> <p>(ii) efficiencies gained by consolidation of car parking spaces;</p> <p>(c) the availability and frequency of public transport within reasonable walking distance of the site;</p> <p>(d) the availability and frequency of other transport alternatives;</p> <p>(e) any site constraints such as existing buildings, slope, drainage, vegetation and landscaping;</p> <p>(f) the availability, accessibility and safety of on-street parking, having regard to the nature of the roads, traffic management and other uses in the vicinity;</p> <p>(g) the effect on streetscape; and</p> <p>(h) any assessment by a suitably qualified person</p>	<p><i>200m<sup>2</sup> of the site area or 1 space per 2 employees, whichever is greater. This equates to 13 vehicular spaces, of which there is adequate space on the property.</i></p> <p><i>However, it is assumed that 13 spaces will not be required, due to the nature of the Storage Use being Cold Storage.</i></p> <p><i>The proposal meets the Acceptable Solution A1.</i></p>
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<p>or development, in which case on-site car parking must be calculated as follows:</p> <p><math>N = A + (C - B)</math>  N = Number of on-site car parking spaces required  A = Number of existing on-site car parking spaces  B = Number of on-site car parking spaces required for the existing use or development specified in Table C2.1  C = Number of on-site car parking spaces required for the proposed use or development specified in Table C2.1.</p>	<p>of the actual car parking demand determined having regard to the scale and nature of the use and development.</p> <p><b>P1.2</b>  The number of car parking spaces for dwellings must meet the reasonable needs of the use, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the nature and intensity of the use and car parking required;</p> <p>(b) the size of the dwelling and the number of bedrooms; and</p> <p>(c) the pattern of parking in the surrounding area.</p>	
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<p><b>C2.5.4 Loading Bays</b>  Objective: That adequate access for goods delivery and collection is provided, and to avoid unreasonable loss of amenity and adverse impacts on traffic flows.</p>		
<b>Acceptable Solutions</b>	<b>Performance Criteria</b>	<b>OFFICER COMMENT</b>
<p><b>A1</b>  A loading bay must be provided for uses with a floor area of more than 1000m<sup>2</sup> in a single occupancy.</p>	<p><b>P1</b>  Adequate space for loading and unloading of vehicles must be provided, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the type of vehicles associated with the use;</p> <p>(b) the nature of the use;</p> <p>(c) the frequency of loading and unloading;</p> <p>(d) the location of the site;</p> <p>(e) the nature of traffic in the surrounding area;</p> <p>(f) the area and dimensions of the site; and</p>	<p><i>The proposal includes a concrete slab area for the handling of materials (ice + produce) whose dimensions are 10m x 25m (250m<sup>2</sup>).</i></p> <p><i>The proposal meets the Acceptable Solution A1.</i></p>



	<p>(g) the topography of the site;</p> <p>(h) the location of existing buildings on the site; and</p> <p>(i) any constraints imposed by existing development.</p>	
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**C2.6 Development Standards for Buildings and Works**

**C2.6.1 Construction of parking areas**

Objective: That parking areas are constructed to an appropriate standard.

<b>Acceptable Solutions</b>	<b>Performance Criteria</b>	<b>OFFICER COMMENT</b>
<p><b>A1</b>                      All parking, access ways, manoeuvring and circulation spaces must:</p> <p>(a) be constructed with a durable all weather pavement;</p> <p>(b) be drained to the public stormwater system, or contain stormwater on the site; and</p> <p>(c) excluding all uses in the Rural Zone, Agriculture Zone, Landscape Conservation Zone, Environmental Management Zone, Recreation Zone and Open Space Zone, be surfaced by a spray seal, asphalt, concrete, pavers or equivalent material to restrict abrasion from traffic and minimise entry of water to the pavement.</p>	<p><b>P1</b>                      All parking, access ways, manoeuvring and circulation spaces must be readily identifiable and constructed so that they are useable in all weather conditions, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the nature of the use;</p> <p>(b) the topography of the land;</p> <p>(c) the drainage system available;</p> <p>(d) the likelihood of transporting sediment or debris from the site onto a road or public place;</p> <p>(e) the likelihood of generating dust; and</p> <p>(f) the nature of the proposed surfacing.</p>	<p><i>The proposal includes gravel internal access roads and circulation space. A concrete slab is also provided for loading and unloading. These materials are considered to be all weather pavement materials.</i></p> <p><i>Stormwater collection will be limited (roof catchment will be addressed via a plumbing permit), however stormwater run-off from roads will be retained on site.</i></p> <p><i>The proposal meets the Acceptable Solution A1.</i></p>

**C2.6 Development Standards for Buildings and Works**

**C2.6.2 Design and layout of parking areas**

Objective: That parking areas are designed and laid out to provide convenient, safe and efficient parking.

<b>Acceptable Solutions</b>	<b>Performance Criteria</b>	<b>OFFICER COMMENT</b>
<p><b>A1.1</b>                      Parking, access ways, manoeuvring and</p>	<p><b>P1</b>                      All parking, access ways, manoeuvring and</p>	<p><i>The proposal includes no formal car parking spaces</i></p>

<p>circulation spaces must either:</p> <p>(a) comply with the following:</p> <p>(i) have a gradient in accordance with Australian Standard AS 2890 - Parking facilities, Parts 1-6;</p> <p>(ii) provide for vehicles to enter and exit the site in a forward direction where providing for more than 4 parking spaces;</p> <p>(iii) have an access width not less than the requirements in Table C2.2;</p> <p>(iv) have car parking space dimensions which satisfy the requirements in Table C2.3;</p> <p>(v) have a combined access and manoeuvring width adjacent to parking spaces not less than the requirements in Table C2.3 where there are 3 or more car parking spaces;</p> <p>(vi) have a vertical clearance of not less than 2.1m above the parking surface level; and</p> <p>(vii) excluding a single dwelling, be delineated by line marking or other clear physical means; or</p> <p>(b) comply with Australian Standard AS 2890- Parking facilities, Parts 1-6.</p> <p>A1.2                  Parking spaces provided for use by persons with a</p>	<p>circulation spaces must be designed and readily identifiable to provide convenient, safe and efficient parking, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the characteristics of the site;</p> <p>(b) the proposed slope, dimensions and layout;</p> <p>(c) useability in all weather conditions;</p> <p>(d) vehicle and pedestrian traffic safety;</p> <p>(e) the nature and use of the development;</p> <p>(f) the expected number and type of vehicles;</p> <p>(g) the likely use of the parking areas by persons with a disability;</p> <p>(h) the nature of traffic in the surrounding area;</p> <p>(i) the proposed means of parking delineation; and</p> <p>(j) the provisions of Australian Standard AS 2890.1:2004 - Parking facilities, Part 1: Off-street car parking and AS 2890.2 -2002 Parking facilities, Part 2: Off-street commercial vehicle facilities.</p>	<p><i>and must therefore be assessed against the Performance Criteria P1.</i></p> <p><i>The site area for parking, manoeuvring and circulation spaces are relatively level, constructed from all weather materials and useable in all weather conditions.</i></p> <p><i>The proposal is not in a high pedestrian traffic area.</i></p> <p><i>The types of vehicles using the site will be cars and trucks, with a maximum number of vehicular movements being 20 a day.</i></p> <p><i>The design of the manoeuvring, parking and circulation spaces are to accommodate the type of vehicles using the site, trucks.</i></p> <p><i>The proposal meets the Performance Criteria P1</i></p>
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<p>disability must satisfy the following:</p> <p>(a) be located as close as practicable to the main entry point to the building;</p> <p>(b) be incorporated into the overall car park design; and</p> <p>(c) be designed and constructed in accordance with Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 2890.6:2009 Parking facilities, Off-street parking for people with disabilities.</p>		
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<p><b>C2.6 Development Standards for Buildings and Works</b>  <b>C2.6.3 Number of accesses for vehicles</b>                  Objective:                  That:                  (a) access to land is provided which is safe and efficient for users of the land and all road network users, including but not limited to drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists by minimising the number of vehicle accesses;                  (b) accesses do not cause an unreasonable loss of amenity of adjoining uses; and                  (c) the number of accesses minimise impacts on the streetscape.</p>		
<b>Acceptable Solutions</b>	<b>Performance Criteria</b>	<b>OFFICER COMMENT</b>
<p><b>A1</b>                  The number of accesses provided for each frontage must:</p> <p>(a) be no more than 1; or</p> <p>(b) no more than the existing number of accesses, whichever is the greater.</p>	<p><b>P1</b>                  The number of accesses for each frontage must be minimised, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) any loss of on-street parking; and</p> <p>(b) pedestrian safety and amenity;</p> <p>(c) traffic safety;</p> <p>(d) residential amenity on adjoining land; and</p> <p>(e) the impact on the streetscape.</p>	<p><i>The proposal meets the Acceptable Solution A1, because the property has two points of vehicular access and no more are being proposed.</i></p>

**C3.0 Road and Railway Assets Code**

The purpose of the Road and Railway Assets Code is:

- To protect the safety and efficiency of the road and railway networks; and
- To reduce conflicts between sensitive uses and major roads and the rail network.

This code applies to a use or development that:

- (a) will increase the amount of vehicular traffic or the number of movements of vehicles longer than 5.5m using an existing vehicle crossing or private level crossing;
- (b) will require a new vehicle crossing, junction or level crossing; or
- (c) involves a subdivision or habitable building within a road or railway attenuation area if for a sensitive use

An existing level Railway Crossing is located on Williams Road to the south east of the property. The Code applies as the proposal will increase the number of vehicles longer than 5.5m crossing the level crossing-

<b>C3.5 Use Standards</b>		
<b>C3.5.1 Traffic generation at a vehicle crossing, level crossing or new junction</b>		
To minimise any adverse effects on the safety and efficiency of the road or rail network from vehicular traffic generated from the site at an existing or new vehicle crossing or level crossing or new junction.		
<b>Acceptable Solutions</b>	<b>Performance Criteria</b>	<b>OFFICER COMMENT</b>
<p><b>A1</b>                      For a Category 1 road or a limited access road, vehicular traffic to and from the site will not require:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a new junction;</li> <li>(b) a new vehicle crossing; or</li> <li>(c) a new level crossing.</li> </ul> <p><b>A1.2</b>                      For a road, excluding a Category 1 road or a limited access road, written consent for a new junction, vehicle crossing, or level crossing to serve the use and development has been issued by the road authority.</p> <p><b>A1.3</b>                      For the rail network, written consent for a new private level crossing to serve the use and development has been</p>	<p><b>P1</b>                      Vehicular traffic to and from the site must minimise any adverse effects on the safety of a junction, vehicle crossing or level crossing or safety or efficiency of the road or rail network, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any increase in traffic caused by the use;</li> <li>(b) the nature of the traffic generated by the use;</li> <li>(c) the nature of the road;</li> <li>(d) the speed limit and traffic flow of the road;</li> <li>(e) any alternative access to a road;</li> <li>(f) the need for the use;</li> <li>(g) any traffic impact assessment; and</li> </ul>	<p><i>The proposal meets the Acceptable Solution A1, as a limited access road, the proposal requires no new junction, no new vehicle crossing or level crossing.</i></p> <p><i>The Acceptable Solution A1.2 is not applicable.</i></p> <p><i>The Acceptable Solution A1.3 is not applicable.</i></p> <p><i>The proposal meets the Acceptable Solution A1.4 As vehicle movements will be increased by 20 movements a day, which is estimated to be 1%, and is less than those specified in Table C3.1.</i></p> <p><i>The Acceptable Solution A1.5 is met as vehicles can enter and leave Williams Road and Tea Tree Road in a forward direction.</i></p>

<p>issued by the rail authority.</p> <p><b>A1.4</b>                  Vehicular traffic to and from the site, using an existing vehicle crossing or private level crossing, will not increase by more than:                  (a) the amounts in Table C3.1; or                  (b) allowed by a licence issued under Part IVA of the <i>Roads and Jetties Act 1935</i> in respect to a limited access road.</p> <p><b>A1.5</b>                  Vehicular traffic must be able to enter and leave a major road in a forward direction.</p>	<p>(h) any advice received from the rail or road authority.</p>	
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**Natural Assets Code**

This Code applies as areas of Waterway & Coastal Protection Area that are located on the property. However, no development or works are proposed to be within this Code Overlay, therefore it is not applicable.

