

SOUTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL



A G E N D A

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 21st October 2026
10.00 a.m.

Oatlands Municipal Offices
71 High Street, Oatlands

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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, 21st October 2026

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Venue: Oatlands Municipal Offices, 71 High Street, Oatlands

The Local Government Act 1993 section 65 provides the following:

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

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

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Kirkwood', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tim Kirkwood
GENERAL MANAGER

OPEN COUNCIL AGENDA

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, Mayor Batt is to advise all attendees that:

- a) this meeting is being recorded;
- b) all persons attending the meeting are to be respectful of, and considerate towards, other persons attending the meeting; and
- c) language and conduct at the meeting that could be perceived as offensive, defamatory or threatening to a person attending the meeting, or listening to the recording, is not acceptable.

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 23 September 2026, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 23 September 2026 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 Hall General Committee Minutes - Meeting held 14 September 2026
- Woodsdale Community Hall AGM Minutes – Meeting held 14 September 2026
- Southern Midlands Emergency Management Committee - Meeting held 15 September 2026
- Colebrook Memorial Hall Management Committee AGM – Meeting held 13 October 2026
- Campania Halls Management Committee – Meeting held 13 October 2026
- Campania Halls Management Committee AGM – Meeting held 13 October 2026

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 Hall General Committee Minutes - Meeting held 14 September 2026
- Woodsdale Community Hall AGM Minutes – Meeting held 14 September 2026
- Southern Midlands Emergency Management Committee Minutes - Meeting held 15 September 2026
- Colebrook Memorial Hall Management Committee AGM Minutes – Meeting held 13 October 2026
- Campania Halls Management Committee Minutes – Meeting held 13 October 2026
- Campania Halls Management Committee AGM Minutes – Meeting held 13 October 2026

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

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

- TasWaste South – Meeting held 23 September 2026

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Quarterly Report for the above Joint Authority is 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		

5.3.2 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 2025*, the Agenda is to include details of any Council workshop held since the last meeting.

It is reported that no workshops have been held since the previous Ordinary Council Meeting.

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		

7. COUNCILLORS – QUESTION TIME

7.1 Questions (On Notice)

Regulation 30 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* 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 questions on notice on 7 October 2026.

1. Property – Tunnack Main Road, Parattah (Horses)

Can a current status report be provided in relation to the property at Parattah where a number of horses are being kept at the property?

Response – Animal Control Officer & Manager Development & Environmental Services

Response to be tabled following receipt of advice from both the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE) and TasRacing.

2. Mangalore Recreation Ground (Equestrian Centre) – Use of Property

Can we clarify who runs that and why there are such restrictive access and membership requirements for locals to use it? Is this a council facility or co-funded by council? Who is in charge of it and how is it run? Committee etc.?

Response - Manager Community and Corporate Development

The Mangalore Recreation Ground is currently subject to reserve agreements with two equestrian clubs, the Brighton Equestrian Club (BEC) and the Brighton Southern Midlands Pony Club (BSMPC).

Under the current arrangements, non-members are not permitted to use the facilities, and all members using the facilities are required to abide by the respective Club's rules, conditions and requirements.

The Clubs are, however, always welcoming of community members who are interested in becoming involved and joining the respective Club. Membership provides an appropriate pathway for community members wishing to participate in activities at the reserve.

As the reserve is used for equestrian activities, there are also a number of risk management and operational requirements that need to be considered.

Due to the inherent risks associated with equestrian activities, the Clubs are required to ascertain and implement risk management programs and procedures considered standard by their own insurer and relevant sporting code association or governing body.

The reserve agreements require the Clubs to:

- *Undertake an inspection of the grounds and facilities within the licensed area prior to each use to ensure they are suitable and safe for the intended activity.*
- *Undertake inspections in accordance with guidance from the relevant sporting code governing body.*
- *Not use the grounds or facilities where they are considered unsafe, with activities suspended where necessary.*
- *Immediately report any unsafe conditions to Council.*
- *Report any damage, hazards or maintenance requirements to Council.*
- *Ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that no nuisance is caused to members of the public or nearby dwellings through noise, vehicles, behaviour, dust or any other cause.*
- *Ensure the ground surface is appropriately watered prior to use, to manage dust and maintain suitable ground conditions.*

Members are also required to comply with the relevant Club's rules when using the facilities.

Accordingly, use of the Mangalore Recreation Ground is not available for general or unrestricted community use. Any use must be consistent with the existing reserve agreements and the conditions imposed on the Clubs.

Where activities involve children and young people, the relevant organisation must also ensure compliance with its obligations under the Youth and Safe Organisations Act 2023 (Tas) and the Reportable Conduct Scheme (Tas), including compliance with the Tasmanian Child and Youth Safe Standards.

Council therefore needs to ensure that any proposed use is consistent with the existing reserve agreements and does not compromise the safety of participants, existing Club members or the broader community.

7.2 Questions Without Notice

Section 29 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* 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 2025*, 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 2025*.

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 2025*, the Council, by absolute majority may decide at an ordinary meeting to deal with a matter that is not on the agenda if the General Manager has reported –

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

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

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

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Division 4 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the agenda is to make provision for public question time.

In particular, Regulations 36, 37 and 38 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* provide the following:

36. Questions by member of the public

- (1) The chairperson of an ordinary council meeting must ensure that, if required, at least 15 minutes of that meeting is made available for questions by members of the public.*
- (2) A question asked by a member of the public under regulation 37 or 38, and the answer given to that question, is not to be debated at the ordinary council meeting.*
- (3) A council is to determine any other procedures to be followed in respect of public question time at an ordinary council meeting.*

37. Questions without notice by member of the public

- (1) A member of the public may, on invitation by the chairperson of an ordinary council meeting, ask a question without notice at the meeting.*
- (2) A public question without notice must relate to the activities of the council.*
- (3) The chairperson of an ordinary council meeting may require a public question without notice to be –*
 - (a) put on notice in writing; and*
 - (b) answered at a later ordinary council meeting.*

38. Questions on notice by member of the public

- (1) A member of the public may, at least 7 days before an ordinary council meeting, give written notice to the general manager of a question to which the member of the public seeks an answer at the meeting.*
- (2) A public question on notice must relate to the activities of the council.*
- (3) The chairperson of an ordinary council meeting may address a public question on notice.*
- (4) The period referred to in subregulation (1) includes Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays, but does not include –*
 - (a) the day on which notice is given under that subregulation; or*
 - (b) the day of the ordinary council meeting.*

Councillors are advised that at the time of issuing the Agenda, no questions on notice had been received from the public.

Mayor E Batt to invite questions from members of the public in attendance.

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 2025**

Nil.

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

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

12.1 Development Applications

Nil.

12.2 Subdivisions

Nil.

12.3 Municipal Seal (Planning Authority)

Nil.

12.4 Planning (Other)

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

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

Nil.

13.2 Bridges

Strategic Plan Reference 1.2

1.2.1 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

1.3.1 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

1.4.1a Ensure adequate lighting based on demonstrated need

Nil.

13.5 Buildings

Strategic Plan Reference 1.5

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

Nil.

13.6 Sewer / Water and Energy

Strategic Plan Reference(s) 1.6

1.6.1 Increase the capacity of access to reticulated sewerage services

1.6.2 Increase the capacity and ability to access water to satisfy development and Community to have access to reticulated water

1.6.3 Increase the capacity of access to reticulated energy services.

Nil.

13.7 Drainage

Strategic Plan Reference 1.7

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

Nil.

13.8 Waste

Strategic Plan Reference 1.8

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

Nil.

13.9 Information, Communication Technology

Strategic Plan Reference 1.9

1.9.1 Improve access to modern communications infrastructure.

13.9.1 Colebrook Mobile Tower Upgrade (Update Information Only)

Author: GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

Date: 15 OCTOBER 2026

ISSUE

To provide Council with an update received from Telstra regarding the proposed Colebrook Mobile Tower Upgrade.

BACKGROUND

Council has previously advocated for improved mobile telecommunications coverage in the Colebrook area and has expressed its support for an upgrade to the existing mobile tower.

Council has requested an update from Telstra regarding the status of the proposed upgrade.

DETAIL

The following is an extract from the Email received from Telstra's Regional Engagement Manager:

"At this stage, there are no planned works for the Colebrook site. The proposal has been raised with our network planning team on a number of occasions and remains under consideration; however, due to competing investment priorities across the network, it has not progressed further at this time.

We recognise and appreciate Southern Midlands Council's ongoing advocacy for improved mobile coverage in the area, along with the previous commitment to support the project. To assist with future discussions, it would be helpful to understand whether that funding commitment remains available should the opportunity arise to progress the proposal.

Separately, Telstra is planning an upgrade at the Sunnyside Hill site near Runnymede later this year. The upgrade will include the addition of 5G and additional 4G capacity at the site. While this is a separate project, it may provide some improvement to mobile coverage in parts of the surrounding area.

We will continue to advocate for improved connectivity outcomes for the region and will keep Council informed of any changes to the status of the Colebrook proposal."

Human Resources & Financial Implications – In respect to Council maintaining its funding commitment should the opportunity arise to progress the proposal, it is advised that confirmation has been provided that Council remains fully supportive of any proposal to

upgrade telecommunications in the area. Council previously committed \$20,000 towards the proposed upgrade. Any future commitment would, however, be subject to further consideration by Council and would depend on the scale and scope of the proposed works, the level of funding required from Council and the anticipated benefits and outcomes for the community.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – The update may be included in a future Council Newsletter to keep the community informed of the status of the proposed upgrade and Council’s ongoing advocacy for improved mobile coverage.

Policy Implications – N/A

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – N/A

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		

13.10 Officer Reports – Assets

13.10.1 Assets Report

Author: DIRECTOR ASSETS (DAVID RICHARDSON)

Date: 16 OCTOBER 2026

Attachment(s):

Traffic Counter Report – Stonor Road

Enclosure(s):

Capital Works Program 2026-2027 Projected Timelines as at 30 September 2026

This report outlines the current and upcoming works across the municipality. It provides an overview of ongoing projects, scheduled maintenance, and capital works to improve infrastructure and community facilities.

Roads Program

1. **Maintenance Grading:** Ongoing maintenance grading works will continue throughout the municipality.
2. **Pothole Repairs:** Both sealed and unsealed roads are being addressed for pothole repairs as resources permit.
3. **Culvert Cleaning & Drainage Works:** Drainage and culvert cleaning activities are underway in various locations. These works will continue as weather conditions allow.
4. **Roads** Gravel re-sheeting works have been completed where required on various roads.
5. **Gravel** production has been completed at Interlaken Quarry.

