



ATTACHMENTS

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 21st October 2026
10.00 a.m.

Oatlands Municipal Offices
71 High Street, Oatlands

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SOUTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL



MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 23rd September 2026
10.00 a.m.

Kempton Municipal Offices
85 Main Street, Kempton

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OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL HELD
WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2026 AT THE KEMPTON MUNICIPAL OFFICES,
85 HIGH STREET, KEMPTON, COMMENCING AT 10.00 A.M.

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, Mayor Batt advised 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 recited prayers.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor E Batt recited Acknowledgement of Country.

3. ATTENDANCE

Mayor E Batt, Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, Cllr A E Bisdee OAM, Cllr D Blackwell, Cllr B Campbell, Cllr D Fish and Cllr F Miller.

Mr T Kirkwood (General Manager), Mr A Benson (Deputy General Manager & Director Community & Development Services), Mr D Richardson (Director Assets), Mr G Finn (Manager Development & Environmental Services), Mrs A Burbury (Manager Finance), Ms W Brown (Manager Community & Corporate Development) and Ms J Crosswell (Executive Assistant).

4. APOLOGIES

Nil.

5. MINUTES

5.1 Ordinary Council Meeting

DECISION

Moved by Cllr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon

THAT based on the recommendations from the Facilities & Recreation Committee, the financial allocations for the Southern Midlands Council Community Small Grants Program 2026 be awarded in scored priority to the following organisations be approved.

Bagdad Cricket Club Inc	
For New Cricket Wicket at Bagdad	\$ 3,000.00
Campania Football Club Inc.	
Storage Room Security & Upgrades	\$2,000.00
Levendale & Woodsdale History Rooms Inc.	
Air-conditioning Equipment	\$ 646.00
Midlands Swim Club	
Equipment.	\$ 1,800.00
Oatlands Ex-Service & Community Club Inc.	
Glass Door Upright Fridge.	\$ 3,000.00
Oatlands Community Association	
New Carpet in Conference Room	\$2,500.00
Midlands Pickle Ball Group.	
Pickle Ball bats, balls and nets.	\$ 1,990.00
Runnymede Cricket Club Inc.	
Security Door.	\$ 3,000.00
St Marys Community Cemetery Kempton Inc.	
Heritage Repairs.	\$ 2,990.00
Tunnack Community Club Inc.	
Toilet facilities upgrade.	\$ 2,950.00
Tunnack Hall & Progress Assn Inc.	
Kitchen Upgrade	\$ 2,500.00
Wine South Inc.	
Event Signage	\$ 498.00

CARRIED

DECISION

Moved by Cllr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon

THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 26 August 2026 be confirmed, including the amendment to the above decision.

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	✓	

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:

- Campania Cemetery Management Committee - Meeting held 4 September 2026
- Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary Management Committee – Meeting held 24 August 2026

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

Moved by Cllr B Campbell, seconded by Cllr D Blackwell

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

CARRIED

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	✓	

5.2.2 Special Committee of Council - Endorsement of Recommendations

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

- Campania Cemetery Management Committee - Meeting held 4 September 2026
- Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary Management Committee – Meeting held 24 August 2026

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

Moved by Cllr D Blackwell, seconded by Cllr B Campbell

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

CARRIED

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	✓	

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

5.3.1 Joint Authorities - Receipt of Minutes

Nil.

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

Nil.

6. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Agenda is to include details of any Council workshop held since the last meeting.

DECISION

Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Clr A E Bisdee OAM

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

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.*

Nil.

7.2 Questions Without Notice

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

Clr A E Bisdee OAM – Erskine Street, Kempton – Cemetery Property – questioned the current status of the property.

General Manager confirmed that site investigations have concluded; subdivision survey plan prepared; and Brad William's progressing the formal closure of the cemetery in accordance with the Burial and Cremation Act 2019.

Clr B Campbell – raised a number of questions / issues - including:

1. Fire Danger period approaching – are there sufficient machinery resources (i.e. bulldozers and water tankers) available?
2. Cumbungi has been appearing in Tunbridge, Andover and some other areas – what measures are being taken to eradicate?

Question taken on notice – to advise Weeds Officer.

3. Queried why properties without a dwelling are being charged for waste collection?

General Manager – This should not be the case, possibly the charge has been mistaken for the waste management charge.

4. Medical Centre at Campania – can this idea be incorporated in the Strategic Plan?

Noted.

5. Ex Levendale Primary School – now privately owned. Apparently plaques have been removed and whereabouts are unknown.

To be investigated.

6. Building (Property adjoining Tunbridge Park – southern side) – dilapidated building – what is planned?

General Manager – this is privately owned but fencing has been installed recently to separate the building from the park. Council have been in discussion with property owner.

Clr F Miller – any updates on the Telstra upgrades at Oatlands and Colebrook?

General Manager – Telstra have started upgrades in Oatlands but no update on Colebrook as yet. Will discuss with Telstra representative.

Clr D Blackwell – Update on the fires at Colebrook?

General Manager – No further information available.

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*.

Nil.

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.

Nil.

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

The following questions were asked by Julia Jabour – Southern Midlands Regional News

1. Queenstown has just stepped up to oppose the governments scaling back of Service Tasmania services. Is SMC prepared to do the same for Oatlands?

It is confirmed that Mayor Batt wrote to the Premier of Tasmania on 14 September 2026, the day after it was announced that changes were being proposed for the Service Tasmania office at Oatlands.

The Mayor's letter urged the State Government not to proceed with any plans to reduce the level of service currently available to the residents of our municipality. He noted that Oatlands is a growing town with a sound base of surrounding economic development, particularly in agriculture, tourism and whisky production.

The Mayor also raised concern that Oatlands appeared to have been categorised as a "remote location", alongside Queenstown, Whitemark and Currie. He pointed out that, if remoteness is to be a factor in determining whether services should be reduced, Oatlands is not geographically remote.

In addition to opposing the proposed reduction in operating hours, the Mayor requested any data or evidence that could be made available to support the proposal to reduce the number of service hours significantly below those currently provided.

The Premier responded to the Mayor by letter dated 22 September 2026.

2. What is required to get a disabled parking space outside the Midlands Memorial Community Centre, 68 High Street?

The provision of a dedicated disabled parking space is not straightforward as there are a number of factors that need to be taken into account, including the loss of a standard parking space (possibly 2) and the requirements for safe and accessible access.

The attached diagram provides an indication of the space and what infrastructure required, including:

- A parking bay 2.4 metres wide;
- A parking bay 5.4 metres long;
- An additional 1.2 metre wide area to allow users to connect to a continuous accessible path of travel
- Protected from vehicle routes, which given the proposed location, would be particularly challenging due to the close proximity of High Street; and
- Vertical signage mounted at a height of 1.0 to 1.5 metres high to ensure adequate visibility.

For these reasons, the existing disabled parking provision within the Aquatic Centre car park remains the preferred solution. It provides a more practical location that can accommodate the relevant accessibility requirements while avoiding the additional challenges associated with establishing a compliance space on High Street.

3. What is the latest information about the motel proposal?

In summary, Council has granted an extension of time in relation to the Development and Sale Agreement with THN Hospitality Pty Ltd (as the preferred proponent) for the Oatlands Boutique Accommodation development. Council has also reaffirmed its commitment to a package of development incentives intended to support the delivery of the project and assist in achieving Council's strategic objectives for the site.

BACKGROUND

In July 2021, Council determined that THN Hospitality Pty Ltd (THN Hospitality) would be the preferred proponent for the Oatlands Boutique Hotel Development Opportunity. This determination followed an extensive Expressions of Interest process undertaken by Council to identify a suitable proponent for the development.