**CONCLUSION**

The report has assessed a Development Application for Storage (9 x shipping containers) at land described as 27 Williams Road, Tea Tree.

One (1) representation was received and the concerns raised have been addressed in this report.

The proposal has been found to comply with all the relevant standards of the Agriculture Zone and the applicable Codes.

It is recommended that the Application be approved and a Permit issued with conditions and advice.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT, in accordance with the provisions of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - *Southern Midlands* and section 57 of the *Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993*, Council APPROVE the Development Application (DA240009) for Storage (9x Shipping containers) at land described as 27 Williams Road, Tea Tree and submitted by e3planning Pty Ltd obo SR & WI Bush.**

## CONDITIONS

### *General*

- (1) The use or development must be carried out substantially in accordance with the application for planning approval, the endorsed drawings and with the conditions of this permit and must not be altered or extended without the further written approval of Council.
- (2) This permit shall not take effect and must not be acted on until 15 days after the date of receipt of this letter or the date of the last letter to any representor, whichever is later, in accordance with section 53 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

### *Amenity*

- (3) All external metal building surfaces must be clad in non-reflective pre-coated metal sheeting or painted to the satisfaction of the Council's General Manager.

### *Landscaping*

- (4) In an attempt to screen views of the facility, before the Cold Storage Use commences submit a landscape plan prepared by a suitably qualified person for approval by Council's General Manager. The landscape plan must include:
  - (a) Appropriate Soft Landscaping to screen views from the northern, eastern and southern property boundary; and
  - (b) A planting schedule of all proposed trees, shrubs and including botanical names, common names and quantities of each plant.
- (5) Planting must bear a suitable relationship to the proposed height of the structures and must not use species listed as noxious weeds within Tasmania, displaying invasive characteristics or unsuitable for fire prone areas. If considered satisfactory, the landscape plan will be endorsed and will form part of this permit.
- (6) Prior to commencement of use, all trees and landscaping must be planted and installed in accordance with the approved Landscaping Plan to the satisfaction of the Council's General Manager. Evidence showing compliance with this condition must be submitted to and approved by the Manager Development Services within 30 days of planting.
- (7) Replacement trees and landscaping in accordance with the approved Landscaping Plan must be planted if any is lost. All landscaping must continue to be maintained to the satisfaction of Council.

### *Services*

- (8) The developer must pay the cost of any alterations and/or reinstatement to existing services, Council infrastructure or private property incurred as a result of the development. Any work required is to be specified or undertaken by the authority concerned.

### *Parking and Access*

- (9) The internal driveway and areas set-aside for parking and associated access and turning must be provided in accordance with Standards Australia (2004): Australian Standard AS 2890.1 - 2004 – Parking Facilities Part 1: Off Street Car Parking; Standards Australia, Sydney and to the satisfaction of Council's Municipal Engineer, and must include all of the following;
  - a) Constructed with a durable all weather pavement;
  - b) Minimum carriageway width of 4 metres; and
  - c) Drained to an approved stormwater system.

- (10) The internal driveway and areas set-aside for parking and associated access and turning must be designed, constructed and maintained to avoid dust or mud generation, erosion and sediment transfer off site or de-stabilisation of the soil on site or on adjacent properties to the standard required by Council's Municipal Engineer.

*Stormwater*

- (11) Stormwater drainage from the proposed development must be retained on site (or) drain to a legal point of discharge to the satisfaction of Council's General Manager and in accordance with a Certificate of Likely Compliance or Plumbing permit issued by the Permit Authority in accordance with the Building Act 2016.

*Construction amenity*

- (12) The development must only be carried out between the following hours unless otherwise approved by the Council's Manager Development Services:
- |                                       |                         |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Monday to Friday                      | 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  |
| Saturday                              | 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  |
| Sunday and State-wide public holidays | 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. |
- (13) All works associated with the development of the land shall be carried out in such a manner so as not to unreasonably cause injury to, or prejudice or affect the amenity, function and safety of any adjoining or adjacent land, and of any person therein or in the vicinity thereof, by reason of:
- Emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, odour, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or otherwise.
  - The transportation of materials, goods and commodities to and from the land.
  - Obstruction of any public footway or highway.
  - Appearance of any building, works or materials.
- (14) Any accumulation of vegetation, building debris or other unwanted material must be disposed of by removal from the site in an approved manner. No burning of such materials on site will be permitted unless approved in writing by the Council's Manager Development Services.
- (15) Public roadways or footpaths must not be used for the storage of any construction materials or wastes, for the loading/unloading of any vehicle or equipment; or for the carrying out of any work, process or tasks associated with the project during the construction period.
- (16) The developer must make good and/or clean any footpath, road surface or other element damaged or soiled by the development to the satisfaction of the Council's Municipal Engineer.

THE FOLLOWING ADVICE APPLIES TO THIS PERMIT:

- A. This Planning Permit is in addition to the requirements of the Building Act 2016. It is necessary to seek approval prior to any new building work, work being carried out in accordance with the Building Act 2016. A copy of the Directors Determination – categories of Building Work and Demolition Work is available via the CBOS website: [Director's Determination - Categories of Building and Demolition Work \(PDF, 504.4 KB\)](#)

If an owner undertakes any Low Risk Building Work as allowed by the Directors determination, they are responsible for ensuring that any proposed work complies with this Determination, in particular to ensure that they:

- Review and comply with any relevant Standard Limitations,
- That permitted size limits are not exceeded;
- That Boundary setbacks are complied with.

Types of Low Risk structure of sizes greater than permitted for this Category are to be considered against the next relevant Category being either Low Risk Work (Category 2), Notifiable Work (Category 3) or Permit Work (Category 4).

- B. The proposed works are located within a mapped bushfire prone area and as such a bushfire assessment and BAL by a suitably qualified person may be required as part of the certified documents for the building approval.
- C. This planning approval shall lapse at the expiration of two (2) years from the date of the commencement of planning approval if the development for which the approval was given has not been substantially commenced. Where a planning approval for a development has lapsed, an application for renewal of a planning approval for that development shall be treated as a new application.
- D. This Planning Permit does not approve any proposed Signage. A separate Application for Signage maybe required.
- E. TasRail Standard Notes to Land owners
  - a) Where a building or other development is proposed to be located at a setback distance less than 50 metres from the boundary of the rail corridor, the occupants are likely to be exposed to train horn noise and vibration, noting that TasRail Freight Rail Services operate 24/7 and the configuration, frequency and time of these services is subject to change at any time.
  - b) Landowners, builders/developers and prospective residents should undertake appropriate due diligence to ensure they are aware of potential exposure to train horn noise and vibration, particularly in relation to building design, material specifications and lifestyle. The train horn is a safety device that is required to be sounded twice per level crossing being on approach and on entry. The minimum duration of each train horn blow is one second. The train driver also has the discretion to sound the horn at any time he/she perceives a risk.
  - c) Using or creating an unlicensed railway crossing or stock crossing is unsafe and strictly prohibited. Rail Safety National Law requires all private crossings to be subject to an interface agreement (licence). Where a privately owned property interfaces with a rail crossing and/or State Rail Network land please contact [property@tasrail.com.au](mailto:property@tasrail.com.au) to discuss the necessary authorisations and licencing process.
  - d) Stormwater or effluent is not permitted to be discharged onto rail land or into the rail drainage system. Should there be a requirement for a service or asset to be installed on rail land in order to connect into an authorised stormwater or other outlet, a separate TasRail Permit is required and will only be approved subject to terms and conditions (costs apply). A Permit Application Form is available by contacting [property@tasrail.com.au](mailto:property@tasrail.com.au)
  - e) Any excavation within 3 metres of the rail boundary line requires a separate TasRail Permit from [property@tasrail.com.au](mailto:property@tasrail.com.au) in accordance with s44 of the *Rail Infrastructure Act 2009*. A minimum of seven (7) business day's notice is required, but earlier engagement is recommended



- f) Rail land is not for private use and should not be encroached for any purpose including for gardens, storage, keeping of animals etc. Dumping of rubbish including green waste into the rail corridor is not permitted.
- g) No obstruction, installation or works of any kind are permitted inside railway land for any purpose including for structures, unauthorised vehicles, drainage, water pipes, stormwater discharge, electrical or service infrastructure, storage of materials, vegetation clearing, inspections etc. Consideration should also be given to the orientation and siting of above ground structures on adjoining land as well as landscaping to ensure there is no potential to obscure or obstruct the line of sight with respect to a railway crossing.
- h) As per the *Rail Infrastructure Act 2007*, the Rail Infrastructure Manager (TasRail) may remove and dispose of unauthorised or unlawful service infrastructure and take such other action as it sees fit. Where this occurs, TasRail may recover its costs of doing so as a debt due to TasRail from that person and retain if applicable any proceeds of disposal. No action lies against TasRail for removing or disposing of the unauthorised or unlawful service infrastructure.
- i) No persons should enter rail land without formal authorisation from TasRail in the form of a TasRail Permit issued by [property@tasrail.com.au](mailto:property@tasrail.com.au)
- j) Rail Corridors are exempt from the Boundary Fences Act meaning that TasRail is not required to contribute to the cost of boundary fencing.

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

**12.1.2 Petition to Amend Sealed Plan Number 35320 Remove Burdening Easement – 6 East Bagdad Road, Bagdad - A & P MacLeod Super Pty Ltd**

*File Ref: DA230002*

**Author:** SENIOR PLANNING OFFICER (LOUISA BROWN)

**Date:** 17 MAY 2024

**Attachment(s):**

1. *Petition to Amend Sealed Plan*
2. *Title Documents*

**INTRODUCTION**

Council is in receipt of a petition to amend the Sealed Plan Number 35320 to remove an existing drainage easement 3.00m wide which burdens Lot 1.

**DETAIL**

A petition to amend the Sealed Plan described above has been received from a representative of the land owners to remove a drainage easement on the property 6 East Bagdad Road.

The land is currently being developed in accordance with council permit DA230002, subdivision for 6 Lots. As a part of this development the easement must be removed as the new works make it redundant.

All affected persons (owners of Lots 2-9 and their mortgagees) have been served notice via registered post.

No other party is impacted by the proposal.

**STATUTORY PROCESS**

Under Section 103 of the Local Government (Building & Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 (the LGBMP Act) a person may apply 'by petition' to the Council to amend a Sealed Plan.

The person is to serve a copy of the petition on all persons appearing by the registers under the Land Titles Act 1980 and the Registration of Deeds Act 1935 to have an estate or interest at law affected by the proposed amendment.

No objections to the proposed change have been received within the statutory time limit of 28 days.

**ASSESSMENT**

The proposed amendment to the Sealed Plan will remove a redundant easement in the form of a 3.0m drainage easement.

No other party is impacted.

It is recommended Council sign and seal the Instrument Form in accordance with the Solicitor's advice for lodgement at the Lands Titles Office.

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT in accordance with Section 103 of the *Local Government (Building & Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993* Council Sign and Seal an ‘Instrument Form’ to be lodged at the Land Titles Office with a Request to Amend Sealed Plan 35320 Remove Burdening easement as proposed.**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
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Clr F Miller		

**12.2 Subdivisions**

Nil.

**12.3 Municipal Seal (Planning Authority)**

Nil.

**12.4 Planning (Other)**

Nil.

**[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.*

#### **13.1.1 Traffic and Pedestrian Matters – High Street, Oatlands**

**Author:** DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

**Date:** 15 MAY 2024

**Attachment(s):**

*Extract Oatlands Structure Plan – Traffic Issues*

#### **ISSUE**

Responding to a community request for modified traffic arrangement(s) in High Street Oatlands.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Oatlands Structure Plan was adopted by Council in September 2021 and in that document traffic and related issues were explored by the Consultants (JMG) as part of their response to the Community Consultation process.

Traffic Engineer (Milan Prodanovic) provided a commentary within the final report, with a range of recommendations.