Current Capital Works

1. **Commenced road site preparation works** on road stabilization sites.
2. **Commenced road site preparation works** on road re-seal sites.
3. **Commenced works** at Oatlands District High School car park.

Parks and Reserves

1. **Recreation Grounds, Parks & Playgrounds:** Regular maintenance continues on recreation grounds, parks, and playgrounds as required including top-dressing of ovals.
2. **Scheduled Playground Inspections:** Inspections are being carried out to ensure compliance with safety and quality standards.

Bridge Works

1. **Bridge Maintenance:** Minor works on several bridges are currently in progress and will continue as required. Scope of works specifications are currently being prepared for reconstruction works on 2 bridges.

Building Services Unit

1. **Council Building Maintenance:** Ongoing maintenance works have been carried out on various council buildings and will continue.
2. **Ceiling Repair at Roche Hall:** Repair works are in progress and will continue as resources allow.
3. **Works on Gay Street Hall Oatlands:** Kitchen and flooring renovations have been completed.

Planned Works

1. **Road Maintenance:**
 - Drainage and pavement repairs on various roads.
 - Edge break repairs across various roads.
 - Guidepost and signage replacement will continue as resources allow.
2. **Bridge Maintenance:** Ongoing and planned bridge maintenance repairs.
3. **Building Maintenance:** Continued maintenance on various council buildings.
4. **Road Re-Sheeting Works** will continue on roads that have been identified as requiring gravel.

Stonor Road Traffic Data-Unsealed section:

A request for a traffic counter to be placed on Stonor road has been completed. The result for the period of 14th - 20th September was total vehicles for the week – **428** the lowest in recorded history for any survey that has been undertaken on a Southern Midlands Council road.

The full report is available in the attachments.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO THE DIRECTOR ASSETS

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Assets 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		

**Capital Works Program 2026-2027 Projected Timelines
as at 30 September 2026**

Project	Total Project Cost (\$)	2026						2027					
		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Road Resheeting													
Road Resheeting Program	800,000												
Road Resealing - Sealed Roads													
Road Resealing Program	499,500												
Sealed Road Edge Breaks													
Various Roads	200,000												
Road Reconstruction & Seal													
Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road (various sections)	275,000												
Colebrook - Yarlington Road	120,000												
Construct & Seal (Unsealed Roads)													
Mangalore - Blackbrush Road	250,000												
Rhyndaston - Rhyndaston Road	220,000												
Other Works													
Bagdad - School Road (Traffic & Safety Improvements)WIP	69,000												
Campania - Car Park Improvements WIP	18,783												
Campania - Car Park Fence	13,000												
Campania - Structure Plan - Town Gateway and Streetscape WIP	40,000												
Kempton - Main Street (Kerb & Gutter renewal)	10,000												
Oatlands - Hay Street Junction WIP	15,000												
Oatlands - High Street (Traffic Island) WIP	45,940	Deferred pending public consultation											
Roads - Shouldering Program (Major)	300,000												
Bridges													
Elderslie - Roydon Road	176,000												
Campania - Estate Road	176,000												
Colebrook - Lovely Banks Road	30,000												
Footpaths													
Footpaths - General Streetscapes	50,000												
Kempton - Burnett Street to Mood Food WIP	444,265												
Kempton - Main Street (Southern End 300m) WIP	75,000												
Oatlands - Church Street (High St to Esplanade both sides)	40,000												
Oatlands - High Street (Vicinity of BP)	40,000												
Parattah - Streetscape (Stage 2) WIP	100,000												
Tunnack - Streetscape (Year 3 of 3) WIP	150,000												

**Capital Works Program 2026-2027 Projected Timelines
as at 30 September 2026**

Project	Total Project Cost (\$)	2026						2027					
		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Stormwater Drainage													
Bagdad / Mangalore - Hydraulic Assessment (Flood Mapping) WIP	61,625												
Kempton - Erskine Street (Extension - pipe / open drain)	24,000												
Oatlands - Queen Anne Street (Pipe Extension)	30,000												
Tourism													
Kempton - Pergolas (Roadside Stopover)	10,000												
Oatlands - Heritage Interpretation Panel renewal	2,000												
Heritage													
General Interpretation Signage (Bagdad, Wellington Street Chapel, Baden)	10,000												
Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park - Interpretation Signage	19,545												
Oatlands - Callington Mill - Structural Repair & External painting	120,000												
Oatlands - Gaol (Cell Footprint Rehabilitation and Interpretation)	162,889												
Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Chimney Capping [complete] & Fireplace Repairs) WIP	5,000												
Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Lighting & Hanging System Upgrade) WIP	5,000												
Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Wingwall) WIP	23,000												
Oatlands - Roche Hall (Building Improvements for PRISM) WIP	244,161												
Oatlands - Roche Hall Forecourt (Interps) WIP	40,000												
Natural													
Bagdad - Chauncy Vale Winter Track Restoration	28,658												
Campania - Bush Reserve / Cemetery WIP	300,000												
Oatlands - Dulverton Foreshore & Mahers Point Table/Seating	10,000												
Oatlands - Dulverton Foreshore Renew Interpretation Signage	8,000												
Regulatory - Development													
Oatlands - Stanley Street Master Plan	20,000												
Oatlands - 10 Barrack Street Property Purchase WIP	530,000												
Planning Scheme Amendments	50,000												

**Capital Works Program 2026-2027 Projected Timelines
as at 30 September 2026**

Project	Total Project Cost (\$)	2026						2027					
		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Regulatory - Public Health													
Campania - Cemetery (fencing & landscaping)	50,000												
Woodsdale - Cemetery (Additional Columbarium)	8,121												
Recreation													
Building Upgrades (Sites determined following inspections)	50,000												
Playground Upgrades (Sites determined following inspections)	50,000												
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Precinct Plan)	111,000	Subject to grant funding											
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Wastewater System)	200,000												
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (New Cricket Wicket)	6,980												
Bagdad - Eddington Cottage (Stabilisation, Safety & Security)	30,000												
Bagdad - Iden Road Park (Redevelopment)	75,000												
Campania - Flour Mill Park (Redevelopment)	108,000												
Colebrook - Hall (Windows, Ramps, Double Doors)	10,000												
Kempton - Carriage Shed (External Repair & Repainting)	11,700												
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Playground Development Year 1 of 2)	100,000	Project Planning											
Levendale - Playground Redevelopment	20,000												
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Female Change Rooms / Shower Cubicles) WIP	10,000												
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Learn to Swim - Platform/Life Jackets)	9,500												
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Storage Area)	5,000												
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Gymnasium Equipment Upgrade)	6,800												
Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Air Lock) WIP	40,000												
Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Kitchen Floor Repairs / Underpinning) WIP	8,000												
Oatlands - Midlands Community Centre (External Painting - Front of Building)	8,000												
Tunnack - Recreation Ground (Toilet Block Painting)	4,000												
Woodsdale - Hall (Playground Safety Fence)	4,000												
Capacity													
Oatlands - Men's Shed (Window, Roof & other Improvements)	8,200												
Legend													
Scheduled		Infrastructure & Works						Heritage Projects					
Completed		Infrastructure & Works						Heritage Projects					

14. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – GROWTH)

14.1 Residential

Strategic Plan Reference 2.1

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

Nil.

14.2 Tourism

Strategic Plan Reference 2.2

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

Nil.

14.3 Business

Strategic Plan Reference 2.3

2.3.1a Increase the number and diversity of businesses in the Southern Midlands

2.3.1b Increase employment within the municipality

2.3.1c Increase Council revenue to facilitate business and development activities (social enterprise).

Nil.

14.4 Industry

Strategic Plan Reference 2.4

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

2.4.2 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: ACTING MANAGER HERITAGE PROJECTS AND SERVICES
(ALAN TOWNSEND)

Date: 13 OCTOBER 2026

ISSUE

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

DETAIL

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

- AiRSpace has been included in the latest Lonely Planet Guide, significantly raising Oatlands' profile;
- Social media posts re Eddington's Cottage Bagdad which has prompted positive engagement from the community including coverage by ABC Local;
- Statutory applications for installation of Bagdad history panel and discussions for more;
- Ongoing engagement and participation with the Heritage Highway Tourism Association;
- Planning for History Walk Oatlands to Parattah (to be held November 2026);
- Ongoing writing & research for wallpaper history book *If The Walls Could Talk: Historic Wallpapers of Tasmania's Midlands*;
- Our current Artist in Residence is Ann McGonigal, a painter working in oils with a love of heritage buildings and botanical subjects.

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		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		



Lonely Planet article 'Exploring Oatlands'

15.2 Natural

Strategic Plan Reference – page 23/24

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

15.2.1 NRM Unit – General Report

Author: NRM UNIT MANAGER (MARIA WEEDING)

Date: 12 OCTOBER 2026

ISSUE: Southern Midlands NRM Unit Monthly Report.

DETAIL

- Lake Dulverton – water levels continue to be monitored. To date there has not been any cases of H5N1 Bird Flu detected at the Lake. Currently it appears that there is not a lot of birdlife present on the lake. In regard to the few swans about it appears that there is no swan nests evident within the lake. The nests are normally built out of the Ribbon Reed around June to September each year. The Ribbon Reed is the plant that has largely been smothered by the Myriophyllum (Water Milfoil), so there is limited nest building material available in the larger 51 hectare water area of the lake. There is good quantities of the Ribbon Reed in the Fountain Zone (beside High Street) – but no swan nests easily seen in that location either. To date, only one swan with three cygnets has been noted on the foreshore.
- Kempton Recreation Ground – Work continues on development of an overall plan being drafted by a recreation area and playground design specialist. The plan aims to ensure that the new playground will integrate with other proposed elements such as seating, shelter, future play items area, future BBQ area, linkage paths etc.
- Helen is continuing assisting the Works Department in developing policies and procedures in relation to Workplace Health and Safety.
- Maria continues to work in the background supporting the newly formed Southern Midlands Farmers Association Inc. in respect of grant funding that was secured to set up the group. The grant funding has been administered through Southern Midlands Council. There was a small amount of unspent funds available at the conclusion of the original project. A final report was submitted, together with a request to use the unspent funds to have a community event to launch the group to the wider community. The request was accepted and the group now have a launch via a Community Networking Event (BBQ) set for 31st October 2026. A 'second' final report date has been re set to 31 December 2026 for the project.

Weeds Officer Report, Mary Smyth

14th September – 12th October 2026

Enquiries/feedback

Further to the opium poppy roadside plants issue last month, I received advice from my Regulated Crops contact that some more poppy seedlings had been spotted on a roadside out the back of Kempton. Apparently if the opium poppy seedlings come up on Council roads, it is our responsibility to control them. I checked out the site shortly after and was

relieved to find that the offending seedlings weren't poppies at all, but small whiteweed seedlings. Photos were sent back to Regulated Crops, and no further action is required at this time.