Following the appointment of THN Hospitality as the preferred proponent, Council and THN Hospitality proceeded to negotiate a Development and Sale Agreement which was subsequently executed by the parties and became effective on 15 June 2022.

The Agreement contains a number of obligations, milestones and timeframes relating to the progression of the development. The parties acknowledge that these requirements have not been met within the agreed timelines for a number of reasons, some of which are outside the control of either party.

Council has therefore granted an extension of time to allow the project to continue progressing in accordance with the objectives of the Agreement. Progress will be monitored over the next nine months and reviewed at that time.

During this period, THN Hospitality will continue to review the building design (with the aim of reducing the overall capital cost); revise the associated business plan; work through the various challenges that have arisen during the development process, including the significant increase in construction costs; and investigate the availability of other support, including potential government assistance.

4. The two new shower cubicles in the Female change rooms at the pool are welcomed, but I have been tasked with asking Council if the water taps in these two new cubicles can be changed to a handle rather than a knob that you turn. It seems that people with arthritic hands, or mums holding babies, are finding the knobs impossible to use. The preferred tap I am referring to is the one in the existing shower cubicle.

This feedback has also been received and Council will action accordingly.

Stephen Booker – is there the possibility for remedial works on the pavement in High Street, Oatlands to fix trip hazards?

General Manager – Council will continue their inspection program to identify high risk areas, but long term replacement is preferable.

Stephen Booker – Lack of seating in High Street, Oatlands.

General Manager – part of street scape development will include seating. Style of seating to be decided on.

Stephen Booker – Speeding in High Street, Oatlands – is there the option of traffic calming measures?

General Manager – will notify local police of concern raised.

Julia Jabour – Southern Midlands Regional News – had the following questions:

1. Query for Councillor Miller via third party: If elected as Mayor or councillor, are you going to make a fourth attempt to close the public road at the rear of Craighourne Dam?

Clr F Miller – Not appropriate to answer but if they would like to contact directly they are welcome.

2. Tas Petroleum - 20 Interlaken Road - Update?

Manager Development and Environmental Services advised that Council does not have an active involvement in the current proceedings but there is a further directions hearing scheduled for Thursday 24 September 2026.

3. Update on the Youth Justice Facility

Manager Development and Environmental Services advised he has recently had discussions with Councils solicitor and they do not expect a decision before December 2026. Tenders have been released for the construction which is expected to begin this year

4. Has the recently appointed Junior Mayor been involved in any council activities?

Manager Community & Corporate Development advised that the Junior Mayor assisted council staff at the Southern Midlands Council stall at the career expo held recently at Oatlands District High School. Has not attended any other official engagements as yet but more to come in future.

DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, seconded by Cllr D Blackwell

THAT Council break for morning tea at 10.50 a.m.

CARRIED

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	✓	

DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, seconded by Cllr A E Bisdee OAM

THAT Council reconvene at 11.11 a.m.

CARRIED

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	✓	

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.

13.1.1 Oatlands District High School Parking (Wellington Street, Oatlands)

DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, seconded by Cllr B Campbell

THAT Council:

1. Supports an 'in-kind' contribution of approximately \$12,000 towards the construction of a dedicated staff car park at Oatlands School.
2. Notes that the Tasmanian Department of Education is contributing approximately \$32,000 towards the project.
3. Authorises councils Director Assets, to finalise arrangements with the Department of Education regarding the Council contribution and delivery of the works.
4. Notes that the proposed car park will provide dedicated off-street parking for school staff, reducing the number of staff vehicles parking along the Wellington Street roadside and assisting to alleviate traffic congestion and improve road safety in the vicinity of Oatlands School

CARRIED

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	✓	

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.

Nil.

13.10 Officer Reports – Assets

13.10.1 Assets Report

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO THE DIRECTOR ASSETS

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Commended the works team on upgrades to the walking track at Parrattah. The Deputy Mayor also complimented the standard of work done at the new child care centre at Kempton.

Mayor E Batt – Horseys Road, Dysart – is there the potential to apply a dust suppressant on this road given the increase in residences in the area.

Director Assets – taken on notice and to assess in accordance with Council's Dust Suppressant Policy.

Clr B Campbell – Tunbridge – side of footpath there is a lip – need to backfill?

Director Assets – to inspect and take appropriate action.

Clr B Campbell – Eldon Road and Inglewood Road - Hooning and anti-social behaviour.

Director Assets – relay comments to Tasmania Police.

Clr B Campbell – Unsecured loads in Oatlands when residents are heading to the waste transfer station.

Director Assets – relay comments to Tasmania Police.

Mayor E Batt - Blackbrush Road (towards the junction) – Drainage issue and a hole in pavement needs repairing.

Director Assets – to inspect and take appropriate action.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Assets Report be received and the information noted.

DECISION

Moved by Clr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT the Assets Report be received and the information noted.

CARRIED

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	✓	

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

- 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

DECISION

Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Clr B Campbell

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

CARRIED

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

15.2 Natural

Strategic Plan Reference – page 23/24

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

15.2.1 NRM Unit – General Report

DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, seconded by Clr A E Bisdee OAM

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

CARRIED

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

15.3 Cultural

Strategic Plan Reference 3.3

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.

15.1.1 Tree Removal - Huntington Tier Road, Dysart

DECISION

Moved by Cllr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Cllr D Blackwell

THAT Council approve the removal of trees T1 and T2 at Huntington Tier Road.

CARRIED

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	✓	

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

DECISION

Moved by Cllr B Campbell, seconded by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon

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

CARRIED

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	✓	

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.

Nil.

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.

16.8.1 Southern Midlands Council – *Emergency Management Act 2006* - Nomination to the Position(s) of Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator

DECISION

Moved by Clr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon

THAT Council nominate:

- a) Tim Kirkwood (General Manager) as the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator; and
- b) Wendy Young (Manager Community & Corporate Development) as the Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator.

CARRIED

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

16.8.2 Draft Tasmania Fire and Emergency Services Bill 2026

DECISION

Moved by Clr D Blackwell, seconded by Clr A E Bisdee OAM

THAT Council provide feedback to the Local Government Association of Tasmania consistent with the comments outlined in this report in relation to the draft Tasmania Fire and Emergency Services Bill 2026.

CARRIED

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

16.9 Consultation & Communication

Strategic Plan Reference 4.8

<i>4.9.1 Improve the effectiveness of consultation & communication with the community.</i>
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Nil.

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 Information Communication Technology (ICT) Risk Management and Governance Policy – Tabling of Draft Policy

DECISION

Moved by Cllr B Campbell, seconded by Cllr A E Bisdee OAM

THAT the Information Communication Technology (ICT) Risk Management and Governance Policy be adopted.

CARRIED

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

1. Lake Dulverton – Public Information Sessions

A copy of the flyer promoting the public information sessions is included as an enclosure to provide the background detail.

Following the conduct of these sessions, the Dulverton Anglers, a key stakeholder group, has provided a letter of support for the actions being taken by Council.

The Anglers were advised that a copy of this letter would be circulated and tabled at this Council Meeting.

2. Leventdale and Woodsdale History Rooms

Letter of Appreciation – Community Small Grants Program 2026 – Facility Upgrade Grant

3. Letter from the Premier of Tasmania

Response to the proposed changes to opening hours at Service Tasmania service centre in Oatlands

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

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	✓	

Lake Dulverton – Public Information Sessions flyer

LAKE DULVERTON – WATER CHANGES

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

Monday 31 August 2026
3.30 pm – 7.30 pm
or
Monday 7 September 2026
3.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Where - Council Chambers, Oatlands

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT LAKE DULVERTON?