#### **DETAIL**

Council has not had the ability to implement all of the recommendations, but have completed some, namely:

1. Removal of the angle parking in the High Street and converting it to parallel parking, which has made a considerable difference to the level of minor incidents, and frustrations in the area;
2. Undertaken a boundary adjustment to free up a trafficked way along the rear of the shops near the IGA in preparation for a future parking arrangement;
3. Completed the Oatlands Aquatic Centre, which provides additional parking adjacent to the High Street, which includes:
  - a. 32 standard car parking spaces
  - b. 2 electric vehicle charging parks
  - c. 2 DDA compliant parking spaces
  - d. 1 coach parking space
4. Reconstruction of South Parade;
5. Reconfigured the bus stop (south bound) to comply with the DDA; and

6. The implementation of timed vehicle parking in front of key business locations, e.g. Bank, Chemist, Post Office.

Traffic Engineer, Milan Prodanovic observed:

*In order to recommend beneficial and achievable traffic safety improvements, increased accessibility and an improved traffic environment within Oatlands, the following investigative measures have been taken:*

- *Consideration has been given to the outputs from stakeholder and community consultation that was undertaken during this year;*
- *The vehicle crash record within the built-up area of Oatlands was reviewed; and*
- *Visits to Oatlands to observe the behaviour of drivers and pedestrians, parking activity and the road and traffic conditions along the streets.*

*There have been only 13 reported on-road collisions and three off-road incidents within the built up area of Oatlands since January 2015. Seven of these collisions occurred along High Street.*

*Three have been collisions with pedestrians, and three were parking manoeuvres, with the three pedestrian collisions and two of the parking manoeuvres resulting in minor injury. Two of the pedestrian collisions occurred in the area of the IGA store and the other occurred between Barrack Street and Dulverton Street.*

*The collisions with the parking/unparking manoeuvres occurred at different locations along High Street. All other six on-road collisions away from High Street occurred at different locations; three at four leg intersections in the Dudley Street and Stanley Street area and three in midblock locations on different side streets.*

*All of these collisions, except for one loss of control crash, resulted in property damage only.*

The width of High Street between kerb faces varies from 15.6m just south of Dulverton Street to 17.4m near the IGA store and 16.9m to the south of Wellington Street.

His recommendation was also to install pedestrian refuges at between 80m to 120 along the High Street and turning path line marking, for right turns into Church Street from High Street.

Given the width of the High Street and the existence of two pedestrian crossing points with possibly another two to be installed, there is still considerable concern over the traffic speed in the Village centre, given the senior years enjoyed by many members of the community and their ability to negotiate the very wide traffic pavement in safety.

Further consultation has arrived at a request from representatives of the community for Council to write to the Transport Commission seeking to have the speed limit from Recreation Ground to the Esplanade be reduced to 40km/hour.

For information, when considering this request, the Commissioner for Transport will consider the following:

- safety concerns
- crash history
- the condition of the road
- what the road is used for
- how many people use the road
- whether it is used by vulnerable road users, such as cyclists and pedestrians
- the number of accesses and intersections

- compliance with AustRoads and engineering guidelines
- pedestrian activity around the road
- property surrounding the road area.

Depending on Council’ decision, this information will need to be compiled in order to make an application.

Finally, through related discussions, it is also worthy to note that such an extended restricted speed limit through the township may be a further deterrent for motorists to detour off the Midland Highway and travel through Oatlands. Therefore impacting adversely on local business reliant on the travelling public.

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – If approved, a budget for two new pedestrian refuges in High Street will be required.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – The Oatlands Structure Plan consultations and recent representations to Council.

**Policy Implications** – N/A

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – ASAP

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT:**

- Council, in the first instance, determine whether to request the Commissioner for Transport to undertake a review of the speed limit in High Street, Oatlands;**
- If confirmed, then Council determine the length of High Street to be subject to a 40 km/hr speed limit (noting that the community has indicated that it should extend along High Street from the Oatlands Recreation Ground (Victoria Street) to the Esplanade; and**
- If confirmed, Council obtain traffic counter readings along High Street Oatlands and compile other relevant information to support an application to the Commissioner for Transport; and**
- Subject to budget availability, Council install two pedestrian refuges - one near Mill Lane and the other near the Chemist shop.**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
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## 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:** ACTING /MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS (CRAIG WHATLEY)

**Date:** 16 APRIL 2024

#### **Roads Program**

Gravel re-sheeting to be completed on Brown Mountain Road in the next week.  
Maintenance grading starting in Broadmarsh and Elderslie areas shortly.  
Culvert cleaning and drainage works underway in the Bagdad and Broadmarsh areas.  
Maintenance grading has started in the Rhyndaston and Stonor areas this week.  
Culvert cleaning and drainage works are underway in the Rhyndaston and Colebrook areas.  
Bitumen patching on all roads as time and resources permit.

#### **Current Capital Works**

Interlaken Road works are going well, Council has Fieldwicks crew back in Fishes Quarry crushing 20mm fcr and 40mm base for Interlaken Road. AWC are working on Rockton Corner and progressing well with drainage and verge widening.  
AWC are still hoping to get the next section sealed before winter, weather permitting.

Reseal line marking has started weather permitting should be finished in the next fortnight.

#### **Parks and Reserves**

Maintenance of recreation grounds, parks and playgrounds ongoing as required.  
Crews busy cleaning up leaves and mowing grass around our towns.  
Stormwater and earth works 9 Barack Street Oatlands completed.  
With school returning vandalism appears to have slowed down.

#### **Bridge Works**

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

#### **Building Services Unit**

Construction of 2 accommodation units in Oatlands progressing well with the plaster work underway.  
Maintenance work underway on Colebrook Hall and Parattah Railway Station.  
Midlands Community Centre entrance completed

#### **Planned Works**

Campbell Street kerb and footpath late May - early June depending on contractors

- Drainage and pavement repairs various roads;
- Undertake various bridge maintenance repairs;
- Continue construction of accommodation units Oatlands;
- Continue Interlaken Road upgrade works.

## **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
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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

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

#### 15.1.1 Heritage Project Program Report

**Author:** HERITAGE PROJECTS OFFICER (ALAN TOWNSEND)

**Date:** 17 MAY 2024

#### ISSUE

Report from the Manager, Heritage Projects on various Southern Midlands Heritage Projects.

#### DETAIL

- Brad is currently on leave but checking in regularly with the team;
- A new exhibition is currently being planned for the Heritage & Bullock Festival (H&BF);
- Work is underway to transfer the artefact store to Roche Hall;
- Works are almost complete on the former Police House;
- Several events are in process of being organised for the H&BF including the speaker series at the Court House;
- Our current Artist in Residence is Heather Summers who is working on a major piece reflecting on the migration of people and animals into the midlands;
- Our outgoing Artist in Residence Kari Hawkes successfully carried out several days of kiln firing from local clay which was very well received by the community.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the Heritage Projects Program 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		
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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:** 14 MAY 2024

**ISSUE:** Southern Midlands NRM Unit Monthly Report.

#### DETAIL

- Proposed toilet block at Callington Park. Waiting to receive the report from the Building Engineer and the final drawings from Duo Design for building. These documents have been completed, and will be forwarded to Council very soon once Consultant payments have been processed. The issue of a Plumbing Permit and Building Permit by Council will then need to occur. TasWater have appointed a contractor to undertake works for the installation of the connection point at the sewer pit on the foreshore. These works will be scheduled to be undertaken in the near future.
- A Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee meeting was held Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. See Minutes – Council Agenda. Maria and Helen have been working on issues as a result of the last meeting of the committee.
- Maria and the Acting Manager of the Works Dept (Craig Whatley), meet with TasWater in the next week in relation to proposed changes to the pump station on the Lake Dulverton foreshore, located at the existing toilet block. The proposed update to the pump station switchboard indicated a fairly modern structure will be placed on the foreshore. A request will be sent to TasWater to see if they will colour match the structure to the existing toilet block colour (Colorbond Paperbark).
- Helen has been busy with sorting signage in relation to dogs, and the submission to Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania in regard to the proposed Dog Park at the Freds Point. (ex Flax Mill site)
- Helen has been busy with attending Drought Resilience meetings.
- Maria continues to take annual leave to reduce hours of leave owing.

#### Weeds Officer Report, Mary Smyth

15<sup>th</sup> April – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Note: once again, annual leave has affected the length of this report.

#### Enquiries/feedback

Biosecurity Tasmania called for submissions on the proposed declaration of Digitalis species (foxgloves) in Tasmania. There were three documents to read and I submitted a short response asking a few questions, but overall in support of declaration. Foxgloves are not a problem in SMC (yet!) but I have seen the spread of foxgloves in northern Tasmania and I fully support the (limited) declaration.

## Site visits

Total = 4

Inspected the Pound (off William Street, Oatlands) and did an inventory of remaining blackwoods. With the majority of the weeds brush cut, it was gratifying to find that there were more blackwoods surviving than I thought. A follow-up visit accomplished an initial knock down weed spray around all surviving blackwoods in three of the four tree lines. The western line (adjacent the drain) was severely impacted by weeds last year and brush cutting was unable to clear all of them away. This (and the gravel between the big tanks) is a job for the new hose reels on the trailer (once this season's weeds have germinated). A total of 24 different types of weeds were counted at the site... A second spray around the blackwoods, and in the gaps, will precede replanting efforts later in the season.

Visited Campania Cemetery briefly to view a small infestation of Evening Primrose. Unfortunately, it is persisting here so follow-up is required this spring.

Visited the Stemless thistle main infestation area to check results of the late March spray. Results were mixed: all the tiny seedlings had died, but anything that was over about 7cm diameter at the time was still alive. They hadn't grown, but they hadn't died either. Follow-up is planned for June or July, and with a different chemical, to take care of these plants before they go to seed in spring.

## Communication

Whilst checking out some thistles on a block in Kempton, the owner was interested in the identity of a couple of large eucalypts nearby. I was able to confirm that they were Swamp gums (*Eucalyptus ovata*), and I passed this information on to the landowner.

An article on the proposed declaration of foxgloves in Tasmania was published in the April edition of the Southern Midlands Regional Newsletter.

## Weed of the Week

Briar rose and Horehound displayed at Oatlands front office this month.

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the NRM Unit 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		

### 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:** 15 MAY 2024

**Enclosure:**

*Animal Management Statement 2024*

### ISSUE

Consideration of the Animal Management/Compliance Officer's report for May 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 May; *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:

#### ATTACK DETAILS:

12/5/24 – Two dogs killed 6 chickens, Bagdad area. Still investigating the matter.

### RECOMMENDATION:

**THAT the Animal Management 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		

**ENCLOSURE**  
 Agenda Item 15.6.1

**YTD ANIMAL MANAGEMENT STATEMENT  
 2024**

<b>DOG IMPOUNDS</b>	<b>RECLAIMED</b>	<b>ADOPTED/DOGS HOME</b>	<b>EUTHANISED</b>	<b>OTHER IMPOUNDS</b>
13 (2 still in the pound)	9	2		1 – goat 1 – ram 1 – Weather

**JOBS ATTENDED  
 May 2024**

<b>DOGS AT LARGE</b>	<b>DOG ATTACKS</b>	<b>DOG BARKING</b>	<b>DOG GENERAL</b>
0	1	5	4
<b>NEW KENNEL LICENCES</b>	<b>WELFARE</b>	<b>STOCK</b>	<b>Central Highlands</b>
3 new licences in the process	0	3	1

**REGISTERED DOGS: 1767**  
**KENNEL LICENCES: 62**  
**INFRINGEMENTS ISSUED: 0**

## **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.*

Nil.

## 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:** 14 MAY 2024

#### ISSUE

Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinator's Report for the month April, 2024.