Received thanks and some follow-up photos from a Northern Midlands resident regarding a Spanish heath infestation on a friend's property. I had previously provided a folder of information to the resident.

Site visits

Work on Spanish heath in Woodsdale and Levendale continues, with property visits, mapping, surveying previous sites and controlling small regrowth plants where required. The 2025 roadside spraying programme has been very successful, but SH is hard to kill and sometimes plants will appear dead but re-sprout later from the base (or an unsprayed branch).

Whilst returning home from one of these outings, I noticed a fully-flowering broom bush on a roadside adjacent a big dam. I removed it, found another two bushes nearby and sorted them too. Again, these broom bushes were outliers and well worth removing.

Occasional visits to the Pound in Oatlands to water the newer seedlings. The weed control results are excellent and most of the newer seedlings are surviving. The new-to-the-Midlands roadside weed reported last month – Field marigold (*Calendula arvensis*) was controlled recently and looks very sick at the moment.

Amsinckia is really starting to get around the district, and a line of it adjacent the Dulverton track was controlled to prevent further spread. Machinery (mowers and slashers) are top spreaders of this weed. It also popped up for the first time in a couple of garden beds on Lake Dulverton near the RSL (all plants promptly removed). Assisted Maria and Helen with watering and some weeding in selected garden beds on Lake Dulverton not far from Roche Hall. It remains very dry at all sites, and we've lost a few seedlings lately.

Called in to the Mangalore rec ground plantings to water the new seedlings. All are doing very well (despite the dry) but another banksia has died.

Communication

Article published in the Southern Midlands Regional News about watching out for garden plants escaping over the fence. I included the field marigold and more common garden marigold in the article. Contributed a couple of comments to the Tasmanian Weeds facebook page.

Weeds Action Fund (WAF) Stage 3 – stemless thistle

Sent an updated site map to Envirodynamics to pass on to the contractor who will be doing control works on site this year. I will be assisting the lessee during the last week of October regarding control of the known outlier clusters. Helen and I will be covering the rocky hilltops adjacent the core zone to complete the season's control efforts.

Weeds Action Fund (WAF) – invasive perennial grasses: southern and eastern Tasmania

No action yet from the contractors on Chilean needle grass or serrated tussock, but it won't be long now.

Chauncy Vale weeds

No action this month, other than to develop a map pinpointing the various thistle hotspots.

Related and extra-curricular activities

On finding a small outlier population of Spanish heath on a roadside near Cressy, far away from the closest known other Spanish heath populations, I took it upon myself to control these dozen or so plants. I will also follow-up in future should any seedlings come up in the same spot. So much time, effort and expense can be alleviated if outlier populations of known weeds are stopped at this early stage: I am only too happy to do this while I can.

I also helped out my sisters on their South Arm property by eradicating this year's crop of Spanish heath (71 small plants), a couple of boneseed bushes and serrated tussocks, and some errant jonquils.

337 certificate enquiries

Another 3 properties assessed this month.

Weed of the Week

Field marigold, amsinckia, pride of Madeira and whiteweed displayed this month.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

15.3 Cultural

Strategic Plan Reference 3.3

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

Nil.

15.4 Regulatory (Development)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.4

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

Nil.

15.5 Regulatory (Public Health)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.5

3.5.1 Monitor and maintain a safe and healthy public environment.

Nil.

15.6 Regulatory (Animals)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.6

3.6.1 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: 14 OCTOBER 2026

Enclosure(s):

Animal Management Statement 2026

ISSUE

Consideration of the Animal Management/Compliance Officer's report for October 2026

The purpose of the report is twofold:

1. To inform both Council and the community of infringements issued by Council Officers in relation to Animal Management for the period September; and
2. Provide a brief summary of actions and duties undertaken by Council Officers in relation to animal management.
3. This in turn informs the community of the requirements and expectations of the Council to uphold and enforce relevant legislation. This too reinforces the importance of responsible ownership of animals.

All infringements detailed in this report were 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.

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		
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Reporting period: 9 September - 14 October 2026

Category/Area	Andover	Antill Ponds Woodbury	Baden Mt Seymour Whitefoord	Bagdad	Broadmarsh Elderslie	Campania	Colebrook	Dysart	Jericho	Kempton	Lemont Pawtella York Plains	Levendale Runnymede	Mangalore	Melton Mowbray	Oatlands	Parattah	Rekuna Tea Tree	Rhyndaston Tiberias	Stonehenge Swanston	Stonor	Tunnack	Tunbridge	Woodsdale	Reporting Period Total	2026- 2027
Failing to ensure dog is not at large																								0	8
Dog attacking person or animal causing non serious injury								1																1	1
Dog attacking causing serious injury																								0	0
Dog attacking animal causing serious injury or death																								0	3
Dog - Impounded										1														1	4
Reclaimed dogs										1														1	4
Adopted/Dogs Home																								0	0
Euthanised																								0	0
Lost dogs reported																								0	2
Barking complaints				1		1									1									3	5
Animal Welfare					1					1														2	3
Cat complaints received																								0	0
Stock on roads								1		1			1											0	2
Impounded livestock																								0	0
Infringement Notices Issued																								0	5
Written letter - various matters							3								1									0	23
Poultry complaints received																						1		0	2
Kennel Licence - active													1		1									0	1
TOTAL																									

Registered 2026-2027 YTD	1706
Pending	39
Licences	61

Attack Details:

Dogs chased sheep at Dysart, resulting in minor injury to one sheep. No statements were received, and the dog owner subsequently had the dogs euthanised.

15.7 Environmental Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 3.7

3.7.1 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

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

Nil.

16.2 Recreation

Strategic Plan Reference 4.2

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

16.2.1 Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinators Report

AUTHOR: OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE COORDINATOR (ADAM BRIGGS)

DATE: 15 OCTOBER 2026

ISSUE

Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinator's quarterly report, July - September 2026.

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.

Operating Budget:

Further explanation regarding the calculation of the revised Budget will be provided at the meeting.

OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE - 2026/27 OPERATING EXPENDITURE
September 2026

INCOME		Annual Budget 2026/27	Actual Sep 2026 Qrt	Budget Sep 2026 Qrt	Actual YTD to 30 Sep 2026	Actual YTD to 30 Sep 2025	% Annual Budget 2026/27
Admission Fees		\$265,000	\$74,028	\$66,250	\$74,028	\$63,888	27.9%
Sale of Goods		\$15,000	\$4,348	\$3,750	\$4,348	\$3,975	29.0%
Charging Station Energy Use Reimbursement		\$20,000	\$6,544	\$5,000	\$6,544	\$5,097	32.7%
Sub-Total		\$300,000	\$84,920	\$75,000	\$84,920	\$72,960	28.3%

EXPENDITURE		Annual Budget 2026/27	Actual Sep 2026 Qrt	Budget Sep 2026 Qrt	Actual YTD to 30 Sep 2026	Actual YTD to 30 Sep 2025	% Annual Budget 2026/27
Salaries (incl. On-Costs)		\$499,397	\$130,958	\$115,246	\$130,958	\$119,988	26.2%
Operating Costs - Other		\$283,435	\$96,092	\$90,914	\$96,092	\$115,617	33.9%
Total Expenditure		\$782,832	\$227,049	\$206,160	\$227,049	\$235,605	29.0%

Budgeted Deficit		-\$482,832	-\$142,129	-\$131,160	-\$142,129	-\$162,645	29.4%
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Group Bookings & Programs – 19/8/26 - 14/10/26

Event / Booking	School / Group	Participation Numbers
Physio Rehab Sessions	Annabel Butler – Physiotherapist	23 individual bookings
GYM / Lane Hire	Centre Fitness Classes – GYM & Pool	13 Aqua Aerobic classes 19 GYM classes 320 participants
GYM / Lane Hire	Corumbene Program – GYM & Pool	6 pool individual bookings 6 GYM individual bookings 18 participants per booking
Learn to Swim Program	Education Department - Bothwell District School	32 participants
Learn to Swim Program	Education Department - Kempton Primary School	35 participants
Learn to Swim Program	Bothwell District School – Kinder to Grade 2	30 participants
Learn to Swim Program	Kempton Primary School – Kinder to Grade 2	32 participants
Centre Hire	New Norfolk High School – Swimming Carnival	Grade 7 – 10 Students
Centre Visits	Fitness Passport: August (23) September (14)	37 participants
Centre Visits	Birthday Party	1 individual party
Lane Hire	Midlands Swimming Club	13 individual bookings
Centre Visits	Holiday Catholic Care Program – St Marys	16 participants
Centre Visits	Holiday Care Program	11 participants
Centre Hire	Hobart City Mission – School Holiday Program	35 participants
Centre Hire	Oatlands District School – Swimming Carnival	Grade 3 – 10 Students
Centre Hire	Kempton Primary School – Swimming Carnival	Grade 3 – 6 Students
Centre Hire	Orford Primary School – Swimming Carnival	Grade 3 – 6 Students
Centre Hire	Swansea Primary School – Swimming Carnival	Grade 2 – 6 Students

USAGE FOR THE PERIOD 19/8/2026 – 14/10/2026
PAID UPFRONT

Type	Units
Gym & Classes	
Gym Class Pass 10 Sessions	11
PAYG – Gym Class	70
PAYG – Gym (16 years)	40
PAYG – Gym (Concession)	10
Gym/Pool Combo	
Gym/Pool Pass 10 Sessions (16 years)	11
Gym/Pool Pass 10 Sessions (Concession)	15
PAYG – Gym/Pool Combo (17 years)	3
PAYG – Gym/Pool Combo (Concession)	3
Learn to Swim	
October Holiday Private Lesson Program	16 (Full)
Term 4 Program, 2026 Enrolments (Currently)	163
Pool	
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (17 +)	1
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Concession)	2
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Family)	0
PAYG – Pool (4 years and under)	180
PAYG – Pool (5-16)	543
PAYG – Pool (17)	464
PAYG – Pool (Concession)	345
PAYG – (Family)	56

DIRECT DEBITS – Current Numbers

Type	Units
DD Pool/Gym	15
DD Gym	14
DD 6 Months Pool – 17 years +	16
DD 6 Months Pool – Child/Concession	5
DD 6 Months Centre – Family	4

Grant Applications & General Information

See below an update on new programs and projects implemented during the quarter:

Female Change Room Shower Works

- The new shower wall dividers have been installed and the overall project is 90% completed. After community feedback it was decided to change the current push buttons that activate the showers should also be upgraded to a hot & cold mixer control handle. This amendment to the project is the final part of the works to be completed. Due to requiring a very particular part to save any serious alterations to existing plumbing work the overall job is scheduled to be completed in the next fortnight.