A floating underwater plant known as Water Milfoil (*Myriophyllum salsugineum*) is becoming increasingly dominant in one section of Lake Dulverton.

The thick growth is affecting water quality, particularly during the warmer summer months. It is also creating challenges for the Lake's birdlife and fish and is smothering Water Ribbon (*Cycnogeton procerum*) — an important wetland plant that supports birdlife around the lake.

WHAT IS NEXT?

To help control the Water Milfoil, the supplementary water to a section of the Lake will be stopped for a period of time.

This will allow the wetland to respond to natural climatic conditions. As a result, this section of the Lake is likely to dry out for a period of time.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Lake Dulverton is a valuable wetland environment, and managing its future requires us to consider:

- Water quality
- Bird and fish habitat
- Native wetland plants
- The impacts of a changing climate
- The long-term health of the lake

Come and chat with people involved in managing Lake Dulverton.
This is a drop-in information session — there is no formal presentation.

We welcome the community to come along.

Dulverton Anglers – Letter of Support

DULVERTON ANGLERS

EST 2024



Lake Dulverton Repatriation Program

Over many years, Lake Dulverton has been a renown recreational facility for the Oatlands community. 'The Lake' has played host to a number of recreations spanning over many generations with longtime locals and travelers alike having memories of activities such as speed boat racing, canoe races and sail boats bringing the lake to life. In more recent times Lake Dulverton has adopted a more relaxed variety of hobbies, playing host to hikers, bird watchers, rock climbers and anglers, to name a few.

Unfortunately, over the past couple of years, Lake Dulverton has rapidly declined in health going from a thriving wetland filled with aquatic life, birds and opportunity, to what is now a dead waterway, overran with aquatic weed (milfoil). Through observation of Dulverton Anglers, we have seen 'The Lake' diminish in dissolved oxygen to as low as 5% which is not enough to sustain aquatic life such as fish. The diminished dissolved oxygen levels not only have a fatal result for aquatic life, but the flow on effect is also much greater, flowing on to bird life which can be seen in the gross decline in bird numbers around the lake.

The aquatic weed that has taken over the lake is blanketing the surface, not allowing natural aggravation of the top water to introduce oxygen. The blanket of Milfoil is choking out the Ribbon weed and other species of weed that are beneficial to many native animals for food sources, shelter and nesting material.

Despite the best efforts of Dulverton Anglers in suppressing the weed and maintaining some clear water, we have been overrun and the weed has completely taken over.

The changes we see in the lake need to be addressed urgently before irreversible damage is caused to a vital part of the Oatlands district.

Dulverton Anglers fully support the repatriation program outlined by the Southern Midlands Council and commend councilors on reaching a bold yet considered decision.

Brady Robins
Dulverton Anglers
President
Dulvertonanglers@gmail.com
0437111327

Levendale and Woodsdale History Rooms – Letter of Appreciation

LEVENDALE AND WOODSDALE HISTORY ROOMS INC.

2278 Woodsdale Rd, Woodsdale TAS 7120
Email: woodsdalemuseum@gmail.com



20 September 2026

Andrew Benson
Deputy General Manager / Director Community & Development Services
Southern Midlands Council
PO Box 21
Oatlands, Tasmania 7120

Dear Mr Benson

Re: Thank You – Community Small Grants Program 2026 – Facility Upgrade Grant

On behalf of the committee and volunteers of the Levendale and Woodsdale History Rooms Inc., I write to thank you and the Southern Midlands Council for the grant of \$646.00 awarded to our organisation under the Community Small Grants Program 2026, as confirmed in the Mayor's letter of 27 August 2026.

This funding will be used to purchase a dehumidifier for the Woodsdale School building, a weatherboard structure built in 1884 that houses our museum's collection. As outlined in our application, the building experiences relative humidity levels of between 60% and 85% during the winter months, placing the collection at significant risk of mould, corrosion and material degradation. The dehumidifier will allow us to bring humidity levels down to, and maintain them within, a range appropriate for the preventive care of the collection.

Many of the items in our care are irreplaceable, having been donated or loaned by local families because of their connection to the history of the Levendale and Woodsdale districts. Council's support directly protects this shared community heritage and helps ensure it remains available to the district for generations to come.

We are grateful for the Southern Midlands Council's continued support of small, volunteer-run community organisations such as ours. We will proceed with the purchase promptly and will provide the completed Evaluation and Acquittal Form, together with the supplier invoice, in accordance with the grant conditions.

Please pass on our thanks to the Mayor, Councillor Edwin Batt, and to all Councillors for their consideration of our application.

Thank you again for supporting our museum and the preservation of local history.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Smith
Secretary / Public Officer
Levendale and Woodsdale History Rooms Inc.

Letter from the Premier of Tasmania regarding proposed changes to opening hours at Service Tasmania in Oatlands



22 September 2026

Cr Edwin Batt
Mayor
Southern Midlands Council
Email: mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

Dear Mayor Batt

Thank you for your letter of 14 September 2026 regarding the proposed changes to opening hours at the Service Tasmania service centre in Oatlands. I appreciate you taking the time to outline Council's concerns and to advocate on behalf of the Southern Midlands community.

The Tasmanian Government remains committed to maintaining access to face-to-face government services across regional Tasmania. Importantly, the Oatlands Service Tasmania centre is not proposed to close and will continue to provide in-person services to residents under the proposed model. The current consultation relates to opening hours only and no final decision has been made.

You requested further information regarding the data underpinning the proposal. Analysis of Service Tasmania customer activity for 2025-26 shows that the Oatlands service centre records an average of **20 customer transactions per day**, with an **average transaction time of 3.0 minutes**. This level of demand is significantly lower than the number of service hours currently provided and has been a key factor in reviewing operating arrangements.

The review also considered customer usage patterns across the five service centres included in the proposal. Oatlands records an average daily customer volume comparable with Campbell Town, which also averages 20 customers per day, while Queenstown averages 26, Currie 13 and Whitemark 8. Modelling undertaken by Service Tasmania indicates that the proposed opening hours would continue to provide sufficient capacity to meet current customer demand and maintain local access to face-to-face services.

I note your comments regarding Oatlands' location and economic importance. The proposal is not based on a judgement about the importance of the community, nor solely on remoteness. Rather, it reflects an assessment of customer demand and the need to ensure service delivery remains sustainable while continuing to provide local access to essential government services. Oatlands is an important regional centre and the Government recognises the significant contribution the town and the wider Southern Midlands region make through agriculture, tourism and other industries.

Community consultation commenced on 14 September and will conclude on 2 October 2026. The purpose of the consultation is to ensure community views, stakeholder feedback and local circumstances are considered before any decisions are made. I encourage Southern Midlands Council to participate in that process and provide any further information it believes should be taken into account.

OFFICIAL

Thank you again for your correspondence. I appreciate Council's interest in this matter and welcome its ongoing engagement during the consultation period.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Rockliff', written in a cursive style.

Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier

OFFICIAL

17.2.2 Elected Member Statements

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

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Advised council that Oatlands resident Kerry Mancey has retired from the Oatlands Fire Brigade following 50 years of service. Council congratulates Kerry and will send a letter of appreciation.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – 15 year old Oatlands resident Mia Barwick has been selected to represent Australia in the under 19's Women's Cricket tour in India.

Mayor E Batt – Thanked volunteer fire fighters who attended the recent fires in Colebrook noting that the quick response resulted in minimal property damage.

Clr D Blackwell – Attended and volunteered at the Chauncy Vale 80 year's celebration held Saturday 12 September 2026. A well-attended event with over 200 through the gate on the day. A very enjoyable event with kids activities, face painting and an outdoor cinema hosting the movie 'They found a Cave', noting that one of the actors in the film was an ex Broadmarsh resident. Special thanks was given to SES volunteers for managing car parking.