#### BACKGROUND

The Oatlands Aquatic Centre opened to the public on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 2023/24	April 2024	April 2023	2023-24 YTD to 30.04.24	% of Budget 2023-24
Pool – Admission Fees	Casual Fees	\$37,360	\$6,142	\$4,558	\$55,584	148.8%
	Memberships & Season Passes	\$157,426	\$3,408	\$4,996	\$36,390	23.1%
	Group Bookings & Learn to Swim	\$81,714	\$4,107	\$6,667	\$63,309	77.5%
	Sale of Goods	\$9,500	\$808	\$654	\$11,133	117.2%
Local Gov't Loan Subsidy (3 of 3)		\$45,107	\$0	\$0	\$22,840	50.6%
Charging Station Energy Use Reimbursement			\$0	\$0	\$6,550	
Splash in Good Fun' Grant			\$0	\$0	\$0	
Get Active Program Grant	"Lets get moving"				\$800	
CBA Community Donation					\$500	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$331,107</b>	<b>\$14,464</b>	<b>\$16,875</b>	<b>\$197,106</b>	<b>59.5%</b>

EXPENDITURE		Annual Budget 2023/24	April 2024	April 2023	2023-24 YTD to 30.04.24	% of Budget 2023-24
Salaries (incl. On-Costs)		\$504,561	\$35,815	\$39,742	\$418,657	83.0%
Operating Costs - Other		\$245,072	\$34,299	\$9,665	\$232,661	94.9%
Loan Interest		\$45,107	\$0	\$0	\$22,840	50.6%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>\$794,740</b>	<b>\$70,114</b>	<b>\$49,407</b>	<b>\$674,158</b>	<b>84.8%</b>

Note - includes expenses relating to operating grant income

<b>Budgeted Deficit</b>		<b>-\$463,633</b>	<b>-\$55,650</b>	<b>-\$32,532</b>	<b>-\$477,051</b>	<b>102.9%</b>
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**Group Bookings & Programs – April (11/4/24 - 13/5/24):**

Event / Booking	School / Group	Participation Numbers
Lane Hire	Geneva Christian College	3 group bookings
Physio Rehab Sessions	Annabel Butler – Physiotherapist	2 individual bookings
Lane Hire	Midlands Swimming Club	3 individual bookings
Pool Entry	Home Care Program – Ouse	5 participants
Pool Entry	Parkside Foundation Hobart	9 participants
Centre Hire / Student Visits	Oatlands District School	5 group bookings
Pool Entry	Bridgewater PCYC	62 participants

**USAGE FOR THE PERIOD 11/4/2024 – 13/5/2024**

**PAID UPFRONT**

Type	Units
<b>Gym &amp; Fitness</b>	
Gym & Fitness Class Passes/10 Sessions	2
Gym & Fitness Class Passes/5 Sessions	0
Gym & Fitness Class Session (17 years) PAYG	7
Gym & Fitness Class Session (Concession) PAYG	6
PAYG Class Pass (16 years)	0
<b>Gym</b>	
PAYG Gym (17 years)	16
PAYG Gym (Concession)	7
<b>Personal Training</b>	
Personal Training – 30 Mins	2
Personal Training – 1 Hr	0
<b>Learn to Swim (Total Numbers)</b>	
Term 2, 2024 Program Enrolments (Currently)	98
Adult Learn to Swim	0
<b>Pool</b>	
Pool Passes 10 Sessions (Child/Concession)	7
Pool Pass 10 Session (17 years)	2
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (17 +)	0
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (concession)	0
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Family)	0
PAYG – Pool (4 years and under)	107
PAYG - Pool (5-16)	355
PAYG - Pool (17)	231
PAYG - Pool (Concession)	214
PAYG - (Family)	37
Pool/Gym Combo PAYG	1
GYM/Pool Pass 10 Session (17 years)	1
GYM/Pool Pass 10 Session (Concession)	1

## DIRECT DEBITS – Current Numbers

Type	Units
DD Pool/Gym	7
DD Class/Pool	28
DD Pool/Gym/Class	3
DD Gym	4
DD Class/Gym	5
DD 6 Months Pool – 17 years +	2
DD 6 Months Pool – Child/Concession	3
DD 6 Months Pool – Family	1

## Grant Applications & General Information

See below an update on the current Grant Application:

- **Australian Sports Commission – Play Well Participation Grant Program:**  
 Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our grant application this time round.
- **Royal Life Saving Risk Assessment Audit:**  
 On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May the Aquatic Centre undertook a Risk Assessment Audit to look at areas of improvements within the Centre and its operation as arranged by the Coordinator. A detailed report is currently being produced for Council, with initial feedback provided the Centre is operating at a high level. Once the report has been received I will share it with Council.

**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 Local Government Shared Services – Quarterly Update – Information Only

**Author:** FINANCE OFFICER (MANDY BURBURY)

**Date:** 19 MAY 2024

**Enclosure(s):**

*Shared Services Report – Southern Midlands Council – January – March 2024*

#### ISSUE

To inform Council of the Common Services Joint Venture activities for the period January to March 2024.

#### BACKGROUND

There are seven existing members of the Common Services Joint Venture Agreement, with two other Council's participating as non-members.

Members: Brighton, Central Highlands, Glenorchy, Huon Valley, Sorell, Southern Midlands and Tasman.

Council now include a standard internal report for Council's information on SMC hours on a quarterly basis.

#### DETAIL

Refer to the enclosed summary of services provided by and provided to the Southern Midlands.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the information be received.**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
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**  
 Agenda Item 17.2.3

**2023/24 Shared Services Report  
 to 31 March 2024**

PROVIDED BY SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL					Total Hours Mar 2024 Quarter	Total Hours Dec 2023 Quarter	Total Hours Sep 2023 Quarter	Total Hours to 31 Mar 2023/24	
Council	Fortnight End	Officer	Service Provided	Hours					
Brighton Council	14/01/2024	P Krause	Plumbing Surveying	4.25					
	28/01/2024	P Krause	Plumbing Surveying	12.25					
					16.50	18.00	57.50	92.00	
Central Highlands	14/01/2024	L Brown	Regulatory	22.50					
		D Mackey	Regulatory	10.00					
	28/01/2024	L Brown	Regulatory	13.00					
		D Mackey	Regulatory	6.00					
	11/02/2024	L Brown	Regulatory	3.00					
		D Mackey	Regulatory	1.00					
	25/02/2024	L Brown	Regulatory	17.50					
		D Mackey	Regulatory	19.00					
			R Collis	Animal Management	15.25				
			D Dwyer	Animal Management	7.25				
			L Brown	Regulatory	19.00				
	10/03/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	8.00					
		R Collis	Animal Management	4.00					
	24/03/2024	L Brown	Regulatory	21.50					
D Mackey		Regulatory	21.00						
					188.00	217.25	237.50	642.75	
Derwent Valley	8/10/2023	D Mackey	Regulatory	6.00					
	28/01/2024	B Williams	Heritage	8.25					
	10/03/2024	B Williams	Heritage	1.00					
					15.25	31.50	11.00	57.75	
Tasman	14/01/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	3.00					
		P Krause	Plumbing Surveying	6.25					
	28/01/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	13.00					
		P Krause	Plumbing Surveying	15.00					
	11/02/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	10.50					
21/02/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	1.00						
					48.75	68.75	29.00	146.50	
<b>Total Hours Provided by Southern Midlands</b>					<b>268.50</b>	<b>335.50</b>	<b>335.00</b>	<b>939.00</b>	
PROVIDED TO SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL									
Council	Period Ending	Officer	Service Provided	Hours					
Brighton	4/02/2024	L Wighton	Development Engineerii	0.75					
	18/02/2024	L Wighton	Development Engineerii	2.00					
	3/03/2024	L Wighton	Development Engineerii	4.25					
					7.00	6.75	44.75	58.50	
<b>Total Hours Provided to Southern Midlands</b>					<b>7.00</b>	<b>6.75</b>	<b>44.75</b>	<b>58.50</b>	

## 17.2.4 Review of Southern Midlands Council's Strategic Plan 2022 – 2032 and the Creation of the Strategic Plan 2024 – 2034

**Author:** DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

**Date:** 15 MAY 2024

**Attachment(s):**

*Draft Strategic Plan 2024 - 2034*

### ISSUE

Review of the Southern Midlands Council Strategic Plan in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

### BACKGROUND

[EXTRACT Council Meeting Minutes 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024]

#### 17.2.4 Review of Southern Midlands Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2032

**Author:** DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

**Date:** 17 JANUARY 2024

**Attachment(s):**

*Strategic Plan 2022 - 2032*

*Consultation Project Plan*

*Project Timeline*

### BACKGROUND

[Extract from Strategic Plan]

**The Strategic Plan**

*The Local Government Act 1993 requires all Councils to have a Strategic Plan for the Municipal area. The Strategic Plan is to be in respect of at least a ten (10) year period and updated as required.*

**Public consultation**

*The Local Government Act states that in preparing a proposed Strategic Plan, or updating an existing Strategic Plan, a Council is to consult with the community in its municipal area and any authorities and bodies it considers appropriate.*

*The General Manager of the Council is to make a copy of the proposed Strategic Plan, or an updated Strategic Plan, available for public inspection at the public office of the Council during ordinary office hours.*

**Changes to the Strategic Plan**

*The Southern Midlands Council will formally review the Southern Midlands Strategic Plan every four years. Every two years Council will undertake a desktop review to ensure that any emerging issues are able to be included within the plan. Once the formal review has been undertaken the Council is required to invite submissions from the public in respect of the plan. It is also required to consider those submissions before adopting or updating the strategic plan.*

*As soon as a Council adopts a strategic plan, or updates it, the General Manager is required, under the Local Government Act 1993 to make a copy of the strategic plan available for public inspection at the public office of the Council during ordinary office hours. The Southern Midlands Strategic Plan will also be available on the Council's website at [www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](http://www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)*

*Council’s Strategic Plan in its current general format was adopted prior to the commencement of the 2006/07 financial year. The Strategic Plan ‘informs’ the objectives & content of Council’s Annual Operational Plan. The Strategic Plan was last (desk top) reviewed in May / June 2022.*

*The following process/timetable is recommended for this 2024 review.*

- *The Deputy General Manager (Andrew Benson) to undertake the consultation, facilitate the workshops and document the draft strategic plan for Council consideration*
- *Prepare a public notice advising of the process and inviting input to the review from the Community as well as any other appropriate authorities. (suggest Mercury advertisement on Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024)*
- *Seek the views and input of Council staff (suggest first week in Feb 2024)*
- *Undertake a workshop with Elected Members and senior Council staff (suggest day to be determined during the second week in Feb 2024, say at the Council Workshop)*
- *Establish a web page on the SMC web site that seeks input from the Community.*
- *Three regional workshops - Oatlands, Campania and Bagdad (suggest before 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024)*
- *Report to elected members and senior Council staff raising all information gathered during the wider consultation/workshop process (suggest April 2024 Council Workshop) this process would inform the preparation of the draft of the revised Strategic Plan*
- *Review any subsequent public comment (prior to the May 2024 Council meeting)*
- *Council considers the revised Strategic Plan based on the consultation undertaken and submissions received. The draft Strategic Plan 2024 – 2034 then lays on the table for a month (suggest May 2024 Council meeting)*
- *Council considers final input and adopts the revised Strategic Plan 2024 – 2034 (suggest June 2024 Council meeting)*

**RECOMMENDATION**

***THAT Council endorse the process of the review of the Strategic Plan.***

**DECISION**

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

***THAT Council endorse the process of the review of the Strategic Plan.***

**CARRIED**

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

**[END OF EXTRACT Council Meeting Minutes 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024]**

## DETAIL

It is now two years, since the last review of the Plan. It was agreed by Council that the Strategic Plan, whilst it is a ten year Plan would be reviewed every two years to ensure that it remains relevant and appropriate as Council's / Community's strategic intent for the Southern Midlands local government area. That means every four years the Plan goes to the Community for a full review and in the ensuing two year blocks, an internal desktop review is undertaken with Councillors and Council Managers.

Consistent with the aforementioned report to the January 2024 Council meeting, these consultations have been undertaken with Councillors and Council Managers as well as three structured community workshops, ie in Campania, Oatlands and Kempton. In respect of the community consultations, a number of the matters raised by the community were operational matters, rather than strategic issues, and those operational matters will be referred to the Council Business Unit responsible that that particular area of Council's activities, for their consideration and action.