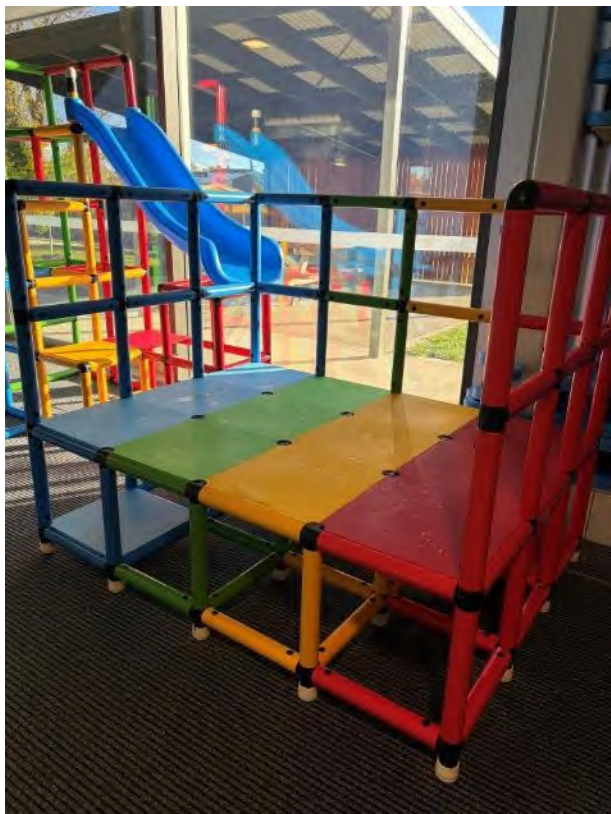


Industry Award Nominations: Community Impact Award & Swimming/Water Safety Instructor

- During the month August the Oatlands Aquatic Centre was put forward by myself as the Coordinator for two industry awards. These awards are based on the Aquatic Industry in Tasmania firstly and then each State & Territory winners will be entered in the National ballot. We are currently awaiting the announcements of the award winners for Tasmania which will be announced at the end of October, 2026.

New & Improved Learn to Swim Equipment Upgrades

- With our current learn to swim platforms approaching their lifespan, the Centre has done a large amount of research into the best options for replacing them. From this process we have been able to purchase an additional platform from the capital budget provided for this financial year to allow more students to access the correct equipment required to continue developing the life skill of water safety & swimming. In addition to the platforms we have also invested in equipment that improves overall enjoyment for children of the general public.



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		
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Clr F Miller		

16.3 Access

Strategic Plan Reference 4.3

- 4.3.1 Continue to explore transport options for the Southern Midlands community*
- 4.3.2 Continue to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA).*

Nil.

16.4 Volunteers

Strategic Plan Reference 4.4

- 4.4.1 Encourage community members to volunteer.*

Nil.

16.5 Families

Strategic Plan Reference 4.5

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

Nil.

16.6 Education

Strategic Plan Reference 4.6

- 4.6 Increase the educational and employment opportunities available within the Southern Midlands*

Nil.

16.7 Capacity & Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 4.7

- 4.7.1 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

- 4.8.1 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

4.9.1 Improve the effectiveness of consultation & communication with the community.

16.9.1 Parattah Railway Restoration Committee - Disbandment

Author: GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

Date: 12 OCTOBER 2026

Enclosure(s):

SMC Letter of Acknowledgement and Appreciation

ISSUE

To inform Council that the Parattah Railway Station Restoration Committee, a Special Management established under the provisions of Section 24 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, has been disbanded following advice received from the community members involved in its management.

BACKGROUND

The Parattah Railway Station Restoration Committee has been operational for numerous years. However, the Committee has not met for a considerable period, and matters relating to the property have been managed directly by Council.

DETAIL

The decision to wind-up the Committee was proposed by the three principal community members who have remained actively involved in the management of the property:

- Gavin Wagner – Chair
- Jo Bain – Secretary
- John Mollineaux - Treasurer

In recommending the disbandment, the members acknowledge that Council, as the property owner, has already assumed responsibility for a significant proportion of the grounds maintenance and other minor works associated with the property.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – The Committee has transferred its remaining bank funds totalling \$3,247.68 to Council, and the Committee's bank account has been closed. These funds will be earmarked for future expenditure associated with the Parattah Railway Station property.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Letters of acknowledgement and appreciation have been provided to all three Committee members to recognise their contribution and maintain a historical record of the Committee's activities.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – immediate.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council acknowledge and note that the Parattah Railway Station Restoration Committee, a Special Management established under the provisions of Section 24 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, has been disbanded following advice received from the community members involved in its management.

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 16.9.1



8 October 2026

Parattah Railway Station Restoration Committee
Chairman
Mr Gavin Wagner
756 Tunnack Road
Parattah TAS 7120

Dear Gavin, John & Jo

Parattah Railway Station Restoration Committee – Transfer of Responsibility

Further to our meeting held 8 October 2026, attended by Gavin and John representing the Parattah Railway Station Restoration Committee (the Committee), the purpose of this letter is to formally acknowledge the Committee's decision to wind up its operations and transfer direct responsibility for the property to the Southern Midlands Council, as the owner of the property. In doing so, it is recognised that Council has already taken responsibility for a significant amount of the grounds maintenance and other minor works associated with the property. I also wish to acknowledge that the Committee has transferred its remaining bank funds totalling \$3,247.68 as at today's date, to Council.

May I take this opportunity to express Council's sincere appreciation for the work that you have undertaken at the Station over many years, and for the countless hours that you have dedicated to maintaining the property and preserving its heritage significance. Finally, it is confirmed that Council will be formally advised of the Committee's decision at the forthcoming Council Meeting.

Once again, our sincere thanks and appreciation for your dedication and contribution to the Parattah Railway Station over many years.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tim Kirkwood", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tim Kirkwood
General Manager

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17. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – ORGANISATION)

17.1 Improvement

Strategic Plan Reference 5.1

5.1.1 Improve the level of responsiveness to Community & Developer needs

5.1.2 Improve communication within Council

5.1.3 Improve the accuracy, comprehensiveness and user friendliness of the Asset Management System

5.1.4 Increase the effectiveness, efficiency and use-ability of Council ICT systems

5.1.5 Maintain the Business Process Improvement & Continuous Improvement framework

17.1.1 Code of Conduct Panel Determination Report Mr Rick Wilton v Councillor Fraser Miller

Author: GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

Date: 15 OCTOBER 2026

Attachment(s):

Code of Conduct Panel Determination Report

ISSUE

Pursuant to section 28ZK(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* I have been provided with a copy of a determination report from the Code of Conduct Panel in respect to a complaint lodged by Mr R Wilton against Councillor Fraser Miller.

BACKGROUND

Council is aware that the State Government has been progressing a suite of targeted legislative reforms to give effect to its Priority Reform Program 2024-26. These include reforms to lift standards of professionalism, conduct, and integrity in the sector.

In relation to the Code of Conduct complaints process, the reforms include changes to:

- Improve transparency and bring the Code of Conduct process into alignment with other judicial appeal processes by clarifying that confidentiality surrounding a code of conduct complaint comes to an end as soon as a determination report is provided to all relevant parties; and
- clarify that confidentiality in respect of a Code of Conduct complaint ends when it is dismissed at initial assessment phase, and as soon as the initial assessor provides that advice to the complainant.

The changes have been implemented through amendments to the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) and commenced on 1 September 2026. Specifically, the changes:

- Remove confidentiality in respect of a Code of Conduct determination report, once provide to the complainant, respondent, general manager, and Director of Local Government in accordance with section 28ZK(2) of the Act; and
- Remove section 28ZK(6) of the Act which prevented the inclusion of a determination report in the agenda papers for a council meeting until after the expiry of the period for seeking a review of the determination (and where a review was sought, until after the review was completed).

The only exception to the above is where a court or tribunal order is in place specifically prohibiting the inclusion of the relevant determination report in the agenda papers until such time as the review/appeal is concluded.

DETAIL

In tabling this Determination Report, it is reported that the determination remains under review as part of an appeal process initiated by Cllr Fraser Miller.

Accordingly, the Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Tribunal has ordered that the implementation of Panel's decision of 7 August 2025 be stayed pending the resolution of the review proceedings.

This means that, at this time, the Panel's findings of breach and the sanction imposed remain stayed pending the outcome of the review.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Refer comment above.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Nil comment.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – refer comment above.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive and note the Code of Conduct Determination Report in respect to a complaint lodged by Mr Rick Wilton against Councillor Fraser Miller shown as an Attachment to this report.

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

17.1.2 Junior Mayor / Junior Deputy Mayor – Program Update (Information Only)

Author: MANAGER COMMUNITY & CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT (WENDY YOUNG)

Date: 1 OCTOBER 2026

ISSUE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on activities undertaken by the Southern Midlands Junior Mayor, Hayden Scott, and to advise of upcoming youth engagement initiatives and preparation for the 2027 Junior Mayor and Junior Deputy Mayor Program.

BACKGROUND

The Junior Mayor/Junior Deputy Mayor program provides young people with opportunities to develop leadership, communication and community engagement skills while gaining an understanding of the role of local government.

The program also provides Council with a valuable opportunity to engage with young people, encourage their participation in community activities and gain insight into matters that are important to them.

DETAIL

Careers Expo

The Southern Midlands Junior Mayor, Hayden Scott, recently represented Southern Midlands Council at the school Careers Expo.

Hayden played a pivotal role at Council's stall, engaging with students and helping to promote the role of local government and the range of career opportunities available within Council.

The Careers Expo provided an excellent opportunity for Council to demonstrate that local government encompasses a broad range of career pathways, including community development, events, recreation, planning, engineering, finance, environmental management, administration and infrastructure.

Hayden's involvement added a valuable youth perspective to Council's presence at the event. His participation also demonstrated the benefits of providing young people with opportunities to develop confidence and leadership skills while representing their peers and community.

His enthusiasm and willingness to engage with other students also provided a positive example of the Junior Mayor program in action.

Junior Mayor Youth Drop-In Session

As part of the Junior Mayor program, Hayden is being supported to undertake direct engagement with young people across the Southern Midlands.

A Junior Mayor Youth Drop-In Session is planned for:

Date: Wednesday, 14 October 2026
Time: 2.00 pm
Location: Oatlands Newsagency & Milk Bar

This session will provide young people with an informal opportunity to meet with Hayden, share their ideas and discuss matters that are important to them.

The session is intended to provide a relaxed and accessible environment where young people can have a conversation with their Junior Mayor and raise ideas, issues or suggestions about their community.