17.2.3 Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Act 2026

DECISION

Moved by Clr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

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	✓	

17.3 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 31 August 2026)

DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, seconded by Cllr B Campbell

THAT the Financial Report be received and the information noted.

CARRIED

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	✓	

18. MUNICIPAL SEAL

Nil.

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

Nil.

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.

DECISION

Moved by Cllr B Campbell, seconded by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon

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

Matter	Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Reference
Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation	17(2)
Applications for Leave of Absence	17(2)(h)(i)
General Manager – Performance Review	17(2)(a)

CARRIED

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	✓	

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, seconded by Cllr B Campbell

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.

CARRIED

DECISION (MUST BE BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY)		
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	✓	

CLOSED COUNCIL MINUTES

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 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

Moved by Cllr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon

THAT Council move out of “Closed Session”.

CARRIED

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	✓	

OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

21. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 12.05 p.m.

Woodsdale Community Memorial Hall

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General Committee Meeting

Monday 14th September 2026

Woodsdale Hall

1. Welcome/Opening:

The President welcomes members and declares the meeting open at 7.36pm

2. Attendance:

Councillor Karen Dudgeon, Ms Alyson Scott, Ms Andrea Jones, Mrs Ann Wiggins, Mrs Ann Scott, Mrs Marion Wiggins, Mr Leon Scott, Mrs Jessie Rumsley, Mrs Sue Rumsley and Mrs Sally Stubs

3. Apologies:

Moved: Mrs Sally Stubs

Seconded: Mrs Marion Wiggins

Motion Carried

4. Confirmation of Minutes for the last meeting – 17th August 2026

Moved: Mrs Karen Dudgeon

Seconded: Mrs Ann Scott

Motion Carried

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes – 30th March 2026

- Andrea didn't contact Tim about keys to the hall we are going to see
- Xmas party will have another meeting

Moved: Mrs Ann Wiggins

Seconded: Mrs Andrea Jones

Motion Carried

6. Financial Report:

Total funds as of 17th August 2026

\$ 11664.97

Y.T.D Financials

Opening Balance (1/7)				\$10149.75
Incoming	YTD	\$	\$4049.26	
Outgoing	YTD	\$	\$2709.42	
Closing balance as of 14 th September 2026				\$ 11489.59

Please see attached financials for further information.

Moved: Mrs Andrea Jones

Seconded: Mrs Ann Wiggins

Motion Carried

7. Business arising from financial report:

- 7.1** Andrea has invoiced the Woodsdale footy club 60people at \$20 a head, they have 7 days to pay cleaning fee needs to be sent Jessie will do this.
- 7.2** Money for Alyson's fitness classes still to be deposited for July August and September.
- 7.3** Andrea to fix the Auroa account to be sent to the hall email with a password Woodsdale7120

Moved: Mrs Ann Scott

Seconded: Mrs Karen Dudgeon

Motion Carried

Correspondence:

In

- Babette Mcconnon emailed about the farmer movie, more information to come as not sure still on location or dates.
- Auditors report from Southern Midlands Council

Out

- Alyson rang council about male toilets not working. Tony removed the grass and fixed both female and male toilets.
- Andrea sent the invoice WFC for trophy night
- Information about the Xmas party was sent to Southern Midland News will be in October addition.

Moved: Mrs Sally Stubbs

Seconded: Mrs Marion Wiggins

Motion Carried

1. General Business:

- 1.1** Xmas party – Ann has spoken to Jo from to council bus trip get notice to her Alyson will send digital copy to Marion and Karen as well as Ebony McConnon to be put in notice boards/ Facebook.
- 1.2** Red and Green Ball 21st August – Leon apologised for not attending. Thank you for everyone's help. Small lots of miscommunications. An invoice has been sent.
- 1.3** Events notice / cleaning document to be made up. Otherwise, a cleaning bill will be sent after function if not completed.
- 1.4** Karen to sort a sharps container for the toilets as there was a needle found in the male toilets.
- 1.5** Working with Levendale Hall to do functions. November second weekend Fri or Sat quiz night.
- 1.6** Do we know any artists to do a Paint and sip. To be investigated.

Moved: Mrs Ann Scott seconded: Mrs Sue Rumsley

Motion Carried

2. Bookings:

- 1: Alyson Weekly fitness

Meeting closed 8.28pm

Next Meeting will be

Monday 26th October 2026

Woodsdale Community Memorial Hall

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Minutes

FOR

Annual General Meeting

On

Monday 14th September 2026

ATTENDANCE:

Executive committee:

President; Ms Alyson Scott.
Vice president; Mrs Ann Scott
Secretary; Ms Andrea Jones
Treasurer: Ms Andrea Jones

General Committee members: Mr Leon Scott, Mrs Marion Wiggins, Mrs Sally Stubs, Mrs Ann Wiggins, Mrs Jessie Rumsley and Mrs Sue Rmsley. Late attendee Mrs Ann Scott

Council representative: Councillor Mrs Karen Dudgeon

Opening/Welcome:

Ms Alyson Scott declared the meeting open at 7.12pm

Moved by Mrs Marion Wiggins and seconded by Mr Leon Scott that the minutes of the last AGM held on Monday 22nd September 2025 be accepted as read and confirmed as a true and faithful record.

Motion carried.

Presidents Report:

Ms Alyson Scott presented and read the President's report for 2025/26. (copy attached)

Moved by Ms Alyson Scott and **seconded by** Mrs Karen Dudgeon that the Presidents report be received.

Motion carried.

Auditors report. (Official copy attached)

Balance brought forward		\$10149.75
Total receipts to 30 th June 2026	\$ 3768.50	
		\$ 13949.45
Total payments to 30 th June 2026	\$ 2166.45	

Represented by:

Commonwealth Bank Account – 31 August 2026 \$ 11783.00

Petty cash on hand \$87

Balance to 30th June 2026 \$ 10180.95

Moved by Ms Andrea Jones and **seconded by Mrs Ann Scott** that the Auditors report be accepted as read.

Motion carried

The existing committee was dissolved, and all positions were declared vacant.

Councillor Mrs Karen Dudgeon, thanked the committee, and said that it has been a pleasure to be involved with the committee. She hopes that we as a committee are very proud of our work for the hall is in exceptional condition. asked the executive committee members if they wished to keep their positions. Councillor Dudgeon then opened up the positions for office bearers.

Election of Office Bearers

Councillor Dudgeon asked if Alyson Scott was happy to stay in the position of president.

Ms Alyson Scott accepted the continuation of the position.

Elected unopposed.

Councillor Dudgeon asked if Ann Scott was happy to stay in the position of Vice president.

Mrs Ann Scott accepted the continuation of the position.

Elected unopposed.

Moved by Mrs Marion Wiggins and **seconded by** Mrs Ann Scott that Mrs Jessie Rumsley be nominated for the positions of **Secretary:**

Mrs Jessie Rumsley accepted the nomination.

Elected unopposed.

Moved by Mrs Andrea Jones and **seconded by** Mrs Sally Stubs that Mrs Jessie Rumsley be nominated for the position of **Treasurer:**

Mrs Jessie Rumsley accepted the nomination.

Elected unopposed.

Moved by Ms Alyson Scott and **seconded by** Mrs Ann Scott that the following people be nominated for the position of **General Committee Members:**

Mr Leon Scott, Mrs Alyson Scott, Mrs Ann Wiggins, Mrs Ann Scott, Mrs Sally Stubs, Mrs Sue Rumsley, Mrs Marion Wiggins and Mrs Jessie Rumsley

Moved by Ms Alyson Scott and seconded by **Mrs Ann Scott** that Mrs Jessie Rumsley be added as a signatory to the bank account and Aurora account.