As a result of the workshops and the review a number of items within the draft Strategic Plan 2024 – 2034 have been highlighted, with some amendments and additions. The new line items, key actions have been included to reflect current and emerging issues. The draft Strategic Plan 2024 – 2034 attached is provided with those new or amended items highlighted in a red font colour, and showing the deletions in the document in a black font being 'struck through' for recognition/clarity and discussion.

It is also noted that the financial 'ratio and trend data' page will be updated to reflect the end of the financial year figures when they become available. The Australian Bureau of Statistics information is based on the 2021 Census, this will be updated when the next Census data has been released.

As Councillors are aware, the process for any policy document being, that it is tabled at one meeting and then "lays on the table" until the next meeting, to enable Councillors sufficient time to work through and consider all of the ramifications of the strategy/policy, before the document is finally considered for adoption at the following meeting.

If there are any major points of difference that Councillors wish to spend time debating, then this can be accommodated in the next Council Workshop.

## CONCLUSION

That the draft Strategic Plan 2024 – 2034 is recommended to Councillors for consideration and further input if required.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – As discussed in the report. The draft will be on the Council's website for review and further community input.

**Policy Implications** – This is Council's major policy document and the ramifications of the directions in this Strategic Plan could alter some subservient policy documents.

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – July 2024.

***For Discussion***



## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Received and note the report;**
- 2. Endorse the process of the workshops and the consultation in the formulation of the draft Strategic Plan 2024 - 2034 to date;**
- 3. Make the draft Strategic Plan 2024 - 2034 available for public comment on Council's website following the Council meeting; and**
- 4. Consider the adoption of the draft Strategic Plan 2024 - 2034, and any amendments agreed during the meeting with final consideration in the June 2024 Council meeting.**

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

## 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 30 April 2024)

**Author:** FINANCE OFFICER (MANDY BURBURY)

**Date:** 15 MAY 2024

#### ISSUE

Provide the Financial Report for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 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 Jul 2023 to 30 Apr 2024.
- Operating Expenditure Report – 1 Jul 2023 to 30 Apr 2024.
- Capital Expenditure Report – 1 Jul 2023 to 30 Apr 2024.
- Cash Flow Statement – 1 Jul 2023 to 30 Apr 2024.

#### OPERATING EXPENDITURE (OPERATING BUDGET)

Overall operating expenditure to end of April was \$7,962,864 representing 93.6% 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***

**Sub-Program – Walkways** - expenditure to date (\$247,529 – 114.63%). Following an analysis of expenditure relating to internal plant hire it was found that the internal hire rate on some plant were excessively high and those rates have been reduced for future expenditure. Expenditure on wages and on-costs has also been higher than anticipated due to an increase in maintenance required on walkways.

**Strategic Theme – Growth**

**Sub-Program – Business** - expenditure to date (\$413,041 – 126.4%). Additional expenditure relates largely to a higher than anticipated value of private works (offset by an increase in private works income).

**Strategic Theme – Landscapes**

**Sub-Program – Regulatory (Animals)** - expenditure (\$110,973 – 114.06%). Additional expenditure is due to an increase in resources required to address non-compliance issues.

**Strategic Theme – Community**

**Sub-Program – Capacity & Sustainability** - expenditure (\$48,854 – 112.04%). Increased expenditure relates to costs incurred in running 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 3 - 30 June 2024 / 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.**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
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 2023 to 30 April 2024**

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
<b>Income</b>				
General rates	6,971,704	6,960,656	99.8%	Includes Interest & Penalties on rates
User Fees (refer Note 1)	1,332,917	1,134,212	85.1%	Includes Private Works
Interest	435,000	650,824	149.6%	
Government Subsidies	56,807	22,840	40.2%	Heavy Vehicle Licence Fees & Interest Subsidy
Other (refer Note 2)	232,400	425,567	183.1%	Includes TasWater Distributions
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>9,028,828</b>	<b>9,194,099</b>	<b>101.8%</b>	
Grants - Operating	3,990,758	319,831	8.0%	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>13,019,586</b>	<b>9,513,930</b>	<b>73.1%</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
Employee benefits	-5,534,107	-3,947,080	71.3%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised)
Materials and contracts	-3,707,133	-3,790,388	102.2%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised), Includes Land Tax & Private Works
Depreciation and amortisation	-3,723,000	-3,100,800	83.3%	Percentage Calculation (based on year-to-date)
Finance costs	-52,997	-29,151	55.0%	Interest
Contributions	-272,238	-204,179	75.0%	Fire Service Levies
Other	-169,955	-134,719	79.3%	Audit Fees and Councillor Allowances
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>-13,459,430</b>	<b>-11,206,316</b>	<b>83.3%</b>	
<b>Surplus (deficit) from operations</b>	<b>-439,844</b>	<b>-1,692,386</b>	<b>384.8%</b>	
Grants - Capital (refer Note 3)	3,200,746	5,023,864	157.0%	
Sale Proceeds (Plant & Machinery)	0	321,955		
Sale Proceeds (Land & Buildings)	0	0		
Sale Proceeds (Other Assets)	0	968		
Sale Proceeds (Blackman Water Scheme - 45 shares)	0	45,000		
Net gain / (loss on disposal of non-current assets)	0	0		
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>2,760,902</b>	<b>3,699,400</b>	<b>134.0%</b>	

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 April 2024**

NOTES	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
1. Income - User Fees				
- All other Programs	883,333	736,879	83.4%	
- Private Works	449,584	397,333	88.4%	
	<u>1,332,917</u>	<u>1,134,212</u>	85.1%	
2. Income - Other				
- Tas Water Distributions	182,400	114,000	62.50%	
- Public Open Space Contributions	50,000	114,500	229.00%	
- Blue Gum Rovers Donations	0	660		
- Kidbiz Contribution for Bagdad Child Care Centre Fencing	0	3,502		
- Womensport & Recreation Get Active Program	0	800		Oatlands Aquatic Centre 50's & Over Get Active Program
- Co-contribution for Campania Cricket Pitch Project	0	2,000		
- CBA Donation to Oatlands Aquatic Centre	0	500		
- AFL Donation to Mt Pleasant Change Room Upgrade	0	34,365		
- Contribution to Kempton Depot Boundary Fence	0	3,200		
- Transfer from HBS	0	30,000		
- Workers Comp - Premium adjustments/recoveries	0	14,625		
- MMPHC Auxiliary Contribution for GP Units	0	100,000		
- Green Ponds Progress Assoc. contribution	0	6,138		Kempton Skate Park Drinking Fountain and Seat
- Julie Cooke contribution for seat Kempton Dog Park	0	1,277		
	<u>232,400</u>	<u>425,567</u>	183.1%	
3. Grants - Capital				
- Roads To Recovery	665,531	665,531	100.00%	
- Rural & Remote Roads Program	1,603,854	2,673,090	166.67%	Interlaken Road Project (\$1,069,236 in 2022-23 budget)
- Safer Rural Roads	205,000	150,000	73.17%	
- LRCI - Phase 3	0	39,643		Included in 2022-23 budget
- LRCI - Phase 4	665,531	419,770	63.07%	
- Natural Disaster Risk Reduction Grant	60,830	40,830	67.12%	Bagdad/Mangalore Hydraulic Assessment
- Aust Govt - BS Bushfire Recovery Grant - The Haven	0	465,000		Broadmarsh/Elderslie Progress Association Inc Grant
- Vulnerable Road User Program - Reeve St Campania	0	200,000		Included in 2022-23 budget
- Better Active Transport - Bagdad Shared Walkway	0	370,000		
	<u>3,200,746</u>	<u>5,023,864</u>	156.96%	

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 April 2024**

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
<b>NOTES cont.</b>				
4. Grants - Operating				
- FAGS 2023/24	3,990,758	309,115	7.75%	
- Navigate Family Services (School Holiday Program)	0	6,308		
- NRM Grant - Eradication of Stemless Thistle	0	2,440		
- Tas Govt. (DPAC) - Australia Day Awards Grant	0	718		
- Tas Govt. (DHHS) - Neighbours Every Day Community Grant	0	1,250		Bagdad Community Barbeque Chauncy Vale
	3,990,758	319,831	8.0%	

**SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL : OPERATING EXPENDITURE 2023/24  
 SUMMARY SHEET**

PROGRAM	YTD ACTUAL (as at 30 April 24)	YTD BUDGET (as at 30 April 24)	YTD VARIANCE	YTD %	FULL YEAR BUDGET - REVISED INC. GRANTS & OTHER
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>					
Roads	1,276,230	1,242,479	-33,751	102.72%	3,695,184
Bridges	17,985	89,029	71,044	20.20%	459,620
Walkways	247,529	215,937	-31,592	114.63%	243,503
Lighting	51,803	70,658	18,855	73.32%	84,790
Public Toilets	92,927	134,954	42,027	68.86%	96,102
Sewer/Water	-	-	-	-	-
Stormwater	10,679	29,066	18,387	36.74%	85,679
Waste	1,064,517	1,121,872	57,356	94.89%	1,373,747
Information, Communication	875	16,667	15,792	-	20,000
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,762,545</b>	<b>2,920,662</b>	<b>158,117</b>	<b>94.59%</b>	<b>6,058,625</b>
<b>GROWTH</b>					
Residential	-	-	-	-	-
Tourism	44,918	42,985	-1,934	104.50%	47,718
Business	413,041	326,765	-86,276	126.40%	391,418
Industry	-	-	-	-	-
<b>GROWTH TOTAL:</b>	<b>457,959</b>	<b>369,749</b>	<b>-88,209</b>	<b>123.86%</b>	<b>439,136</b>
<b>LANDSCAPES</b>					
Heritage	311,363	394,774	83,411	78.87%	467,532
Natural	154,279	177,099	22,819	87.11%	206,318
Cultural	1,842	20,833	18,991	8.84%	25,000
Regulatory - Development	678,467	875,738	197,272	77.47%	1,050,886
Regulatory - Public Health	11,816	16,850	5,034	70.13%	20,220
Regulatory - Animals	110,973	97,290	-13,684	114.06%	115,108
Environmental Sustainability	609	4,167	3,558	14.60%	5,000
<b>LANDSCAPES TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,269,349</b>	<b>1,586,751</b>	<b>317,402</b>	<b>80.00%</b>	<b>1,890,064</b>
<b>COMMUNITY</b>					
Community Health & Wellbeing	229,306	262,893	33,588	87.22%	313,472
Recreation	1,001,506	996,204	-5,302	100.53%	1,212,694
Access	-	-	-	-	-
Volunteers	32,204	47,500	15,296	67.80%	51,000
Families	2,023	8,333	6,311	24.27%	10,000
Education	-	-	-	-	-
Capacity & Sustainability	48,854	43,604	-5,250	112.04%	49,605
Safety	9,211	28,292	19,081	32.56%	33,950
Consultation & Communication	8,002	30,683	22,682	26.08%	37,300
<b>LIFESTYLE TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,331,105</b>	<b>1,417,510</b>	<b>86,405</b>	<b>93.90%</b>	<b>1,708,021</b>
<b>ORGANISATION</b>					
Improvement	-	66,908	66,908	0.00%	80,289
Sustainability	1,837,297	1,867,506	30,209	98.38%	2,928,058
Finances	304,608	280,845	-23,763	108.46%	355,238
<b>ORGANISATION TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,141,906</b>	<b>2,215,258</b>	<b>73,353</b>	<b>96.69%</b>	<b>3,363,585</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$7,962,864</b>	<b>\$8,509,930</b>	<b>\$547,067</b>	<b>93.6%</b>	<b>\$13,459,430</b>