Deputy Mayor Karen Dudgeon will also attend the session to support Hayden and encourage young people to engage with Council.

The initiative provides a practical opportunity for Hayden to further develop his leadership and communication skills while giving Council an additional avenue to hear directly from young people.

Youth Engagement

The Careers Expo and upcoming drop-in session demonstrate two different but complementary aspects of the Junior Mayor role.

The Careers Expo provided Hayden with an opportunity to represent Council and speak with other students in a formal community setting, while the upcoming drop-in session provides an opportunity for more informal and direct engagement with youth.

Providing young people with opportunities to participate in Council activities helps build their understanding of local government and demonstrates that their views and ideas are valued.

The Junior Mayor program also provides Council with an opportunity to establish stronger connections with young people across the Southern Midlands.

2027 Junior Mayor and Deputy Mayor Program

Following the positive participation of the current Junior Mayor, Council is proposing to continue the Junior Mayor and Deputy Mayor Program into 2027.

To commence preparations for the 2027 program, I have contacted the principals of Oatlands District High School and Campania District School, inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI's) from the schools to participate in the program.

The invitation provides the schools with an opportunity to discuss the program with their students and identify young people who may be interested in nominating for the Junior Mayor and Junior Deputy Mayor positions.

The EOI process will also provide an opportunity to build on the relationships established between Council and the participating schools through the current program.

Subject to the response from the schools, Council staff will coordinate the nomination and selection process and provide further information regarding the 2027 Junior Mayor and Junior Deputy Mayor Program.

The continuation of the program will provide young people with further opportunities to:

- develop leadership and communication skills;
- gain an understanding of local government;
- represent young people within their community;
- participate in Council and community activities;
- provide a youth perspective on matters affecting the community; and
- develop confidence through public speaking and community engagement.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – The costs associated with the Junior Mayor Program are provided for within Council's existing operational budget.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – The appointment presents a positive opportunity for Council to strengthen youth engagement and leadership within the municipality.

Policy Implications – Appropriate supervision and support will be provided in accordance with Council's Junior Mayor/Junior Deputy Mayor Policy and Child Safety requirements.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – ongoing.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives and notes the information contained within this report relating to the Southern Midlands Junior Mayor Program, including:

- **Junior Mayor Hayden Scott's participation in the Careers Expo;**
- **the upcoming Youth Drop-In Session; and**
- **the commencement of Expressions of Interest for the 2027 Junior Mayor and Deputy Mayor Program.**

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		

17.2 Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 5.2

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

17.2.1 Tabling of Documents

Correspondence from Oatlands Community Association regarding Community Small Grants Program



Andrew Benson
Southern Midlands Council

Re: Community Small Grant

Dear Andrew

On behalf of the Oatlands Community Association Inc I am writing to thank you for awarding us a community small grant to assist with the purchase of new carpet for the conference room at 68 High Street, Oatlands.

This room has significant use, including on the weekends now, and we appreciate the funding you gave to us to assist with keeping the room looking fresh and professional.

Kind regards,



Julia

Julia Jabour
OCA President
15 October 2026



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: MANAGER FINANCE (MANDY BURBURY)

Date: 12 OCTOBER 2026

Enclosure(s):

2026/2027 Shared Services to 30 September 2026

ISSUE

To inform Council of the Common Services Joint Venture activities for the period July – September 2026.

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

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

ENCLOSURE
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**2026/27 Shared Services Report
to 30 September 2026**

PROVIDED BY SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL					Total Hours Sep 2026 Quarter
Council	Fortnight Ending	Officer	Service Provided	Hours	
Central Highlands	12/07/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	14.50	141.00
		P Krause	Regulatory	18.25	
		R Collis	Animal Management	3.00	
		J Rowley	Animal Management	3.00	
	26/07/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	14.50	
		P Krause	Regulatory	12.25	
	09/08/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	6.00	
		P Krause	Regulatory	12.00	
	23/08/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	4.50	
		P Krause	Regulatory	20.25	
	06/09/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	3.00	
		P Krause	Regulatory	8.50	
	20/09/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	4.50	
		P Krause	Regulatory	16.75	
Derwent Valley	12/07/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	4.00	171.50
		B Duffy	Regulatory	29.00	
	26/07/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	1.00	
		B Duffy	Regulatory	25.50	
	09/08/26	B Duffy	Regulatory	30.00	
	23/08/26	B Duffy	Regulatory	29.00	
	06/09/26	B Duffy	Regulatory	20.50	
	20/09/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	2.00	
		B Duffy	Regulatory	30.50	
Tasman	12/07/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	2.00	47.25
		P Krause	Regulatory	7.75	
	26/07/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	2.00	
		P Krause	Regulatory	2.00	
	09/08/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	3.00	
		P Krause	Regulatory	6.00	
	23/08/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	2.00	
		P Krause	Regulatory	7.75	
	06/09/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	2.50	
		P Krause	Regulatory	9.75	
	20/09/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	2.00	
		P Krause	Regulatory	0.50	
Total Hours Provided by Southern Midlands					359.75

PROVIDED TO SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL					Total Hours Sep 2026 Quarter
Council	Period Ending	Officer	Service Provided	Hours	
Nil					
Total Hours Provided to Southern Midlands					0.00

17.2.4 SMC External Grant Projects - Quarterly Update

Author: DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

Date: 14 APRIL 2026

Enclosure(s):

Report to Council on Various SMC Grant Projects as at 30 September 2026

ISSUE

Council have a quite a number of external grants that are in various stages of implementation and it is meaningful to provide Council with a status report in respect of the external grants on a quarterly basis.

BACKGROUND

The application of grants is a major contributor to Council's infrastructure budget. Some grants are fully funded by the Grant body, for example 'election promises realised', others require part funding, ie Active Tasmania (former Dept. of Communities, Sport & Recreation - Tasmanian State Government), and with a minimum of 50% funding by Council, and others require various funding contributions by Council. Some with no funding contributions by Council.

All Council Business Units are focused on bringing in funded projects that meet the objectives of the Strategic Plan and that add value to our Community. That way the budget goes further and we are able meet, to some extent, the expectations of the Community.

DETAIL

This update is provided for Councillors information only and will be updated on a quarterly basis.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

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

ENCLOSURE

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Report to Council on Grant Funded Projects as at 30th September 2026

Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
Bagdad Shareway	Upgrade/construction of a shared pathway that connects Roberts Road to School Road, Bagdad	Active Transport Fund (Australian Government)	Total Project Costs \$454,708 Grant request \$227,354	\$227,354	AB, TK, DR, & MB (Project Grant)	0.5%	June 2028	Submitted
Bagdad Shareway	Construction of a 2.5m wide shareway between Bagdad School and Hall Lane	Active Transport Building Tas (Department of State Growth)	\$150,000	\$90,000	Andrew Benson (Project Grant) David Richardson (Project Delivery)	100%	31 March 2026	Completed Awaiting the acquittal response from DPaC
Chauncy Vale Interps & Infrastructure	Construction of an accessible toilet and signage at Chauncy Vale Sanctuary	Active Tasmania Building Tas (Department of State Growth)	\$80,000	\$20,000	Phil Krause	100%	June 2026	The project has been completed and the acquittal determined that there was a small underspend. A request within the acquittal to DPaC has sort that we retain the funds and do some more track work
Sporting Infrastructure Upgrades Kempton Rec Grd	Half-court basketball / Pickle Ball court plus new cricket practice nets	Active Tasmania (DSG)	\$80,000	\$0	Andrew Benson	100%	June 2026	Preparing the acquittal which is due in December 2026
South Central Sub-region – Workforce Jobs Hub Project	The submission of grant for a workforce coordinator for the Southern Midlands, Central Highlands, Brighton and Denwent Valley to (three year contract).	Tasmanian Community Fund	\$400,000 over three years	\$15,000	Andrew Benson	100%	July 2023	Contract targets of people to be employed were significantly exceeded, plus working with schools and employers on a range of activities

Report to Council on Grant Funded Projects as at 30th September 2026

Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
	The State Government through Jobs Tas to operate a Jobs Hub for the Sub Region. This is a partnership with the three other Councils.	Jobs Tasmania Jobs Tasmania	\$1,625,000 \$2,100,000	\$0 \$0 Plus In-kind		Triannual funding depending on Annual reviews 70% Extension of Funding Agreement	Nov 2024 Dec 2024 to Nov 2027	The project is currently exceeding expectations For the continuation of this important project beyond Nov 2027 we are energetically seeking 50% of the funding from the Australian Government.
Southern Midlands Drought Weeds Grant 2020 – Support for Farmers	\$30,000 for on ground works, \$25,000 for wages.	State Government of Tasmania	\$55,000	\$0	Mary Smyth Weeds Officer and Maria Weeding	80%	Ongoing-until funds run out.	Continuing to use for time spent on Stemless Thistle on ground follow up works. (High Priority for SMC)
Tas Regional Drought Resilience _ Quick Wins 2025 Program (Round 1)	Funding to set up a Southern Midlands Farmers Group (incorporated entity)	Dept of Premier & Cabinet	\$5335	\$0	Maria Weeding	95%	Was June 2026 Now Dec 2026	Southern Midlands Farmers Association Inc now set up. Launch of group event 31 st Oct 2026 – will then complete the project.
Vulnerable Road User Program 2025	Road improvements at School Rd, Baqdad Primary School	Building Tas (Department of State Growth)	\$34,430	\$34,570	Andrew Benson (Project Grant) David Richardson (Project Delivery)	65%	Dec 2026	WIP

Report to Council on Grant Funded Projects as at 30th September 2026

Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
Vulnerable Road User Program 2025	Road Pedestrian Crossing at High Street, Oatlands	Building Tas (Department of State Growth)	\$22,300	\$23,640	Andrew Benson (Project Grant) David Richardson (Project Delivery)	5%	June 2026	In discussions with Building Tas, Traffic Engineer.
UNSUCCESSFUL GRANTS APPLICATIONS								
RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS								
Sporting Infrastructure Upgrades Campania Rec Grd	Retaining wall/seating, Scoreboard and all weather access	Active Tasmania (DSG)	\$253,000	\$91,625	David Richardson	100% (overall)	June 2026	1. Electronic Score Board installed and working; <i>Completed</i> 2. Retaining wall <i>Completed</i> and 3. DDA parking <i>Completed</i> to wait until Change rooms completed. Awaiting the acquittal response from DPaC
Oatlands Aquatic Centre	Development of the proposed Aquatic Centre in Oatlands	1. Australian Government 2. Tasmanian Government 3. Station Child Care Centre 4. Loan Funds by SMC	\$2,000,000 \$2,000,000 \$80,350	\$5,920,000	Tim Kirkwood (Project Financials) Andrew Benson (Project Delivery)	100%	Changed	The project has been finalised with the original Bank Guarantees being returned. We are holding a new Bank Guarantee from Vos that will cover any