Motion carried

General business:

- Ms Alyson Scott thanked everyone for their ongoing work and those that have departed the committee over the year.

Annual General Meeting Closed – 7.34 p.m.

President's Report

Woodsdale Community Memorial Hall Annual General Meeting 2025–2026

It is my pleasure to present the President's Report for Woodsdale Community Memorial Hall for the 2025–2026 year.

It has been another busy year for our small community hall, with a variety of community events, regular activities, meetings and private functions taking place throughout the year. It has been encouraging to see the hall continue to provide a place for our community and surrounding areas to come together.

During October, November and December, the committee trialled Bingo events as something different to offer the community. Unfortunately, despite giving the idea a few opportunities to gain interest, attendance remained low and the events were not successful enough to continue. While not every new idea will work, it is important that we continue to try different activities and find out what our community would like to participate in.

Our Christmas Party was another lovely community event. Although numbers were smaller, it was an enjoyable and more intimate gathering and included cooking activities with the children.

One of the highlights of the year was our Valentine's Day event, held in partnership with Levensdale Hall. It was wonderful to see the two halls working together to provide a community event and demonstrated the benefits of our local halls supporting one another. Working together also gives us an opportunity to bring people from our different communities together and hopefully is something we can continue in the future.

Woodsdale Hall has also continued to provide a venue for other organisations to hold their own events. This included a Soup and Sandwich event, which attracted a large crowd and brought many people through the doors of the hall.

Another important event on our calendar is the annual Woodsdale Football Club Ball and Trophy Night. This is an event that our committee takes great pride in catering for each year. It is always wonderful to see the hall full and to be able to support our local football club by providing both the venue and catering for their annual celebration. Events such as this are an important part of the hall's connection with other organisations within our local community, and we look forward to continuing to support the event each year.

The hall has also seen further regular use with weekly fitness classes now being held at Woodsdale. Having regular activities operating from the hall is important, as it gives local and surrounding residents' opportunities to participate in activities closer to home while also keeping the hall regularly used.

In addition, the hall has been used for an engagement party and other private functions, demonstrating the different ways our facility can be used by members of the community.

We have also continued to host Southern Midlands Council meetings during the year, providing a local venue for Council to meet within our community.

Having this mixture of committee-run events, events held in partnership with other community groups, regular activities, annual events and private bookings is important for the future of Woodsdale Hall. These activities not only assist with the ongoing running and upkeep of the hall but, more importantly, keep the hall active and relevant within our community.

The committee has continued to look at opportunities to improve the hall and encourage greater use of the facility. There is always more that we would like to achieve and, as a small committee, this can sometimes be challenging. However, we will continue to work towards improvements and seek opportunities for funding and support where possible.

As we come to the end of another year, I would particularly like to acknowledge Andrea for the considerable amount of work she has undertaken as both Secretary and Treasurer over the past two years. Andrea will be stepping down from these roles at this AGM. On behalf of the committee, I would like to sincerely thank her for the time, effort and commitment she has given to Woodsdale Hall.

I would also like to thank our Vice President Ann, Councillor Karen and all of our committee members for their continued time, assistance and support throughout the year. As a small committee, every person who contributes makes a difference, and our hall relies heavily on the willingness of volunteers to keep it operating.

Thank you also to the individuals, families, organisations and groups who have attended our events, hired the hall, participated in activities or supported Woodsdale Hall in any way throughout the year.

Looking ahead to 2026–2027, one of my goals for our hall is to build stronger relationships with other halls and community groups within Woodsdale and our surrounding areas. Our Valentine's Day event with Levensdale Hall showed that there is real value in working together rather than each small community trying to do everything on its own.

I would like to explore more opportunities for our halls to work together on events and activities that encourage people from across our communities to get involved. By sharing ideas, resources and support, we can increase community participation while also helping our halls raise the funds needed to remain sustainable and continue improving our facilities.

I would love to see our local halls supporting one another, promoting each other's events and, where possible, working together to create activities that benefit all of our communities. I believe collaboration will help ensure that our small rural halls remain active, financially sustainable and an important part of community life for years to come.

For Woodsdale Hall specifically, I hope we can continue to increase the use of our hall, encourage new activities and private bookings, trial new ideas and continue making improvements to the facility.

Most importantly, I hope Woodsdale Community Memorial Hall continues to be a welcoming place where our community can come together and a facility, we can be proud to pass on to future generations.

Thank you.

Alyson Scott
President/Chairperson
Woodsdale Hall Committee



MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Southern Midlands Emergency Management Committee held on Tuesday 15th September 2026 at the Municipal Offices, Oatlands commencing at 6.30 p.m.

Committee:

Mayor Edwin Batt (Chairperson)
Tim Kirkwood (Municipal Coordinator / General Manager SMC)
Wendy Young (Deputy Municipal Coordinator & Municipal Recovery Coordinator SMC)
David Richardson (Director Assets SMC)
Cameron Burrill (Manager Works SMC)
Rachel Boughton (Director of Nursing - Midlands Multi-Purpose Health Centre)
Dr Michael Lees (GP Services, Midlands Multi-Purpose Health Centre)
Senior Sergeant Mark Williams (Tasmania Police)
John Holloway – Acting District Officer - Tasmania Fire Service (Midlands District)
Adam Jones (Tasmania Fire Service – Dulverton Group Officer)
Barry Thomas (Brigade Captain - Oatlands Volunteer Fire Brigade)
Robin Howlett (Tasmania Fire Service – Coal River Group Officer)
Adam McGarvie – Senior Intensive Care Paramedic (Ambulance Tasmania, Oatlands)
Jason Hart (State Emergency Service – Regional Manager - South)
Jason Robins (SES SMC RCR Unit Manager)
Naomi Dance (SES Regional Emergency Management Coordinator (South))
Kim Fazackerley (SES – Regional Manager – South)

For Information:

For the benefit of new members, the following is an extract from the *Emergency Management Act 2006 relating to the functions and powers of Municipal Committees:*

“22. Functions and powers of Municipal Committees

(1) Each Municipal Committee has the following functions:

- (a) to institute and coordinate, and to support the institution and coordination of, emergency management in the municipal area or, in the case of a combined area, in the municipal areas that constitute the combined area, including the preparation and review of the Municipal Emergency Management Plan and Special Emergency Management Plans that relate to emergency management in that municipal area or any one or more of those municipal areas;*
- (b) to determine and review emergency management policy for the municipal area, or the municipal areas, referred to in [paragraph \(a\)](#) ;*
- (c) to review the management of emergencies that have occurred in the municipal area, or the municipal areas, referred to in [paragraph \(a\)](#) and identify and promote opportunities for improvement in emergency management;*
- (d) to report to the Regional Controller on any municipal matters that relate to the functions and powers of the Regional Controller or Regional Committee;*



(e) at the direction of the Municipal Chairperson or a Municipal Coordinator, to assist him or her or a council in the performance and exercise of his, her or its functions and powers under this Act;

(f) other functions imposed from time to time by the Regional Committee or Regional Controller;

(fa) other functions imposed on the Municipal Committee by a Municipal Emergency Management Plan or a Special Emergency Plan that relates to emergency management in the municipal area, or the municipal areas, referred to in [paragraph \(a\)](#) ;

(g) other functions imposed by this or any other Act;

(h) prescribed functions.

(2) A Municipal Committee has the following powers:

(a) to establish subcommittees for the purposes of assisting it in the performance and exercise of its functions and powers;

(b) prescribed powers;

(c) to do all other things necessary or convenient to be done in connection with the performance and exercise of its functions and powers.