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2023-24**

As at 30 April 2024

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
	\$	\$	\$		
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>					
<b>ROAD ASSETS</b>					
Resheeting Program					
Roads Resheeting	500,000	474,524	25,476		
Elderslie - Bluff Road Resheeting (2.0 km)	30,000	22,152	7,848	WIP \$21,096	
Stonor - Stonor Road Resheeting	30,000	26,756	3,244	WIP \$22,452	
Rhyndaston - Rhyndaston Road Resheeting	42,272	42,272	0	WIP \$33,280	
Campania - Brown Mountain Road	83,000	1,324	81,676	Nominated with savings from original projects	30 June 2024
Reseal Program					
Roads Reseal Program (as below)	450,000	0	242,556		
Woodsdale Road Reseal Patches	0	16,788			
Campania - Hall Street (800m <sup>2</sup> )	0	0			
Campania - Lee Street (120m)	0	11,253			
Campania - Union Street (300m)	0	18,794			
Dysart - Dysart Drive (1.1 km)	0	35,677			
Dysart - Ely Street (400m)	0	11,955			
Oatlands - Barrack Street (300m)	0	11,713			
Oatlands - High Street (700m)	0	44,721			
Oatlands - Inglewood Road (600m + 670m + additional 7700m <sup>2</sup> )	0	46,032			
Oatlands - Marlborough Street/Esplanade (Stanley St to Wellington St)	0	10,510			
Reconstruct & Seal					
Campania - Climie Street (200 metres from Reeve Street to Water Lane)	60,000	39,187	20,813		
Campania - Climie Street Reconstruct & Seal (including crossover)	20,000	20,924	-924	LRCI P3 \$17,837 (previously Bentwick St)	
Colebrook - Arthur Street (500 metres)	90,000	80,371	9,629	LRCI P4	30 June 2025
Dysart - Church Lane & Ely Street (approx. 500 metres combined)	100,000	38,880	61,120		
Elderslie - Pelham Road (1.0 km)	127,500	125,726	1,774	RTR \$170K (now \$127,500)	30 June 2024
Mangalore - Blackbrush Road (1.0 km from Midland Hwy to M/Ford Dr)	95,800	95,844	-44	RTR \$170K (now \$95,800)	30 June 2024
Oatlands - York Plains Road in two sections (1.00 km)	180,000	133,792	46,208		
Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road in two sections (2.0 kms)	359,231	359,303	-72	RTR \$325,531 (now \$359,231)	30 June 2024
Drainage (Reset Drains - various Roads)	250,000	250,048	-48		
Construct & Seal (Unsealed Roads)					
Colebrook - Yarlington Road (1.0 km)	180,000	189,890	-9,890	LRCI P4	30 June 2025
Oatlands - Interlaken Road (full length) - 23/24 Allocation	2,873,090	1,362,090	1,511,000	Budget c/f \$1,169,236 WIP \$151,104	30 June 2026
Oatlands - Bentwick Street	20,000	0	20,000	Budget c/f \$20,000 (LRCI renominated)	30 June 2024
Minor Seals (New)					
Junction / Road Realignment					
Other					
Tin Pot Marsh Road Dust Suppressant	40,000	62,280	-22,280	Budget of 2022/23 Commitment	
Bagdad - Green Valley Road - Guard Rail / Line mark. & Sign.	120,000	107,014	12,986	Safer Rural Roads	
Campania - Estate Road (vicinity Mallow property)	49,000	14,974	34,026	Budget of WIP \$13,544	
Campania - Hall Street (Seal and storm water upgrade)	70,000	91,474	-21,474	C/f WIP \$80,501.71	
Campania - Reeve St Junction/footpath/kerb & channel	200,000	275,389	-75,389	WIP \$45,691 Vulnerable Road Users	
Campania - Structure Plan - Town gateway and Streetscape	40,000	0	40,000		
Colebrook - Junction Craigbourne Road and Colebrook Road	24,000	15,756	8,244	Budget of	
Elderslie - Elderslie Road Widening Investigation & Trial (Sth Blackbrush Rd)	40,000	14,570	25,430	Budget of WIP \$8,777	
Elderslie - Bluff Road Intersection Upgrade	1,530	1,530	0	Budget of Black Spot project expenses	
Kempton - Old Huntingground Road (Footpath / School Crossing etc.)	80,000	81,483	-1,483	Budget of WIP \$61,483	
Mt Seymour - Junction Blackgate Road and Tunnack Road	24,000	32,145	-8,145		
Oatlands - Hasling Street Junction	15,000	959	14,041	Budget of WIP \$959	
Oatlands - South Parade (including Kerb, Channel and Footpath)	170,000	246,675	-76,675	C/f WIP \$246,675.02	
Tea Tree - Grices Road (Tree removal, set-back of embankment, drainage)	15,000	0	15,000	Budget of	
Turnbridge - Main Street (Kerb & Gutter Renewal)	40,000	0	40,000		
Tunnack - Link Road Landslip	25,000	107	24,893	Budget of WIP \$107	
Woodsdale Road - Guard Rail	100,000	100,671	-671	Safer Rural Roads	
	<b>6,544,423</b>	<b>4,515,549</b>	<b>2,028,873</b>		



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		BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
		\$	\$	\$		
<b>BRIDGE ASSETS</b>	Jones Road Broadmarsh (Jordan River - Bridge 5083) - Flood Damage	130,000	3,302	126,699	C/W WIP \$3,302	
		<b>130,000</b>	<b>3,302</b>	<b>126,699</b>		
<b>WALKWAYS</b>	Footpaths - General Streetscapes	40,000	0	40,000		
	Bagdad - Midland Highway Walking / Riding Path Upgrade	4,160	4,160	0	WIP \$4160 (project design)	
	Bagdad - Midland Highway Walking / Riding Path Upgrade	145,840	3,952	141,888	LRCIP4	30 June 2025
	Bagdad - Midland Highway Walking / Riding Path Upgrade	370,000	0	370,000	Better Active Transport in Tasmania - Round 1	15 June 2024
	Bagdad - Midland Highway Walking Path Footbridge Repairs	130,000	63	129,937	Budget off	
	Campania - Reeve Street - Footpath through to Hall	30,000	432	29,568	Budget off	
	Campania - Clmie Street - Footpath Railway Crossing	0	5,845	-5,845	Engineering prep for grant application	
	Kempton - Grange Road (Retaining Wall)	30,000	3,612	26,388		
	Kempton - Streetscape Plan - Footpath Renewal Southern End	60,000	50,345	9,655	LRCIP3 c/w WIP \$47,028	30 June 2024
	Kempton - Streetscape Plan - Footpath Renewal	60,000	38,439	21,561		
	Kempton - Midlands Highway/Mood Food	147,565	561	147,004	\$147,565 Budget off	
	Oatlands - Campbell Street (scope of works expanded to include kerb/gutter)	85,000	0	85,000	22/23 Budget \$45,000 c/w	30 June 2025
	Oatlands - Church Street (Stn Parade to William St - north side - Footpath - 130 m)	30,000	0	30,000		
	Oatlands - Stanley Street (High Street to Nelson - 280 metres - kerb & footpath)	75,000	221	74,779	LRCIP4	30 June 2025
	Oatlands - Stanley Street (Footpath -120 metre link)	25,000	36,079	-11,079		
		<b>1,232,565</b>	<b>143,710</b>	<b>1,088,855</b>		
<b>PUBLIC TOILETS</b>	Campania - Flour Mill Park - Concrete Pathways/drainage/remove pavers	15,000	0	15,000	Budget off	
	Colebrook - History Room Toilets (Tiling etc.)	10,000	812	9,188		
	Oatlands - Callington Park	158,000	18,571	139,429	22/23 Budget \$140,000 c/w WIP \$5,070	
	General Public Toilets - Upgrade Program	20,000	0	20,000	Budget off	
		<b>203,000</b>	<b>19,383</b>	<b>183,617</b>		
<b>DRAINAGE</b>	Bagdad / Mangalore - Hydraulic Assessment (Flood Mapping)	161,660	120,230	41,430	Grant Funding \$80,830 WIP \$40,144	31 December 2023
	Kempton - Erskine Street - Stormwater Upgrade& Kerb	60,000	82,534	-22,534		
	Oatlands - Callington Park (Well - piped overflow system)	20,000	0	20,000		
	Oatlands - Glenelg Street (stormwater Upgrade)	0	86,121	-86,121	Partially offset by developer contributions	
	Oatlands -High Street - Repairs to section of convict stormwater system	0	8,140	-8,140		
		<b>241,660</b>	<b>297,025</b>	<b>-55,365</b>		
<b>WASTE</b>	Wheellie Bins and Crates	12,500	13,106	-606		
	WTS Safety & Operational Improvements	25,000	0	25,000		
		<b>37,500</b>	<b>13,106</b>	<b>24,394</b>		
<b>GROWTH TOURISM</b>	Kempton - Heritage Interpretation Panel renewal	1,800	1,768	32		
	Oatlands Accommodation Facility	0	42,283	-42,283	WIP \$42,283 (Offset by Barrack Street Property)	
		<b>1,800</b>	<b>44,051</b>	<b>-42,251</b>		

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2023-24**  
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LANDSCAPES

**HERITAGE**

Heritage Collections Store
Heritage Collections - Furniture & Equipment
Jericho - Memorial Avenue - Plaques
Kempton Council Chambers - Clock Restoration Works
Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park - Interps
Mellon Mowbray - Streetscape Works (Trough / Shelter etc)
Oatlands - Callington Mill - Structural Repair & External painting)
Oatlands - Council Chambers - Internal Toilets & Access Upgrade
Oatlands Court House (Wall Stabilisation)
Oatlands Gaolers Residence (Ceiling Reinstatement)
Oatlands Gaolers Residence (Wingwall)
Oatlands - Heritage Buildings (Security Upgrades)
Oatlands - Roche Hall Forecourt (Interps - Planning Condition of Approval)
Parallah - Railway Station - Shed for Gangers Trolley

BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
\$	\$	\$		
10,000	3,700	6,300	Budget of WIP \$3,700	
4,177	4,177	0	Budget transferred from Operating	
20,000	4,300	15,700	Budget of WIP \$4,300	
10,672	15,341	-4,669	Budget of WIP \$1,384	
19,545	155	19,390	Budget of WIP \$155	
30,000	14,855	15,145	Budget of WIP \$5318	
20,000	26,887	-6,887		
100,000	9,357	90,643	Budget of WIP \$9,257	
15,000	1,187	13,813	WIP \$1,187	
5,000	8,149	-3,149		
23,000	0	23,000	Budget \$15K of	
10,000	0	10,000		
40,000	7,820	32,180	Budget of WIP \$7,820	
2,000	0	2,000	Budget of	
<b>309,394</b>	<b>95,928</b>	<b>213,466</b>		

**NATURAL**

Chauncy Vale - Day Dawn Cottage Improvements
Chauncy Vale - Wombat Walk
Campania - Bush Reserve / Cemetery

12,000	8,557	3,443	WIP \$7,700	
39,250	42,513	-3,263	Includes \$29,250 grant WIP \$31,358	31 Dec 2022
300,000	92,687	207,313	WIP \$72,489	
<b>351,250</b>	<b>143,757</b>	<b>207,493</b>		

**CULTURAL**

Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Forecourt - Art Installation)
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20,000	544	19,456		
<b>20,000</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>19,456</b>		

**REGULATORY  
- DEVELOPMENT**

Master / Structure Plans (Bagdad / Mangalore / Campana)
Oatlands - Stanley Street Master Plan
Oatlands - Structure Plan
Oatlands - MMPC Church Street Sub-Division

50,000	0	50,000		
20,000	172	19,828	Budget of WIP \$172	
25,000	34,155	-9,155	\$25K Budget of WIP \$34,155	
0	5,219	-5,219	WIP \$4,368 Offset by sale of property	
<b>95,000</b>	<b>39,546</b>	<b>55,454</b>		

**REGULATORY  
- PUBLIC HEALTH**

Oatlands - GP Accommodation Units
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600,000	175,177	424,823	Council Commitment \$100K (grant funded)	
<b>600,000</b>	<b>175,177</b>	<b>424,823</b>		