Report to Council on Grant Funded Projects as at 30th September 2026

Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
								remedial work that has to be undertaken if the leaking pipe (very quickly fixed) causes any issues.
Better Active Transport in Tasmania Rd 2	Footpath connection between Mood Food and Kempton	Building Tas (Department of State Growth)	\$278,000	\$146,310 cash	David Richardson (Project Delivery) / Andrew Benson (Project Grant Management)	100%	June 2025 Subject to EoT until June 2026	Completed. Acquittal submitted and approved
Active Tas Development Grant	Funding support for Lifeguards Project	Active Tasmania	\$30,000	\$0	Andrew Benson	100%	June 2026	Project partnership with the Jobs Hub to train and support 40 lifeguards over two years. Training through the Oatlands Aquatic Centre EoT requested Acquittal submitted and approved.
Vulnerable Road User Program 2024	RC Footpath along Reeve St adjacent to Flour Mill Park, from Opposite Lee St (TasRail entrance) to Community Hall at Campania	Building Tas (Department of State Growth)	\$58,616	\$41,593 cash \$10,000 in-kind	Andrew Benson (Project Grant) David Richardson (Project Delivery)	100%	June 2025	Completed.
Vulnerable Road User Program 2024	RC Footpath along Reeve St, adjacent to Rec Grd from entrance to Campania Rec Grd to Villeneuve St	Building Tas (Department of State Growth)	\$36,258	\$14,900 cash \$5,000 in-kind	Andrew Benson (Project Grant) David Richardson	100%	June 2025	Completed.

Report to Council on Grant Funded Projects as at 30th September 2026

Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
					<i>(Project Delivery)</i>			
Vulnerable Road User Program 2024	Pedestrian Crossing of railway line at Climie St Campania	Building Tas (Department of State Growth)	\$35,250	Design \$6,429 (paid) Cash \$6,000 In kind \$1,000	Andrew Benson <i>(TasRail sub contracted)</i>	100%	June 2025	Completed.
LGAT Open Space Program (Rd 2)	Campania Rec Grd Change Rooms	LGAT/DPaC	\$400,000	\$700,000	Tim Kirkwood <i>(Project Grant)</i> David Richardson <i>(Project Delivery)</i>	100%	April 2026	Completed.
Vulnerable Road User Program 2025	Concrete Footpath between Lee St and Hall St, Campania	Building Tas (Department of State Growth)	\$28,620	\$29,120	Andrew Benson <i>(Project Grant)</i> David Richardson <i>(Project Delivery)</i>	100%	June 2026	Completed.
Animal Management EID Reader	Equipment for reading electronic tags	Department of Natural Resources & Environment	\$1,568	\$522	Rachel Collis	100%	June 2026	

17.3 Finances

Strategic Plan Reference 5.3

5.3.1 Community's finances will be managed responsibly to enhance the wellbeing of residents

5.3.2 Council will maintain community wealth to ensure that the wealth enjoyed by today's generation may also be enjoyed by tomorrow's generation

5.3.3 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 September 2026)

Author: MANAGER FINANCE (MANDY BURBURY)

Date: 14 OCTOBER 2026

ISSUE

Provide the Financial Reports for the period ending 30th September 2026.

BACKGROUND

The Operating Expenditure Report includes year to date budget estimates for each Program and corresponding year to date actual expenditure. Variations between budget and actual expenditure are provided.

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

DETAIL

The enclosed Report incorporates the following: -

- Statement of Comprehensive Income – 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2026.
- Operating Expenditure Report – 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2026.
- Capital Expenditure Report – 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2026.
- Cash Flow Statement – 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2026.

OPERATING EXPENDITURE (OPERATING BUDGET)

Overall operating expenditure to the end of September was \$2,639,715, representing 86.3% of the Year to Date Budget.

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

Strategic Theme - Infrastructure

Nil.

Strategic Theme – Growth

Sub-Program – Business - expenditure to date (\$84,600 – 109.32%). Any additional expenditure relating to private works is offset by an increase in private works income.

Strategic Theme – Landscapes

Nil.

Strategic Theme – Community

Nil.

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
Other Specific Purpose Grants	Completion date as per grant deed or approved extension date

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Financial Report be received and the information noted.

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

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 September 2026

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
Income				
Rates and charges	8,228,816	8,204,296	99.7%	Includes Interest & Penalties on rates
User fees	1,208,114	393,165	32.5%	
Interest	492,000	144,001	29.3%	
Government Subsidies	35,100	0	0.0%	Heavy Vehicle Licence Fees
Other income (refer Note 1)	451,956	169,508	37.5%	Private Works & Developer Contributions
Investment revenue from water corporation	182,400	0	0.0%	
Sub-Total	10,598,387	8,910,971	84.1%	
Grants - Operating (refer Note 2)	4,982,205	270,614	5.4%	
Total Income	15,580,592	9,181,584	58.9%	
Expenses				
Employee benefits	-6,029,712	-1,273,499	21.1%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised)
Materials and contracts	-4,164,565	-1,274,514	30.6%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised), Includes Land Tax
Depreciation and amortisation	-5,039,700	-1,270,281	25.2%	Percentage Calculation (based on year-to-date)
Contributions	-307,026	0	0.0%	Fire Service Levies
Finance costs	0	0	0.0%	Interest
Other expenses	-528,233	-88,675	16.8%	Private Works, Audit Fees & Councillor Allowances
Total expenses	-16,069,236	-3,906,969	24.3%	
Surplus (deficit) from operations	-488,644	5,274,615		
Grants - Capital (refer Note 3)	1,264,513	22,510	1.8%	
Sale Proceeds (Plant & Machinery)	0	0		
Sale Proceeds (Land & Buildings)	0	0		
Sale Proceeds (Other Assets)	0	0		
Net gain / (loss on disposal of non-current assets)	0	0		
Surplus / (Deficit)	775,869	5,297,125		

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 September 2026

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
NOTES				
1. Income - Other				
- Developer Contributions	100,000	18,700	18.70%	
- Private Works	351,956	109,301	31.06%	
- Oatlands Football Club Contribution (Telstra Footy Grant)	0	18,182		Oatlands Recreation Ground - Electronic Scoreboard
- Blue Gum Rovers Donation to Tunnack Rec. Ground	0	295.00		
- Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority	0	21,438		Disbursement of funds held by HCC
- Insurance Recoveries	0	1,592		
	<u>451,956</u>	<u>169,508</u>	37.5%	
2. Grants - Operating				
- FAGS 2026/27	4,982,205	270,614	5.43%	
	<u>4,982,205</u>	<u>270,614</u>	5.4%	
3. Grants - Capital				
- Aust Govt (Roads To Recovery)	1,264,513	0	0.00%	
- Aust Govt (National Shed Development Programme)	0	8,200		Oatlands Community Mens Shed
- Aust Govt (VRUP 25)		14,310		Reeve Street, Campania - Final Instalment

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL : OPERATING EXPENDITURE 2026/27 SUMMARY SHEET

PROGRAM	YTD ACTUAL (to 30 Sep 26)	YTD BUDGET (to 30 Sep 26)	YTD VARIANCE	YTD %	FULL YEAR BUDGET - INC. GRANTS & OTHER
INFRASTRUCTURE					
Roads	380,662	378,616	-2,046	100.54%	4,305,519
Bridges	0	20,368	20,368	0.00%	748,441
Walkways	72,085	73,818	1,733	97.65%	284,475
Lighting	12,660	19,530	6,870	64.82%	78,120
Public Toilets	29,480	34,217	4,738	86.15%	145,268
Stormwater	0	8,326	8,326	0.00%	91,302
Waste	323,036	423,101	100,065	76.35%	1,719,905
Information, Communication	0	5,000	5,000	0.00%	20,000
INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:	817,923	962,976	145,053	84.94%	7,393,030
GROWTH					
Residential	0	0	0	-	10,000
Tourism	20,165	24,752	4,587	81.47%	38,552
Business	84,600	77,386	-7,214	109.32%	309,543
Industry	0	0	0	-	0
GROWTH TOTAL:	104,765	102,138	-2,627	102.57%	358,095
LANDSCAPES					
Heritage	95,441	141,939	46,498	67.24%	530,808
Natural	46,977	60,266	13,288	77.95%	256,091
Cultural	0	4,000	4,000	0.00%	16,000
Regulatory - Development	225,344	251,635	26,291	89.55%	1,081,539
Regulatory - Public Health	1,836	5,139	3,303	35.72%	20,555
Regulatory - Animals	26,083	30,118	4,035	86.60%	129,636
Environmental Sustainability	0	0	0	0.00%	0
LANDSCAPES TOTAL:	395,681	493,097	97,415	80.24%	2,034,629
COMMUNITY					
Community Health & Wellbeing	69,985	100,698	30,712	69.50%	387,791
Recreation	353,659	444,590	90,931	79.55%	1,317,359
Access	0	0	0	0.00%	0
Volunteers	18,447	18,200	-247	101.36%	30,000
Families	5,038	8,450	3,412	59.62%	15,950
Education	0	0	0	0.00%	0
Capacity & Sustainability	29,992	27,501	-2,491	109.06%	55,505
Safety	3,280	14,988	11,708	21.88%	59,950
Consultation & Communication	857	6,425	5,568	13.34%	25,700
LIFESTYLE TOTAL:	481,257	620,851	139,594	77.52%	1,892,255
ORGANISATION					
Improvement	10,525	33,563	23,037	31.36%	134,251
Sustainability	770,594	792,790	22,197	97.20%	3,848,449
Finances	58,969	58,425	-544	100.93%	408,526
ORGANISATION TOTAL:	840,088	884,778	44,690	94.95%	4,391,226
TOTALS	\$2,639,715	\$3,063,840	\$424,125	86.2%	\$16,069,235