1. Attendance / Self Introductions

Mayor Edwin Batt (Chairperson); Tim Kirkwood (Municipal Coordinator / General Manager SMC); Wendy Young (Deputy Municipal Coordinator & Municipal Recovery Coordinator SMC); David Richardson (Director Assets SMC); Cameron Burrill (Manager Works); Rachel Boughton (Director of Nursing – Midlands Multi-Purpose Health Centre); John Holloway – Acting District Officer - Tasmania Fire Service (Midlands District); Adam Jones (Tasmania Fire Service – Dulverton Group Officer); Barry Thomas (Brigade Captain - Oatlands Volunteer Fire Brigade); Jason Hart (State Emergency Service – Regional Officer - South); Naomi Dance (SES Regional Emergency Management Coordinator – South) and Jason Robins (SES SMC RCR Unit Manager)

2. Apologies

Kim Fazackerley (SES Regional Manager – South)

3. Confirmation of Minutes (Previous Meeting) / Business Arising

Refer Minutes of previous meeting held on 29 July, 2025 (attached).

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 July, 2025 as circulated, be confirmed.

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 July 2025 be confirmed.



4. Business

4.1 Southern Midlands Municipal Emergency Management Plan

It is confirmed that the Southern Midlands Emergency Management Plan (Issue 9) was formally adopted by Council at its meeting held 27 August 2025 and approved by the State Controller (Commissioner of Police Donna Adams) on 4th November 2025.

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

RESOLVED THAT the information be received and noted.

5. Other General Business

5.1 State Emergency Service – Activities Update

The Regional Emergency Management Coordinator (Naomi Dance) attended the meeting and provided an update on a range of activities being undertaken by the State Emergency Service.

Municipal Coordinator/Deputy Municipal Coordinator training on evacuation Centre procedures to be held in October 2026.

5.1 Tasmanian Fire Service – Fire Season

The Acting District Officer – Midlands District (John Holloway) provided an overview on the forthcoming fire season. Outlook from Bureau of Metrology is spring drier and warmer with expected spring growth – summer hot and dry with plenty of fuel.

Normal fire season predicted – expect a couple of fires. Fire permit period will commence end October with a more localised fire permit period.

6. Other General Business

6.1 Tasmanian Fire and Emergency Services Bill 2026 – Preliminary Discussion Paper

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) has prepared a Preliminary Positions Paper in response to the *Tasmanian Fire and Emergency Services Bill 2026*.

The LGAT is seeking feedback from Councils before finalising its submission to the Tasmanian Government. The paper outlines the Association's position on a range of proposed reforms, including:

- Integration of the Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) and State Emergency Service (SES) into a single Tasmanian Fire and Emergency Services (TFES)
- Governance arrangements and the proposed State Fire and Emergency Services Commission

- Volunteer recognition and leadership arrangements
- SES funding and municipal responsibilities
- Fire and emergency services levy arrangements
- Disaster risk reduction, resilience, and climate adaptation
- Other issues with potential implications for local government

LGAT's positions are preliminary and based on local governments previous submissions relating to the proposed reform.

Prior to preparing its final response, the LGAT is seeking input, in particular:

- Positions, whether you agree, disagree with or strengthening is required
- Potential impacts on councils, municipal emergency management arrangements, SES volunteer units, governance, funding or compliance obligations that may not be adequately captured
- Whether we should advocate more strongly on any particular issues, particularly around local government involvement in decision making, disaster risk reduction, resilience or climate adaptation

Feedback is sought by 25 September 2026.

General discussions were held, noting the following (mainly from a local government perspective):

General Position

- support establishing the TFES in legislation to bring together the TFS and SES under one organisational banner, while maintaining their individual operational duties, roles and responsibilities is supported.
- it is important that the establishment of the TFES does not result in additional unfunded responsibilities or financial burdens being transferred to local government.

Financial Arrangements:

- Council considers that the financial responsibilities associated with the proposed TFES should be appropriately aligned with the State's responsibility for emergency services and should not result in additional or ongoing unfunded costs being imposed on local government.
- Council's preferred position is that the TFES should be funded from State consolidated revenue, rather than through a property-based levy collected by councils.
- LGAT should advocate for a transparent and sustainable funding model that clearly identifies the respective financial responsibilities of the State and local government and avoids the transfer of additional costs to councils without appropriate funding.

Property Exemptions:



- The Fire Service Act 1979 currently identifies a number of categories of land that are exempt from the fire service levy, including land owned by councils.
- Clause 73 of the draft Bill does not specify equivalent exemptions, with the matter instead proposed to be dealt with through regulations.
- Council considers that this creates uncertainty and a potential financial risk for local government. In particular, there is a risk that council-owned land that is currently exempt from the levy could become liable for the levy under future regulations.

Clause 40 – Directions to Councils in Respect of Municipal Areas

- Clause 40 provides the Commission, or an authorised member, with a broad power to direct a council, by written notice, to undertake specified actions in respect of land within its municipal area.
- This provision does not appear to have an equivalent in the Fire Service Act 1979 and represents a significant expansion of the potential obligations imposed on local government.
- Of particular concern is that the power is not limited to land owned, occupied or controlled by the council. A direction may relate to any land within the municipal area, including privately owned land or land over which Council has no ownership or operational control.

Clause 55 – Municipal Volunteer TFES Divisions

- Clause 55 also raises significant concerns regarding the potential financial and operational obligations imposed on councils.
- The clause allows the FES Commissioner to require a council to establish and maintain municipal volunteer TFES Divisions. While subsection 55(1) refers to the council considering what divisions are necessary after consultation with the FES Commissioner, subsection 55(2) separately provides that the FES Commissioner may establish a TFES Division on the Commissioner's own initiative or at the request of a council.
- Under clause 55(3), unless otherwise agreed with the Commission, Council is required to provide for the storage and maintenance of equipment and other facilities and resources necessary for municipal volunteer TFES Divisions, including accommodation for training.
- Clause 55(5) further enables the FES Commissioner to specify standards for the storage and maintenance of equipment and to inspect divisions, assets and equipment and issue recommendations and guidelines to councils.

Taken together, these provisions appear capable of creating a situation where:

1. A municipal volunteer TFES Division can be established without the council having requested or agreed to its establishment.
2. The FES Commissioner can determine standards and requirements applying to the division and its facilities.
3. Council can then be required to provide and maintain the facilities, equipment and resources necessary for the division.



4. Council may consequently incur ongoing capital and operational expenditure in meeting requirements that it did not initiate or agree to.

6.2 AusAlert (Information Only)

AusAlert is a new national telephony-based warning capability that delivers emergency and public safety messages to compatible mobile phones and other mobile devices within a specified area.

The platform is being developed by the Australian Government and is scheduled to be operational by October 2026.

AusAlert will allow emergency services organisations (ESOs) including Tasmania Fire Service, State Emergency Service and Tasmania Police, and some Australian Government agencies to send targeted warnings and public information in relation to:

- Natural hazards, such as bushfires, floods, cyclones and tsunamis
- Public safety and security threats, such as serious public safety incidents or terrorism
- Biosecurity incidents, such as animal or plant disease and biohazard outbreaks
- Health emergencies, such as pandemics or other national public health events.

Further information on AusAlert, including stakeholder kits and communication resources is available at www.ausalert.gov.au.

It was advised that this AusAlert would not be in operation for this year. Messages would be from TasAlert.

7. Opportunity for Committee Members to raise any other Items / Issues

7.1 New and Emerging Risks

- H5 Bird Flu – General Discussion based on available knowledge and consideration of issues relevant to emergency management.

Comment regarding the need for hazmat collection bins at waste transfer station.

Veolia will supply bins for deep burial but confirmation of who will meet the cost is unknown.