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2023-24**

As at 30 April 2024

		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
<b>COMMUNITY</b>						
<b>FAMILIES</b>	Bagdad - Child Care Centre Building	237,314	319,235	-81,921	Council Commitment (\$100K grant funded)	30 June 2025
		<b>237,314</b>	<b>319,235</b>	<b>-81,921</b>		
<b>RECREATION</b>	Facilities & Recreation Committee	52,000	0	52,000		
	Community Infrastructure Plan	44,600	55,172	-10,572		
	Bagdad - Iden Road Park Development	75,000	0	75,000		
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Precinct Plan)	25,000	23,817	1,183	Budget of WIP \$17,417	
	Broadmarsh - Broadmarsh Hall "The Haven"	1,082,097	1,082,097	0	Administration of Progress Assoc. Grant	
	Campania - Justitia Court POS - Shelter Hut	16,000	3,584	12,416		30 June 2025
	Campania - Public Open Space dev (Justitia Park)	6,375	0	6,375	Budget of	
	Campania - Hall (LED Lighting)(alternate quote \$1582)	4,250	4,250	0		
	Campania - Recreation Ground (Centre Pitch/Wicket & Nets)	12,004	12,734	-730		
	Kempton - Recreation Ground (Site Dev and Play Equipment)	24,250	5,837	18,413	Budget of	
	Kempton - Recreation /Skate Park/ Dog Park	31,000	28,359	2,641		
	Kempton - Off-lead Dog Park	60,331	72,093	-11,761.73	LRCI Phase 3 \$43,125 WIP \$72,093	30 June 2024
	Kempton - Recreation Ground (Irrigation)	60,000	1,637	58,363	WIP \$1,637 LRCI Phase 4	30 June 2025
	Mt Pleasant Rec Ground - Building Improvements	279,000	279,853	-853	Dept of Communities Grant WIP \$278,158	
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Construction)	410,501	410,501	0	WIP 2022/23	
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Construction)	482,114	32,869	449,245	Balance of construction phase budget of	
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (CO2 Gas Monitoring)	7,649	7,649	0		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Gymnasium (Mirror & Equipment)	4,400	6,232	-1,832		
	Oatlands - Community Hall (Maintenance Program)	51,300	38,477	12,823	Budget of WIP \$38,477	
	Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Air Lock)	10,000	38,727	-28,727		
	Oatlands - Midlands Community Centre (External Painting - Front of Building)	5,000	3,749	1,251		
	Oatlands Swimming Pool (Staged demolition)	200,000	19,124	180,876	WIP \$15,758	
	Runnymede Recreation Ground - Play Equipment	20,000	21,828	-1,828		
	Water Bottle Refill Stations	7,980	0	7,980	Budget of	
		<b>2,970,851</b>	<b>2,148,588</b>	<b>822,264</b>		
<b>ACCESS</b>	Tunbridge Community Club - Accessible Toilets	115,000	200	114,800	22/23 Budget \$20,000 of WIP \$200	
		<b>115,000</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>114,800</b>		
<b>CAPACITY &amp; SUSTAINABILITY</b>	Property Purchase - 9 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	73,248	36,202	37,046	Budget \$519,490 less \$448K spent in 22/23	
	Kempton - Carriage Shed - Toilets	15,000	11,144	3,856	WIP \$10,419	
		<b>88,248</b>	<b>47,346</b>	<b>40,902</b>		

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2023-24**  
As at 30 April 2024

**ORGANISATION**  
**SUSTAINABILITY**

Kempton Council Chambers - Office Furniture & Equipment  
Kempton Depot - Fencing/Kitchen  
Oatlands Depot - Wash Bay  
Oatlands - Town Hall (General - Incl. Office Equip/Furniture)  
Oatlands Council Chambers - Fire Detection & Security System  
Oatlands - Council Chambers - Damp Issues & Stonemasonry  
Oatlands - Council Chambers - Works Office (floor coverings/refurbishing)  
Municipal Revaluation - Final 10%

Computer Monitor(s)  
PC's: Keyboards & UPS's  
Council Website - Upgrade  
Ipads (2) (Animal & Building Control)

**WORKS**

Minor Plant Purchases  
Quickspray Unit (c/w Pump etc)  
Radio System

**Plant Replacement Program**  
Heavy Vehicles - Refer separate Schedule  
(Trade Allowance - S334)  
Light Vehicles (Net Changeover)  
(Trade Allowance - S132)

**GRAND TOTALS**

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
	\$	\$	\$		
Kempton Council Chambers - Office Furniture & Equipment	5,000	0	5,000		
Kempton Depot - Fencing/Kitchen	0	16,755	-16,755		
Oatlands Depot - Wash Bay	0	8,909	-8,909		
Oatlands - Town Hall (General - Incl. Office Equip/Furniture)	5,000	1,925	3,075		
Oatlands Council Chambers - Fire Detection & Security System	18,000	24,745	-6,745		
Oatlands - Council Chambers - Damp Issues & Stonemasonry	15,000	0	15,000	Budget off	
Oatlands - Council Chambers - Works Office (floor coverings/refurbishing)	5,000	16,303	-11,303	Budget off	
Municipal Revaluation - Final 10%	0	16,100	-16,100		
			0		
Computer Monitor(s)	8,000	7,453	547		
PC's: Keyboards & UPS's	14,000	0	14,000		
Council Website - Upgrade	20,000	0	20,000		
Ipads (2) (Animal & Building Control)	4,000	0	4,000		
	<b>94,000</b>	<b>92,189</b>	<b>1,811</b>		
Minor Plant Purchases	9,500	12,413	-2,913		
Quickspray Unit (c/w Pump etc)	12,670	14,978	-2,308		
Radio System	50,000	39,889	10,111		
<b>Plant Replacement Program</b>					
Heavy Vehicles - Refer separate Schedule (Trade Allowance - S334)	678,867	481,369	197,498		
Light Vehicles (Net Changeover) (Trade Allowance - S132)	249,639	294,775	-45,136		
	<b>1,000,676</b>	<b>843,424</b>	<b>157,252</b>		
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>14,272,681</b>	<b>8,942,058</b>	<b>5,330,622</b>		

<b>CASH FLOW</b> <b>2023/2024</b>	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS	INFLWS
	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)
	July 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	(Year to Date)
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>											
<b>Payments</b>											
Employee costs	(369,019)	(578,131)	(416,390)	(420,834)	(373,508)	(406,392)	(471,180)	(386,363)	(388,921)	(332,409)	(4,143,147)
Materials and contracts	(865,696)	(514,063)	(383,016)	(348,088)	(389,169)	(378,240)	(501,013)	(370,884)	(372,645)	(234,019)	(4,356,833)
Interest	(2,917)	0	0	0	(645)	(22,840)	(2,749)	0	0	0	(29,151)
Other	(20,710)	(59,400)	(97,533)	(168,081)	(45,872)	(90,007)	(139,441)	(58,193)	(35,884)	(95,871)	(810,992)
	(1,258,343)	(1,151,593)	(896,939)	(937,003)	(809,194)	(897,478)	(1,114,382)	(815,440)	(797,450)	(662,300)	(9,340,122)
<b>Receipts</b>											
Rates	393,738	710,319	2,117,560	547,800	703,244	371,567	639,004	427,580	556,823	556,564	7,024,200
User charges	228,018	120,782	117,009	31,823	662,843	215,801	73,499	149,792	674,210	43,417	2,317,194
Interest received	44,460	51,157	63,218	76,056	62,791	73,370	73,917	64,550	88,116	53,188	650,824
Subsidies	0	0	0	0	0	22,840	0	0	0	0	22,840
Other revenue grants	0	103,038	2,983	2,440	105,232	718	0	104,288	1,131	0	319,831
Other	65,230	245,462	12,054	161,652	(228,807)	246,136	46,159	(131,557)	(185,203)	157,848	388,973
	731,446	1,230,759	2,312,823	819,770	1,305,303	930,432	832,579	614,653	1,135,078	811,018	10,723,862
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>(526,897)</b>	<b>79,165</b>	<b>1,415,885</b>	<b>(117,233)</b>	<b>496,109</b>	<b>32,954</b>	<b>(281,803)</b>	<b>(200,787)</b>	<b>337,628</b>	<b>148,718</b>	<b>1,383,739</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>											
Payments for property, plant & equipment	(111,762)	(321,353)	(470,999)	(283,748)	(631,756)	(685,513)	(287,523)	(901,335)	(1,574,782)	(894,425)	(6,163,197)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	17,818	58,095	0	28,077	133,309	0	21,936	41	48,182	60,464	367,923
Proceeds from Capital grants	102,500	1,534,236	0	0	1,085,301	0	0	39,643	40,830	47,500	2,850,010
Proceeds from Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Payment for Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>8,556</b>	<b>1,270,979</b>	<b>(470,999)</b>	<b>(255,671)</b>	<b>586,854</b>	<b>(685,513)</b>	<b>(265,587)</b>	<b>(861,651)</b>	<b>(1,485,770)</b>	<b>(786,462)</b>	<b>(2,945,264)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>											
Repayment of borrowings	(8,291)	0	0	0	(16,899)	(99,627)	(8,460)	0	0	0	(133,277)
Proceeds from borrowings											0
<b>Net cash from (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>(8,291)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(16,899)</b>	<b>(99,627)</b>	<b>(8,460)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(133,277)</b>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(526,632)	1,350,144	944,886	(372,904)	1,066,064	(752,187)	(555,849)	(1,062,438)	(1,148,142)	(637,743)	(1,694,802)
Cash at beginning of reporting month	17,408,041	16,881,409	18,231,553	19,176,438	18,803,535	19,869,599	19,117,412	18,561,563	17,499,124	16,350,982	17,408,041
<b>Cash at end of reporting period</b>	<b>16,881,409</b>	<b>18,231,553</b>	<b>19,176,438</b>	<b>18,803,535</b>	<b>19,869,599</b>	<b>19,117,412</b>	<b>18,561,563</b>	<b>17,499,124</b>	<b>16,350,982</b>	<b>15,713,239</b>	<b>15,713,239</b>

### 17.3.2 R Coleman – Request for Donation

**Author:** GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

**Date:** 15 MAY 2024

**Enclosure(s):**

*Letter received 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024*

**ISSUE**

Council to consider request for donation – refer attached letter received from Rosemary Coleman.

**DETAIL**

Reference is made to Council's 'Donations and Community Support Policy'.

This Policy sets out Council's position in relation to:

1. Requests for financial assistance from not-for-profit registered welfare or community service groups working within the Southern Midlands Municipality;
2. Requests for financial assistance from persons chosen to represent Tasmania/Australia in sporting, social, economic, environmental development and/or related to the wellbeing of the community;
3. Supporting Community Owned Halls; and
4. School Citizenship / Achievement Awards for end of year Assemblies.

Whilst the Policy provides donation amounts for sporting or recreational representation, it does not necessarily cover this circumstance (i.e. coaching assistance). For information, intrastate representation is \$100; Interstate representation \$200; and overseas representation \$400.00

The request is therefore to be considered on merit.

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – There is capacity within the allocated budget to provide for a donation.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – N/A.

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – N/A

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT Council provide a donation of \$200 to assist with the costs of attendance at the Oceania Games.**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
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**  
Agenda Item 17.3.2

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**SCANNED**



Rosemary Coleman  
18 Horfield Court  
Bagdad, Tasmanian 7030

The General Manager  
Tim Kirkwood  
Southern Midlands Council  
PO Box 21  
Oatlands TAS 71203/5/2024

Dear Mr. Kirkwood,

My name is Rosemary Coleman, and I am a long-time resident of Bagdad, now retired but still coaching some 35 years later in Athletics. I am the State Para Athletics Coach and have several athletes with disabilities in my care, as well as able bodied athletes. One of my athletes Alexander Mckillop, has achieved a Paralympic Qualifier for the Paris Paralympics later this year.

My athlete is chasing a further qualifier to ensure selection in this auspicious team, and therefore will be attending the Oceania Games in Fiji in early June as a member of the Australian Open team.

I am writing to respectfully ask if there is anything that the Southern Midlands Council can assist me with in relation to assistance in funding, sponsorship, or donation to attend the Oceania Games in Fiji with him? Alexander has Cerebral Palsy, and I need to travel with him. All costs associated with this trip are self-funded, despite being in the Australian team and there is no funding at all for myself. I don't receive any funding from any other source despite his World Ranking of 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100/200 sprints.

Any assistance, no matter how small would be gratefully received, including any other avenues that I may be able to access.

Thank you and in anticipation!