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		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
INFRASTRUCTURE						
ROAD ASSETS						
Resheeting Program	Roads Resheeting	550,654	169,404	381,250		
	Jericho - Lower Marshes Road (Jericho end 3.2km)	73,500	-	73,500	Roads to Recovery - \$73,500	30 June 2027
	Jericho - Lower Marshes Road (Starting Bellevale Rd east 1km)	23,000	-	23,000	Roads to Recovery - \$23,000	30 June 2027
	Stonehenge - Inglewood Road (Starting Stonehenge west 1.5km)	54,989	54,989	0	Roads to Recovery - \$34,500	30 June 2027
	Campania - Estate Road (Starting White Kangaroo Rd 1.5km)	34,500	-	34,500	Roads to Recovery - \$34,500	30 June 2027
	Campania - White Kangaroo Road (Starting Stratford Rd north (1.5km)	34,500	-	34,500	Roads to Recovery - \$34,500	30 June 2027
Reseal Program	Roads Reseal Program	499,500	-	499,500	Roads to Recovery - \$150,000	30 June 2027
	Bagdad - East Bagdad Road (Midland Hway to Bagdad Rvt 300m)		-			
	Bagdad - Le Compte Place (300m)		-			
	Bagdad - Lyndon Road (250m)		-			
	Dysart - Clifton Vale Road (Fosters Rd to Sugarloaf Rd 1.8km)		-			
	Dysart - Clifton Vale Road (Cockatoo Gully Rd north 2.0 km)		-			
	Jericho - Jericho Road (Starting Sth of Midland Hway 1.0km)		-			
	Oatlands - Albert (100m)		-			
	Oatlands - Campbell (240m)		-			
	Oatlands - Mason (100m)		-			
	Oatlands - Stutzer (210m)		-			
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road (Buckland Rd to Woodsdale Hall 1.3km)		-			
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road (Starting nth entrance to Woodsdale Back Rd east 650m)		-			
	Jericho - Lower Marshes Road Asphaltting (Starting Jericho Rd 100m)		-			
	York Plains - York Plains Road Asphaltting (Starting east of Nala Rd 50m)		-			
	Sealed Road Edge Breaks (various)	200,000	5,750	168,347		
	Campania - Native Corners Road		-			
	Elderslie - Clifton Vale Road		-			
	Tunnack - Eldon road		2,132			
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road		23,771			
Reconstruct & Seal	Program (as per Maloneys Condition Assessment Report)	295,000	-	295,000	Roads to Recovery - \$394,500	30 June 2027
	Woodsdale Road (Starting 1.3km nth Woodsdale Back Rd nth 600m))	100,000	-	100,000	Roads to Recovery - \$100,000	30 June 2027
	Woodsdale Road (Starting Weedings Rd north 300m)					
	Woodsdale Road (Vicinity of 2105 Woodsdale Rd sth 100m)					
	Woodsdale Road (Starting 750m nth Woodsdale Back Road nth 350m)					
	Yarlington Road (Starting Richmond Rd heading sth 800m)					
Construct & Seal	Mangalore - Blackbrush Road (1.0 km section starting from seal Broadmarsh end)	250,000	8,720	241,280	Roads to Recovery - \$200,000	30 June 2027
	Rhyndaston - Rhyndaston Road (Remaining 1.35km)	220,000	5,423	214,577	Roads to Recovery - \$220,000	30 June 2027
Minor Seals (New)	Kempton - Erskine Street (Extention of Seal - 80m)	25,000	8,456	16,544	Roads to Recovery \$25,000 WIP \$8,455.56	30 June 2026
	Oatlands - Bentwick Street	20,000	-	20,000	Budget C/F	
Other Works	Bagdad - School Road (Traffic & Safety Improvements)	69,000	43,784	25,216	VRUP Funding \$34,430	31 December 2026
	Campania - Car Park Improvements	18,783	-	18,783	Budget C/F	
	Campania - Car Park Fence (900mm Picket Fence - Powder Coated)	13,000	-	13,000		
	Campania - Structure Plan - Town Gateway and Streetscape	40,000	-	40,000	Budget C/F	
	Kempton - Main Street (Kerb & Gutter 65m - renewal)	10,000	-	10,000		
	Oatlands - Hay Street (Junction)	15,000	-	15,000		
	Oatlands - High Street (Traffic Islands)	45,940	897	45,043	VRUP Funding \$22,300 SMC \$23,640 WIP \$896.84	31 December 2026
	Oatlands - In-kind Contribution to School Carpark and Fence	12,000	-	12,000	Approved September 2026 Council Meeting	
	Roads - Shouldering Program (Major)	300,000	42,089	257,911		
		2,904,366	365,416	2,538,950		

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		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
BRIDGES	Elderslie - Roydon Road (Abutment and Foundation Reinstatement)	176,000	4,080	171,920		
	Campania - Estate Road (Abutment Reinstatement)	176,000	4,080	171,920		
	Colebrook - Lovely Banks Road (Culvert Extension)	30,000	-	30,000		
		382,000	8,161	373,839		
WALKWAYS	Footpaths - General Streetscapes	50,000	-	50,000		
	Kempton - Burnett Street to Mood Food	444,265	450,260 -	5,995	Better Active Transport \$278K WIP \$439,671.72	
	Kempton - Main Street (Section Southern End & Section Northern End)	75,000	2,332	72,668	Budget C/F WIP \$741.24	
	Oatlands - Church Street (High Street to Esplanade - Both Sides)	40,000	-	40,000	Includes \$10K budget c/f	
	Oatlands - Dulverton Walkway Renewal	28,857	28,857	-	Funded from Roads Resheeting Budget	
	Oatlands - High Street (Vicinity of BP)	40,000	-	40,000		
	Parattah - Township - Streetscape Works (Stage 2)	100,000	115,480 -	15,480	Budget C/F \$50K	
	Tunnack - Footpath Upgrade Program (Yr 3 of 3)	150,000	73,251	76,749	Budget C/F \$100K WIP \$73,250.58	
		928,122	670,179	257,943		
PUBLIC TOILETS	General Public Toilets - Upgrade Program	9,956	-	9,956	Budget C/F \$14,616	
	Oatlands - Lake Dulverton Toilets (Electricity Upgrade)	4,660	4,660	-	Funded from General Public Toilet Upgrade Program	
		14,616	4,660	9,956		
DRAINAGE	Bagdad / Mangalore - Hydraulic Assessment (Recommendations)	61,625	-	61,625	Budget C/F	
	Kempton - Erskine Street (Extension - pipe/open drain)	24,000	-	24,000		
	Oatlands - Queen Anne Street (Pipe Extension)	30,000	-	30,000		
		115,625	-	115,625		
WASTE	Wheelie Bins and Crates	20,000	-	20,000		
	Campania WTS - Portable Toilet to replace hired toilet	-	3,812 -	3,812	Hire fee funded in operating budget	
	Dysart WTS - Portable Toilet to replace hired toilet	-	3,119 -	3,119	Hire fee funded in operating budget	
		20,000	6,930	13,070		
GROWTH TOURISM	Kempton - Pergolas (Roadside Stopover)	10,000	-	10,000		
	Oatlands - Heritage Interpretation Panel renewal	2,000	-	2,000	Budget C/F	
	Oatlands Accommodation Facility	-	42,283 -	42,283	WIP \$42,283 (Offset by Barrack Street Property)	
		12,000	42,283 -	30,283		
LANDSCAPES HERITAGE	General Interpretation Signage (Bagdad, Wellington St Chapel, Baden Hall)	10,000	-	10,000		
	Jericho - Memorial Avenue - Plaques	20,500	23,814 -	3,314	Budget C/F WIP \$23813.64 Offset by donation of \$500.	
	Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park - Interps	19,545	-	19,545	Budget C/F	
	Oatlands - Callington Mill - Structural Repair & External painting	120,000	-	120,000	Budget C/F \$80K	
	Oatlands - Gaol (Cell Footprint Rehabilitation and Interpretation)	162,889	14,198	148,691	Budget C/F \$40K	
	Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Chimney Capping & Fireplace Repairs)	5,000	1,385	3,615	Budget C/F WIP \$1384.81	
	Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Lighting & Hanging System Upgrade)	5,000	973	4,027	Budget C/F WIP \$972.97	
	Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Wingwall)	23,000	15,530	7,470	Budget C/F WIP \$15,277.01	
	Oatlands - Heritage Collections Store	10,000	3,700	6,300	WIP \$3,700	
	Oatlands - Roche Hall (Building suitable for PRISM)	244,161	60,150	184,011	Budget C/F \$144,161 WIP \$56,880.22	
	Oatlands - Roche Hall Forecourt (Interps - Planning Condition of Approval)	40,000	7,820	32,180	Budget C/F WIP \$7,820	
		660,095	127,569	532,526		

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		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
NATURAL	Bagdad - Chauncy Vale (Restoration of Winter Walk track to Day Dawn Cottage)	28,658	-	28,658		
	Chauncy Vale - Toilet & Interps Upgrade	100,000	72,925	27,075	Budget C/F WIP \$70,662.50 Election Commitment \$80K	30 June 2026
	Campania - Bush Reserve / Cemetery	300,000	114,018	185,982	Budget C/F WIP \$109,937.24	
	Oatlands - Dulverton Foreshore & Mahers Point (Table and Seating/New Seat Mahers Point)	10,000	-	10,000		
	Oatlands - Dulverton Foreshore (Renew Faded Interpretation Signage)	8,000	-	8,000		
		446,658	186,943	259,715		
LANDSCAPES						
REGULATORY	Kempton - Erskine Street Subdivision	-	1,235	1,235	Funded from sale of property WIP \$1235.45	
- DEVELOPMENT	Oatlands - Stanley Street Master Plan	20,000	172	19,828	Budget c/f WIP \$172	
	Planning Scheme Amendments	50,000	-	50,000		
	Property Purchase - 10 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	530,000	-	530,000	Budget C/F	
		600,000	1,407	598,593		
REGULATORY	Campania - Cemetery (fencing & landscaping)	50,000	-	50,000		
- PUBLIC HEALTH	Woodsdale - Cemetery (Additional Columbarium)	8,121	1,845	6,276	Funded from Committee Contribution	
		58,121	1,845	56,276		
COMMUNITY						
RECREATION	Recreation Committee	38,020	-	38,020	Original Budget \$40,000 - allocations to date as below	
	Buildings General Allocation (Sites TBC following Inspection)	50,000	-	50,000		
	Playground Upgrades (Locations TBC following inspection)	50,000	-	50,000		
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Precinct Plan & Property Transfer)	111,000	95,273	15,727	\$111K Budget c/f WIP \$95,003	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Redevelopment)	-	50,931	50,931	WIP \$50,931.23	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Sports Pavilion)	-	222,416	222,416	WIP \$222,406.30 Subject to Funding	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Multi-purpose Sports Hall)	-	252,160	252,160	WIP \$252,160 Subject to Funding	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Oval Relocation)	-	26,500	26,500	WIP \$25,500 Subject to Funding	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Wastewater System)	200,000	56,340	143,660	Budget C/F WIP \$24,268.52	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (New Cricket Wicket)	6,980	-	6,980	\$3K Small Grant, \$2K Club Cont., \$1,980 Rec. Committee	
	Bagdad - Eddington Cottage (Stabilisation, Safety & Security)	30,000	1,215	28,785		
	Bagdad - Iden Park (Minor Upgrades)	75,000	-	75,000	Budget C/F	
	Campania - Flour Mill Park (Redevelopment - Court Upgrade, Dog Park, Drainage)	108,000	-	108,000	Budget C/F \$68K	
	Colebrook - Hall (Windows, Ramps, Double Doors)	10,000	-	10,000	Budget C/F	
	Kempton - Carriage Shed (External Repair & Repainting)	11,700	-	11,700	Budget C/F	
	Kempton Rec Ground - Playground Development (Year 1 of 2 - \$100 per year)	100,000	846	99,154		
	Levendale Playground Development	20,000	-	20,000		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Female Change Rooms / Shower Cubicles)	10,000	6,405	3,595	Budget C/F	
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Learn to Swim- Life Jackets)	2,000	-	2,000		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Learn to Swim - Platform)	7,500	4,984.40	2,516		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Allowance - Pumps Replacement)	10,000	-	10,000		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Gymnasium - Equipment Upgrade - cross trainer / mirrors)	6,800	583	6,217		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Storage area for boat & lane rope)	5,000	-	5,000		
	Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Air Lock & Heating)	20,000	14,432	5,568	\$30K of Budget C/F WIP \$14,432	
	Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Kitchen Floor Repairs / Underpinning)	28,000	23,815	4,185	Budget C/F WIP \$781.95	
	Oatlands - Midlands Community Centre (External Painting - Front of Building)	8,000	-	8,000	Budget C/F	
	Oatlands - Off-Lead Dog Park	35,000	1,947	33,053	Budget C/F WIP \$1,947	
	Oatlands - Recreation Ground (Redevelopment)	-	175,991	175,991	Subject to Funding WIP \$175,720.50	
	Oatlands - Recreation Ground (Electronic Scoreboard)	55,145	73,827	18,682	AFL Grant, OFC Contribution, SMC \$30K WIP \$65,481.52	
	Tunnack - Recreation Ground (Toilet Block Painting)	4,000	-	4,000	Budget C/F	
	Water Bottle Refill Stations	7,980	-	7,980	Budget C/F	
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Hall (Playground Safety Fence)	4,000	-	4,000		
		1,014,125	1,007,665	6,460		