- Fuel crisis – General Discussion based on available knowledge and consideration of issues relevant to emergency management. It was noted that the fuel is at a level 2 at the present time. Level 3 would include ration allocation.

8. Closure:

The meeting closed at 7.34 p.m.

7. Next Meeting:

Date and venue to be advised.



COLEBROOK MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

To be held on Tuesday 13th October 2026 at the Colebrook Memorial Hall, Colebrook

Meeting to commence at 1.00pm

Welcome by Chairman

Attendance: Mandy Nicolle, Fraser Miller, Wendy Young, Rachel Collis, John Brose, Tracey Wilson, Roz Lambert

Apologies: Glen & Leanne Doherty, Ceri Brose

1. Previous Minutes

Recommendation:

That the previous minutes of the AGM held on 25th September, 2025 be confirmed as true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved by Mandy Nicolle & Second by Roz Lambert

2. Chairman's Report

No Report

3. Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's report due to finances now being managed by Council.

4. Election of Office Bearers

Clr Miller declared all positions vacant and then called for nominations:

Chairperson

This position is a Council representative, Clr Miller will continue until a new representative is appointed as part of Council's process of appointments following the Council election.

Secretary

Nominations for the position of Secretary are called.

One nomination was received - Mandy Nicolle. Mandy Nicolle was duly appointed as Secretary.

Moved by Roz Lambert and seconded by John Brose

Committee Member

Nominations for the position of Committee Members were called.

Five nominations were received Roz Lambert, Tracey Wilson, Laurie Smyth, John & Ceri Brose.

Roz Lambert – Moved by Mandy Nicole, Seconded by Tracey Wilson

Tracey Wilson – Moved by Roz Lambert, Seconded by Mandy Nicolle

John Brose – Moved by Roz Lambert, Seconded by Tracey Wilson

Ceri Brose – Moved by Roz Lambert, Seconded by Mandy Nicolle

Laurie Smyth – Moved by Roz Lambert, Seconded by Mandy Nicolle

Roz Lambert, Tracey Wilson, Laurie Smyth, John & Ceri Brose were duly appointed as Committee Members

5. Other Business

5.1 Fees and Charges

The current fees and charges are as follows:-

Hall & Supper Room	\$20 per hour
Kitchen Hire	\$25 per hour
Meetings	\$20 per hour
Fixed price market day	\$150

Moved by Roz Lambert, Seconded by Mandy Nicolle

5.2 Bookings of Hall

Confirm that the bookings are undertaken by Community & Corporate Development team of Southern Midlands Council. Bookings can be made by phoning the Kempton Office or by email.

Moved by Mandy Nicolle, Seconded by Roz Lambert

5.3 Community Liability Insurance

Community liability insurance, this is available to hirers of the hall, which do not have public liability insurance. The hirer needs to contact the Community & Corporate Development team of Council to arrange coverage.

Moved by Mandy Nicolle, Seconded by Roz Lambert.

5.4 Christmas Carol

Wendy to confirm with Council on charge for Christmas Carols – No charge in previous years.

6. Close

Clr Miller closed the meeting at 1.10 pm.



MINUTES

CAMPANIA HALLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - CAMPANIA

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Attendance **TIME** **DATE** **LOCATION**
6.15 PM 13TH OCTOBER, 2026 CAMPANIA HALL REEVE STREET, CAMPANIA

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	Robin Howlett Rhonda Grice Trish Watkinson Simon Young Clr Fraser Miller Clr Donna Blackwell	Chairperson Vice-Chairperson Secretary Treasurer
COMMITTEE OFFICERS	Roslyn Lambert	
INVITED GUEST(S)	Debra McOrist-Mitchell Kat Ritchie	
APOLOGIES		

Clr Fraser Miller chaired the meeting. He welcomed and he reminded those in attendance a committee member must disclose any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest that may arise in the course of their duties as a member of the Halls Management Committee. A conflict of interest may arise where a Committee member's personal, financial, business, family or other interest could influence, or reasonably be perceived to influence, their ability to act impartially and in the best interest of the halls and the community.

A Committee member who identifies a conflict of interest must:

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All declared conflicts of interest, together with the Committee's decision regarding their management, must be recorded in the meeting minutes.

Agenda Items

ITEM	Previous Minutes	Attached File
DISCUSSION	That the previous minutes of the General Meeting held on the 29 th July 2026 be confirmed as true and accurate record of the meeting Debra McOrist-Mitchell advised that there was an error in the previous minutes where the members of the Management Committee and their positions did not align.	
DECISION	Moved by: Rhonda Grice Seconded by: Trish Watkinson	



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ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIME LINE
Realign Management Committee with their positions	Wendy	

ITEM	Items from Previous Minutes	Attached File	
DISCUSSION	1. Birds entering the main hall through the air vents on the roof and leaks n- fixed roof, including gutter guard – replace some roofing – waiting on quote 2. Term deposit - Was waiting on AGM to confirm positions prior to undertaking 3. Excess Equipment – has been disposed of 4. Bendigo Bank – no further information 5. Coffee machine and sandwich maker – have been purchased		
DECISION	Moved by: Trish Watkinson Seconded by: Simon Young		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIME LINE	

ITEM	Financial Report	Attached File	
DISCUSSION	The Treasurer Simon Young provided a verbal report. The audited financials were provided to the Committee at its last ordinary meeting. Bank balance as at today \$17,194.78		
DECISION	Moved by: Rhonda Grice Seconded by: Simon Young		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIME LINE	

ITEM	Fees and Charges	Attached File	
DISCUSSION	Review of the fees and charges The Hall fees have been set to encourage use by our community. \$25.00 per hour (includes kitchen, supper room, hall & heaters)		



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	Full day Hire - \$200 Refundable Bond - \$250 Community public liability available to purchase through Council at a cost of \$25 per use. Campania War Memorial Meeting Room \$10 per hour		
DECISION	Moved by: Roslyn Lambert Seconded by: Simon Young		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIME LINE	

ITEM	Maintenance & Repairs	Attached File	
DISCUSSION	Some minor maintenance has been carried out – exit light fixed, front door lock, handrail. The toilet in the men's toilet at the Hall required fixing due to a split pipe and the toilet at the Memorial Hall was leaking.		
DECISION			
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIME LINE	

ITEM	Market Update	Attached File	
DISCUSSION	Trish provided a market update – thanking the contribution made by the ladies in the kitchen Roz, Rhonda, Kate and Deidre. If any works were to be carried out in the kitchen the taps and tiles would need to be replaced in the process. Advertising has been working well, have 13 regular stallholders and numbers building.		