*R Coleman*

Kind Regards Rosemary Coleman

## 18. MUNICIPAL SEAL

### 18.1 Signing & Sealing Grant Deed - All Access All Weather Bus Stop Upgrade Program Round Two 2024

**Author:** DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

**Date:** 15 MAY 2024

#### **Attachment(s)**

*Grant Deed – Bus Stops Upgrade Program*

#### **ISSUE**

Signing and Sealing the Grant Deed for the upgrading of the bus stop in Reeve Street outside the War Memorial Hall Campania as well as the creation of a bus stop in High Street (north bound) Oatlands, along with associated footpath and public infrastructure through the All Access All Weather Bus Stop Upgrade Program Round Two 2024, with the Department of State Growth.

#### **BACKGROUND**

As part of the Reeve Street / Climie Street junction improvements in Campania, the two bus stops at the junction were required to be relocated because of safety reasons. The new location for the north bound and the south bound buses through Campania were required to be moved and through consultation with the Department of State Growth, the only place for the relocation was to outside the two Community Halls in Reeve Street.

#### **DETAIL**

The Approved Purpose of this Grant is to upgrade of the following bus stops to minimum Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliance by installing the associated components in accordance with the application:

<b>Bus Stop ID</b>	<b>Bus Stop Location</b>	<b>Upgrades</b>
7026002	Outside 34 Reeve Street, Campania	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter installation <input type="checkbox"/> Tactile installation <input type="checkbox"/> New bus stop blade
7120002	Outside 62 High Street, Oatlands	<input type="checkbox"/> Footpath upgrade <input type="checkbox"/> New pole and bus stop blade <input type="checkbox"/> Tactile installation <input type="checkbox"/> Futureproof for shelter installation

The Department of State Growth has required a very short turnaround time in the signing of the Grant Deed and that has meant that this Report is seeking the endorsement of the Deed that has had to be signed, sealed and returned before the Council meeting which authorises the Sealing of the Deed.

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – The value of the Grant is \$39,246.00 with a Council contribution of \$29,750.00, which has already been allocated in the draft 2024/25 budget.



**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – A number of Community Forums have been held in Campania and in all of them this project has been flagged as a grant application that Council will be pursuing.

**Policy Implications** – Nil

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## RECOMMENDATION

**That Council endorse the Signing and Sealing of the Grant Deed for the funding agreement between the Tasmanian Government through the Department of State Growth and the Southern Midlands Council for the amount of \$39,246.00 for the upgrading the bus stop (south bound) on Reeve Street and also the proposed bus stop in High Street Oatlands (north bound).**

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

## 18.2 Signing & Sealing Grant Deed – Regional Lifeguard Regional Accreditation Program in 2024 and 2025

**Author:** DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

**Date:** 15 MAY 2024

**Attachment(s):**

*Grant Deed – Regional Life Guard Accreditation Program in 2024 and 2025*

### ISSUE

Signing and Sealing the Grant Deed for the establishment of a life guard accreditation program in support Southern Midlands Council Aquatic Centre as well as rural Councils across our region, funded through the Department of State Growth – Active Tasmania (former Sport and Recreation Tasmania).

### BACKGROUND

The following is a document that the then, Acting General Manager, Andrew Benson provided as background to the funding submission to Active Tasmania.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION – LIFE GUARD FUNDING APPLICATION TO ACTIVE TASMANIA**

*I have been the Council Manager responsible for the design consultations and the construction project management of the Oatlands Aquatic Centre. The Aquatic Centre had a soft opening in November 2022 and a formal opening in March 2023.*

*This new Centre is an amazing facility which the community across the region have embraced. This new, single storey indoor aquatic centre comprises:*

- 25m x 12m main pool (6 lanes)
- 12m x 5m child pool
- Change amenities, including Male / Female / Parenting, Accessible / Carers
- Activities room / Gym
- Administration area and associated facilities
- Internal circulation and egress
- External recreational spaces and playgrounds
- Plant and services
- 37 car parking spaces, including 2 accessible spaces, emergency vehicles and road access
- Associated civil and services infrastructure
- Two Electric Vehicle (EV), high speed charging stations
- An innovative recycling of the backwash and pool water for firefighting use, which is building the resilience of the community.

*This new facility is vastly different for the 'old' Oatlands Pool, which was built in 1954 and leaked 1,000ltrs of water per day. The pumps/filters were made up from locally manufactured adhoc parts, because of their age. We opened it in the last week of December each year and closed it in the middle of March depending on the weather. Even when we had that very limited summer opening, many times we struggled to get life guards for coverage of our obligations for the facility.*

*So, with that background in mind, with a new \$M10 Aquatic Centre, knowing that the community would not love us if we needed to close the Aquatic Centre for the lack of life guards, I turned my mind to addressing the issue of the lack of life guards across our Tasmanian rural towns and villages.*

*The need was strong as our colleague LGAs across rural Tasmania were often required to close their pools due to lack of life guards. This is not such an issue in the cities, as normally there is a plethora of younger people at say UTAS, or in other casual positions that would be willing to 'fill the breach' at their local pools.*

*So, in understanding that the issue is predominately a rural one, I turned my mind to who could be an organisation or group that is Tasmania wide, by enlarge rural based that may be interested in exploring the issue.*

*I know the Vice President of Rural Youth, Brady Robins, who lives in Oatlands, so I thought that I would give him a call, and zap him an email, namely;*

*Morning Brady*

*Further to my call on your message bank yesterday I would like to run something past you.*

*I know of and acknowledge the wonderful work that RY does in Tasmania. From my perspective there are four groups that are the core of rural communities in Tasmania, they are Schools, Sports Clubs, TFS and of course RY.*

*As you know we have just had a 'soft opening' of the Oatlands Aquatic Centre, a \$M10 development in Oatlands which will cost the Council over \$500,000 pa to operate. This is a very big commitment by Council. This is driven by the needs of the Community. I note that in the 2022 Royal Lifesaving Report on Drownings in Australia states, 'Rivers and creeks were the leading location for drowning (34%), followed by beaches (21%) and ocean/harbour locations (13%)' in fact '339 people lost their lives in Australian waterways'. If we are able to ensure that even one precious life is saved by having our OAC then that will have made an amazing difference to the family, with the ripple effect have more benefits. It is so important in rural communities.*

*Life guards are very hard to find in Tassie with most small towns having a swimming pool of some description, we have three full time life guards, with one being a gym instructor as well as five casuals that fill the breach when required. Even that is challenging to schedule a roster with people's commitments and leave. I know that Bothwell is struggling for lifeguards and so is Campbelltown. how can we, collectively meet that need, as if there are no life guards the swimming pools are not able to open.*

*What I am thinking, if RY in Tassie took a proactive step with a statement that 'We will save lives' and adopt a stance that in every individual club there would be a commitment of say five or six people who would be trained and offer themselves as casual lifeguards in their home patch. We could provide the training and I am sure get some funds from somewhere out there. I am unsure of how many clubs are in the RY operation but a commitment like that would make a power of difference in our rural communities. As an extension of that that we could have a get together with all RY lifeguards from around the State and run some competitions in the Oatlands Aquatic Centre. Maybe something like kayak training and other competitive actives, every six months.*

*If this is a matter that is of interest I would be very happy to attend a meeting with you and the Board to shake out the concept in a little more detail.*

*Kind regards*

*AB*

*Following that email, Brady arranged a meeting with me, himself, the State President of RY (Josh) and the CEO of RY (Karen). We met in Campbell Town and discussed the extension of my thinking. The comment was made by Karen, 'not sure if we can convince people to volunteer with a regular commitment'. With my response being, well they would not be volunteers, as the SM Council pay rate is approximately \$34.00/hr, do you think that they would commit for that? Clearly they were very excited about the prospect, knowing that many younger people working in the 'bush' in agricultural pursuits struggle to get a consistency of core hours, this would provide a long term commitment for them to stay in their community and also engage with the agricultural pursuits of their choice as well as their life guarding duties. With this opportunity, as I had outlined being an exciting prospect for Rural Youth Members and also for RY as an organisation, adding value to their local community and their 'branding'. Being so enthusiastically received, I suggested that we develop a Strategic Alliance Charter for both Council and RY to commit to – they were very happy with that.*

*RY have eleven clubs across Tasmania and therefore the right mix for a meaningful partnership in the delivery of a life guard program.*

*The following email is one that I sent to the RY Team also with a copy of the Charter (attached)*

*Hi Karen, Josh and Brady*

*Thanks for your time today talking about the opportunity of RY and SMC working together to play a role in turning around the statistics in the 2022 National Drowning Report by Royal Life.*

*I firmly believe that we can, together, make a significant difference.*

*I have attached a first draft of the Charter for your consideration, happy to tweak, change, etc. It is only brief and a starting point. We can build the projects around this, if you think that is OK.*

*Let me know your thoughts.*

*Carpe Diem*

*Regards*

*AB*

*Response from CEO Karen*

*Hi Andrew*

*It was great to meet you yesterday and hear your thoughts on this interesting and worthwhile project. Thank you for the document - I have included our logo and changed Carrick for Hadspen, otherwise I think it gives both of us sufficient cover and room to move. Will wait to hear Josh and Brady's thoughts in case they would like to include something else.*

*Kind regards,*

***Karen Robinson | CEO***

*With this all in hand, I talked to Anthony McConnon as the South-central Workforce Network, (SWN) our local Jobs Hub and we brain-stormed how we could access some funding. The first approach was to Skills Tas / Jobs Tas through their Partnership Program.*

*Whilst discussions proceeded in that space, I talked to Helen Langenberg at Active Tas to share my thoughts and the progress to date in respect of this 'project'. Helen was also clearly excited and said to keep her informed.*

*Eventually the approach to Skills Tas/Jobs Tas became unworkable as they are focused on permanent full time positions if at all possible, with the appropriate training to support the skill set for the position. Our life guard program didn't quite fit.*

*From my perspective our proposed program is a skills based and very solidly focused Community Development program. A program that assists in building the resilience of the community and with a tremendous opportunity to reduce the loss of life through drowning accidents across Tasmania. With that in mind, I asked Anthony McConnon to put together the proposal for submission to Active Tas for consideration. Please visit the SWN website if you get an opportunity. SWN is an impressive organisation which is delivering amazing results for our community, across Southern Midlands, Derwent Valley, Brighton and the Central Highlands LGAs.*

*If you require clarification or further discussion please do not hesitate to contact me on 0429 852 730 by email at [abenson@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:abenson@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au).*

*Andrew Benson*

***Acting General Manager, Southern Midlands Council***

***Chair, SWN Jobs Hub Advisory Board***

***[Jobs Hub | Southcentral Workforce Network | Pontville \(swntas.org\)](#)***

*9<sup>th</sup> February 2024*

## **DETAIL**

The Approved Purpose of this Grant is to provide a minimum of two Regional Lifeguard Accreditation Programs delivered to the community over two years, being one program in 2024 and one in 2025 to a minimum of 40 participants in total.

The SWN Jobs Hub will facilitate this program on the ground.

The Units making up the SISSS00133 - Pool Lifeguard Skillset are;

- HLTAID011 – Provide First Aid
- SISCAQU019 – Supervise patron safety in aquatic locations
- SISCAQU020 – Perform water rescues

- SISCAQU021 – Perform complex water rescues
- SISCAQU022 – Provide oxygen resuscitation and therapy in an aquatic environment
- HLTAID009 – Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

In addition, it is proposed that participants will take part in a non-accredited Communication and Conflict Resolution Course delivered by TasTAFE, which will assist them in their interactions with members of the community.

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – The value of the Grant is \$30,000 with no Council contribution. Given the project will be implemented on the ground through the SWN Jobs Hub Team there will be no requirement for Council resources to be expended on this project, only holding the funds and the acquittal. All training will be undertaken at the Oatlands Aquatic Centre on a normal rate.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – Currently nil

**Policy Implications** – Nil

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – December 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council endorse the Signing and Sealing of the Grant Deed for the funding agreement between the Tasmanian Government through the Department of State Growth / Active Tasmania and the Southern Midlands Council for the amount of \$30,000.00 for the Regional Life Guard Accreditation Program in 2024 and 2025.**

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

**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.**

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

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
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.**

<b>DECISION(MUST BE BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY)</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
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.*

### 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