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FAMILIES	Kempton - Childcare Centre (Year 1 of 2) Total funding \$130,000	65,000	201,999 -	136,999	WIP \$27,453.72	
		65,000	201,999 -	136,999		
CAPACITY	Oatlands - Men's Shed (Window, Roof & other improvements)	8,200	4,179	4,021	Aust Govt (National Shed Development Programme)	31 December 2026
		8,200	4,179	4,021		
SAFETY	Sale of Fire Sheds to Crown	-	2,646 -	2,646	Expenses offset by income from sale	
		-	2,646 -	2,646		
ORGANISATION SUSTAINABILITY	Council Website Upgrade	55,000	13,260	41,740	Includes \$40K budget c/f	
	Communications Link Upgrade	5,000	-	5,000	Budget C/F	
	Centralise Security Camera Systems (including server)	25,000	2,960	22,040	Includes \$10K budget c/f	
	Computer / Network Upgrades	12,194	-	12,194	Budget C/F	
	Exchange and Office Upgrade - Perpetual Licence	48,000	-	48,000		
	Hardware Failure Allowance	10,000	-	10,000		
	Oatlands Depot and Kempton Chambers (Alarm System Upgrades)	5,000	-	5,000		
	WIFI Equipment	7,000	-	7,000	Budget C/F	
	Kempton - Council Chambers (Office Furniture & Equipment)	7,500	-	7,500		
	Oatlands - Town Hall (Office Furniture & Equipment)	7,500	-	7,500		
	Oatlands - Town Hall Toilets (Year 2 of 5 commitment - total \$300K per annum)	700,000	20,564	679,436	\$400K Budget C/F WIP \$17,794.27	
		882,194	36,784	845,410		
WORKS	Kempton - Works Depot (Toilet / Shower Upgrade)	30,000	-	30,000	Budget C/F	
	Oatlands Depot - Vehicle Hoist	5,000	-	5,000		
	Oatlands Depot - Quick Fill Tank	10,000	-	10,000		
	Oatlands Depot - Replace Heatpump	-	-	-		
	Minor Plant Purchases	12,000	1,517	10,483		
	Radio System	5,000	-	5,000		
	Plant Replacement Program					
	Heavy Vehicles - Gross Amount	724,758	-	724,758		
	(Trade Allowance - \$304K)					
	Light Vehicles - Gross Amount	660,133	-	660,133		
	(Trade Allowance - \$741K)					
		1,446,891	1,517	1,445,374		
GRAND TOTALS		\$9,558,012.50	\$2,670,183.71	\$6,887,828.79		

CASH FLOW 2026/2027	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) July 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Aug 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Sep 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Oct 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Nov 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Dec 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Jan 2027 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Feb 2027 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Mar 2027 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Apr 2027 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) May 2027 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Jun 2027 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (Total 2026/27) \$
Cash flows from operating activities													
Payments													
Employee costs	(413,989)	(441,354)	(435,355)										(1,290,698)
Materials and contracts	(588,215)	(469,409)	(514,413)										(1,572,037)
Interest	0	0	0										0
Other	(9,791)	(34,684)	(72,666)										(117,141)
	(1,011,995)	(945,446)	(1,022,435)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(2,979,876)
Receipts													
Rates	448,063	314,757	2,885,268										3,648,088
User charges	170,386	123,127	146,619										440,131
Interest received	31,162	50,899	61,941										144,001
Subsidies	0	0											0
Operating Grants	0	270,614											270,614
Other	18,850	166,642	(11,131)										174,361
	668,461	926,038	3,082,696	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,677,195
Net cash from operating activities	(343,534)	(19,407)	2,060,261	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,697,319
Cash flows from investing activities													
Payments for property, plant & equipment	(114,062)	(172,852)	(227,164)										(514,078)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	0	0											0
Proceeds from Capital grants	8,200	0	14,310										22,510
Proceeds from Investments	0	0											0
Payment for Investments	0	0											0
Net cash used in investing activities	(105,862)	(172,852)	(212,854)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(491,568)
Cash flows from financing activities													
Repayment of borrowings	0	0											0
Proceeds from borrowings	0	0											0
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(449,396)	(192,259)	1,847,407	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,205,752
Cash at beginning of reporting month	16,105,388	15,655,992	15,463,733	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,105,388
Cash at end of reporting period	15,655,992	15,463,733	17,311,140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,311,140

17.3.2 Kempton Primary School – Tournament of Minds International Final – Request for Donation

Author: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JEMMA CROSSWELL)

Date: 8 OCTOBER 2026

Enclosure(s):

Kempton Primary School – Letter dated 21 September 2026

ISSUE

Council to consider a request for a donation submitted by the Kempton Primary School to assist with travel expenses associated with attendance at the *Tournament of Minds – International Final* being held in Darwin, Northern Territory.

BACKGROUND

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

The current Policy provides the following:

“ Representation - Individuals (Residents) re Sporting or Recreational Activities

<i>Intrastate representation</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>Interstate representation</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>
<i>Overseas representation</i>	<i>\$400.00</i>

2.2.1 Assistance will be available upon request by residents of the Southern Midlands Municipality achieving State or National representation. The following criteria must be met:

- Evidence of selection will be required prior to the allocation of funds*
- Grants will be provided to individuals only (not teams)*
- Grants will not be provided to those over the age of 18 at the commencement of each calendar year.*
- Grants will not be provided to officials (i.e. coaches, managers, judges)*

DETAIL

This request does not strictly meet the criteria outlined in Council's Policy, mainly as the request is on behalf of the entire team. It is therefore to be considered on merit.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – To be considered.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Refer comment provided in the Email.

Policy Implications – Policy related decision.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – The event is due to be held at the end of October 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council donate \$500 to the Kempton Primary School to assist with travel expenses associated with attendance at the *Tournament of Minds – International Final* being held in Darwin, Northern Territory.

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 17.3.2



Department for Education, Children and Young People

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21st September 2026

Request for Donations – Tournament of Minds International Final

To whom it may concern

We are thrilled to share that our small, rural school of 52 students has qualified a team of 6 students to represent Tasmania at the *Tournament of Minds – International Final 2026* in Darwin, Northern Territory. This follows our success in the Tasmanian Branch Final in September and is an amazing opportunity that has been awarded to the students. We are not only representing our school and our local community, but also the Department for Education, Children and Young People in Tasmania.

This event celebrates our creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. Our team of young students enthusiastically embraced the six-week challenge of solving a complex, open-ended problem which required them to think outside the box. Our students worked hard as a team to come up with a solution and present their ideas in a way that captivated and impressed the judges. They drew on their excellent writing, public speaking, technological and musical skills to produce their final product. We are incredibly proud of their achievements in this prestigious competition.

This team will be travelling to Darwin to compete at the Tournament of Minds International Final at the end of October. We would appreciate your consideration to make a donation, to assist with our upcoming travel expenses.

We would be incredibly grateful for any support you can provide to assist our students in getting to Darwin. Together, we can ensure that our team has the chance to shine and bring pride to Kempton Primary School and our community. Please contact us on 6165 0800 if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Barker".

Rebecca Barker
Tournament of Minds Facilitator

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Deearne Wagin
Principal

Nil.

**19. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE
 AGENDA**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT in accordance with Regulation 17 (1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the following items are to be dealt with in Closed Session.

Matter	<i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 Reference</i>
<i>Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation</i>	17(2)
<i>Applications for Leave of Absence</i>	17(2)(i)
<i>Audit Panel Minutes</i>	17(2)(h)(ii)
<i>Contract – Annual Road Spray Sealing Program</i>	17(2)(e)
<i>Contract – Annual Road Stabilisation Program</i>	17(2)(e)
<i>General Manager – Performance Review</i>	17(2)(a)

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT in accordance with Regulation 17(2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, Council move into Closed Session and the meeting be closed to members of the public.

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

CLOSED COUNCIL AGENDA

20. BUSINESS IN “CLOSED SESSION”

20.1 Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, 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 17(2) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

20.2 Applications for Leave of Absence

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, 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 17(2)(i) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

20.3 Audit Panel Minutes

20.3.1 Receipt of Minutes

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, 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 17(2)(h)(ii) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

20.3.2 Endorsement of Recommendations

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, 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 17(2)(h)(ii) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

20.4 Contract – Annual Road Spray Sealing Program

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, 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 17(2)(e) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

20.5 Contract – Annual Road Stabilisation and Seal Program

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, 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 17(2)(e) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

20.6 General Manager – Performance Review

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, 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 17(2)(a) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

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