



# **Strategic Plan Review**

**Input from Community Forums  
and  
from the SMC Management Team**

**To be considered by Council at the May 2018 Council Meeting**

*Compiled from the butcher's paper by Andrew Benson*

# I. INFRASTRUCTURE

*The need to maintain, improve and maximise the Community benefit from infrastructure provided by Council.*

## 1.1 ROADS

- Use sandstone in kerbs & gutters more in heritage areas – *SMC Mgrs*
- Incorporating the use of materials like tyres & glass into roads, paths etc – *SMC Mgrs*

## 1.3 WALKWAYS, CYCLE WAYS & TRAILS

- **Pedestrian Walkways** - Interconnecting townships would add value to 'safety/health and wellbeing' climate change implications - Increase walk/cycling decrease cars - *RMcD Oatlands*
- **Horse trails** would be a great advantage to the horse riding community if there were some in Southern Midlands – *KG Bagdad*
- **Extend Walking Track around Lake Dulverton** - Connect walking/cycling tracks with neighbouring Councils Linkage with Campania & Richmond or Pontville - Bagdad – *SMC Mgrs*
- **Walking Track at Rhyndaston** - Indicator post only not established gravel track and styes over fence to see Coal River Valley Gorge (Parks & Wildlife site) – *SMC Mgrs*

## 1.4 LIGHTING

- Energetically pursue the implementation of LED for replacement of street lighting – *SMC Mgrs*

## 1.8 WASTE

- **Advocate and facilitate for the minimisation of 'waste'** by reducing the quantity of waste produced – especially, but not exclusively, plastics (both Council and the Community)

## 2. GROWTH

*The need to increase the population in the municipality to a long term sustainable level and to grow the level of agricultural, commercial and industrial activity, balanced with environmental, heritage and cultural values along with the appropriate services.*

### 2.1 RESIDENTIAL

- **Protection of Agricultural Land (PAL) Policy** - Policy, context, reviews – could be Tourism, residential, housing shortages- *RMcD Oatlands*
- **Bus Services** – lobby for increased services – *SMC Mgrs*

### 2.3 BUSINESS

- **Food & Beverage** – target getting High End Food - Restaurant/Café - Production eg noodles/making – Unique - Agrarian Kitchen – Bakery – Gourmet - Whisky/distilleries/wine/fruit products - *RMcD Oatlands*

## 3. LANDSCAPES

*The need to maintain, improve and maximise the benefits of the existing heritage, natural and cultural landscapes of the Southern Midlands*

### 3.1 HERITAGE

- **Support the creation of a Tasmanian Convict/Heritage Sites Authority**, similar to Port Arthur Management Authority - Not regulatory so much - But a one-stop shop/resource - *RMcD Oatlands*
- **Link Sites** Develop sites for visitation - Conservation Management of Sites/Buildings - Heritage conservation resource/advice - *RMcD Oatlands*
- I think we should encourage council to have a strategy for - "**The gateway to the Southern Midlands**".

This could include a "streetscape and landscape plan" that would link in to their Heritage Tourism Strategy, it would also create a *sense of identity* for the Southern Midlands if an entrance to our rural municipality was created.

I'm wondering if we can suggest at the consultation that we revisit the ideas we had earlier that included -

- Stone Culverts over the entrances to our properties , ( we might have to pay for this - is anyone interested in me getting quotes?)

- A mixed wood and steel Guardrail system of safety barriers to replace the galv. ones that will be installed

- Painting or stencilling the traffic islands a sandstone colour to identify the Heritage Mile

- Underground power

Other ideas we could investigate could be signage outside our properties, tree, shrub, hedge plantings. - *M & F K by email*

- **Acknowledgement of the rural landscape** by not permitting other development to impinge upon significant 'places', especially heritage homes – *K & R G Bagdad*
- **Acknowledgement of the significance of trees in the landscape** especially along the Heritage Highway (Midland Highway) and the revegetation where trees have been removed
- **Create a Town Square** - Consider development of an area incorporating Roche Hall, Town Hall and front of new pool site area as a focal point for the Village – *SMC Mgrs*
- **Use of Parattah Station for occasional rail passenger trips** – *SMC Mgrs*
- **Work with Landowners on adaptive reuse of redundant farm buildings** – *SMC Mgrs*

## 3.2 NATURAL

- **Establish a Lake Dulverton Nature Interpretation Centre in Lake Dulverton**  
– *SMC Mgrs*

## 3.5 CLIMATE CHANGE

- **Investigate options to potentially develop a Solar Array Panel/bank** - to generate power to be used at the community level and excess back to grid–  
*SMC Mgrs*

## **4. LIFESTYLE**

*The need to increase the opportunities for improved health and well-being of those that live in the Southern Midlands*

### **4.1 COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLBEING**

- **Council to be an advocate for the Community**, health and related issues – *GY Bagdad*
- **Develop a Health & Wellbeing plan for SMC** – *SMC Mgrs*
- **Construct the best family/children's parks on the Midland Highway** - To encourage more visitors to Oatlands Encourage more business - Possibly begin with new "Development Plan" or "Master Plan" for Oatlands – *SMC Mgrs*

### **4.8 RECREATION**

- **Recreation Facility on Lake Dulverton** - Rowing clubs/family kayaks/jetty etc  
Weed cutter – *SMC Mgrs*

## **5. COMMUNITY**

*The need to retain and build on the strong sense of Community that exists within the Southern Midlands*

### **5.1 CAPACITY & SUSTAINABILITY**

- **Equity among Volunteer Organisation** - Vacation from rate charges, - *MH Oatlands*
- **Facilitate the establishment of a Chamber of Commerce in Oatlands/SM** – *SMC Mgrs*
- **Review capacity of Southern Midlands to hold public events & place of assembly** - What can we offer? What are our advantages (unique to SMC) - What can we do to improve? – *SMC Mgrs*
- **Volunteers** – how can Council support - sufficient numbers / adequate skills – *SMC Mgrs*

## **6. ORGANISATION**

*The need to monitor and continuously improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the way the Council provides services to the Community*

### **6.2 SUSTAINABILITY**

- **Communication with community** eg Increase in social media/review use of channels - *MH Oatlands*
- **Improve Communication & Connection** - with ratepayers/community through various media - How can we provide a better stream of info? *SMC Mgrs*
- **Prepare a Workforce Plan for Council** – *SMC Mgrs*