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	Trish has received lots of feedback and has created a market stallholder guidelines \$15 inside stall, \$10 outside stall. Anyone with a food stall must have the necessary food license and have completed on the on-line food safety course. Trish and her husband have repaired 5 trestle tables. There were no markets for the winter months May – July – same would also happen next year. The school did the last raffle. Trish also advised that she is encouraging local residents to participate in the market. More volunteers were needed to help set up/pack away – Robin has been assisting with this. Trish would like to encourage a young person to assist in the kitchen, Kat suggested contacting the school. Simon provided that the revenue from the stallholders were up 5% from the previous year.		
DECISION	Moved by: Rhonda Grice Seconded by: Roslyn Lambert		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIME LINE	

Debra McOrist-Mitchell left the room

ITEM	Campania War Memorial Lease	Attached File	
DISCUSSION	The lease expires on the 6 January, 2027 - Renewal		
DECISION	The committee was happy to extend the lease for another 12 months, it was nice to see the Hall used.		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIME LINE	
Lease	Wendy		

NEXT MEETING: Next General Meeting to be held on TBC

Close: 6.43 pm



MINUTES AGM CAMPANIA HALLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - CAMPANIA

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	TIME	DATE	LOCATION
Attendance	6.00 PM	13 TH OCTOBER, 2026	CAMPANIA HALL REEVE STREET, CAMPANIA

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	Alex Green Rhonda Grice Trish Watkinson Simon Young Clr Fraser Miller Clr Donna Blackwell	Chairperson Vice-Chairperson Secretary Treasurer
COMMITTEE OFFICERS	Luisa Cavaretta Gus Cavaretta Robin Howlett Roslyn Lambert	
IN ATTENDANCE	Rhonda Grice Trish Watkinson Simon Young Clr Fraser Miller Clr Donna Blackwell Robin Howlett Roslyn Lambert Debra McOrist-Mitchell Kat Ritchie	
APOLOGIES		

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MINUTES AGM CAMPANIA HALLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - CAMPANIA

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Agenda Items

ITEM	Previous Minutes	Attached File	
DISCUSSION	That the previous minutes of the AGM held on 16 th September, 2025 be confirmed as true and accurate record of the meeting		
DECISION	Moved by: Roslyn Lambert Seconded by: Rhonda Grice		
ACTION ITEMS		RESPOONSIBILITY	TIME LINE

ITEM	Chairperson's Report	Attached File	
DISCUSSION	No report		
DECISION			
ACTION ITEMS		RESPONSIBILITY	TIME LINE

ITEM	Treasurer's Report	Attached File	
DISCUSSION	The Treasurer Simon Young provided a verbal report. The audited financials were provided to the Committee at its last ordinary meeting, Wendy to recirculate the audited financial statements to Committee members. Bank balance as at today \$17,194.78		
DECISION	That the Financial Statement be received Moved by: Robin Howlett Seconded by: Trish Watkinson		
ACTION ITEMS		RESPONSIBILITY	TIME LINE
Recirculate Audited Financial Statements		Wendy	



MINUTES AGM CAMPANIA HALLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - CAMPANIA

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ITEM	Election of Office Bearers	Attached File	
DISCUSSION	Clr Fraser Miller declared all positions vacant. Chairperson: Nominations for this position called – Robin Howlett Moved: Rhonda Grice Seconded: Trish Watkinson Vice-Chairperson/Booking Officer: Nominations for this position called – Rhonda Grice Moved: Roslyn Lambert Seconded: Trish Watkinson Treasurer: Nominations for this position called – Simon Young Moved: Robin Howlett Seconded: Roslyn Lambert It was also noted due to personal circumstances, Simon may have to step away during the year. Secretary/Market Coordinator Nominations for this position called – Trish Watkinson Moved: Roslyn Lambert Seconded: Rhonda Grice (2) other members Nomination for these positions called – Roslyn Lambert Moved: Rhonda Grice Seconded: Trish Watkinson Other position has been left vacant as no other nominations were received		
DECISION	That the above members are duly appointed Moved by: Roslyn Lambert Seconded by: Trish Watkinson		
ACTION ITEMS		RESPONSIBILITY	TIME LINE

NEXT MEETING: Next Annual General Meeting to be held on TBC

Close: 6:14 pm

Local Government Forum

Minutes

A meeting of the TasWaste South Local Government Forum was held on **Wednesday, 23 September 2026** commencing at **12.30pm**.

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Attendance

1. REPRESENTATIVES

Council	Member Representative	
Brighton	Mayor Leigh Gray	✕
Central Highlands	Deputy Mayor Jim Allwright	✕
Clarence	Deputy Mayor Alison Ritchie	✕
Derwent Valley	Cr Wayne Shoobridge	✕
Glamorgan Spring Bay	Vacant	✕
Glenorchy	Mayor Sue Hickey	✕
Hobart	Cr Bill Harvey	✕
Huon Valley	Mayor Sally Doyle	✕
Kingborough	Cr Gideon Cordover	✓
Sorell	Mayor Janet Gatehouse	✓
Southern Midlands	David Richardson	✕
Tasman	Cr Angela Knott	✕

2. OBSERVERS

Under the Rules Member Councils may appoint an observer to attend Forum meetings and the Annual General Meeting.

Council	Observer
City of Clarence	Harry Starkey
City of Hobart	Chris Kuchinke
Glamorgan Spring Bay Council	Nick McGuire
Huon Valley Council	Andrew Bourne
Sorell Council	Greg Robertson

3. ATTENDING

Attending	
TasWaste South	Chair Dr Katrena Stephenson
TasWaste South	Director Ernie Hacker
TasWaste South	Paul Jackson
TasWaste South	Celeste Parremore
TasWaste South	Tegan Lovell
TasWaste South	Trent Swindells

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

TasWaste South acknowledged and paid respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community as the traditional and original owners and continuing custodians of the land on which we were meeting.

5. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

TasWaste South Chair, Dr Katrena Stephenson, chaired the Forum in the absence of the Chief Member Representative and Deputy Chief Member Representative and welcomed attendees to the September 2026 TasWaste South Local Government Forum.

The minutes from the Forum of 15 April 2026 were adopted.

Moved: Representative Gideon Cordover

Seconded: Representative Janet Gatehouse

Motion carried unanimously

6. TASWASTE SOUTH UPDATE

Paul Jackson, CEO of TasWaste South provided an update on the activities of TasWaste South since the last Forum. This included:

- Grant funding
- Strategic Plan
- Governance and Stakeholder Engagement
- AGM
- 2027 Forum Dates
- Council Listening Tour

7. CIRCULAR ECONOMICS IN PROCUREMENT

Andrea Napier, Director of Procurement at the University of Tasmania, delivered a presentation on circular economy principles in procurement, drawing on her experience in procurement, contract management and major redevelopment projects.

Attachment A is a copy of the Sustainable Procurement presentation

8. SOUTHERN TASMANIA WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

Paul Jackson, the CEO of TasWaste South, presented an overview of the Southern Tasmania Waste Infrastructure Report, including the key infrastructure gaps, challenges and recommendations identified for the region.

9. TASWASTE SOUTH PROJECT UPDATE

Tegan Lovell, Waste Program Manager and Trent Swindells, Communications and Engagement Officer, provided updates on current TasWaste South projects, including:

- Bird Flu
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection
- Southern Tasmanian Organics Report
- Waste Transfer Station Gap Analysis
- MRF Contract Management
- Soft Plastics Collection Trial
- Primary Industries Report
- Glass Recycling
- Recycle Walls and Hubs

10. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting and AGM of the TasWaste South Local Government Forum will be convened on **Wednesday, 9 December 2026**, at a venue to be confirmed.

11. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 2.35pm.

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Sustainable Procurement

Andrea Napier

23 September 2026



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Palawa people of Lutruwita, the traditional owners of the land upon which we live and work.

We pay respects to Elders past and present as the knowledge holders and sharers. We honour their strong culture and knowledges as vital to the self-determination, wellbeing and resilience of their communities.

We stand for a future that profoundly respects and acknowledges Aboriginal perspectives, culture, language and history.

The Procurement Policy sets our direction and the procedures and tools make it repeatable

Attachment
Agenda Item 5.3.1



Value for Money

Use what we already have. Consider existing resources, facilities and expertise before purchasing.

Think beyond price. Consider lifespan, ongoing costs, savings, avoidance and value adds.

Choose responsibly. Consider sustainable and ethical principles, modern slavery risk and opportunities for local, social and indigenous.



Transparency & Integrity

Spend for business purposes only.

Act with probity. Manage conflicts of interest and make decisions we can explain.

Deal fairly. Give suppliers the same information, a clear process and honest feedback.

Show the reasoning. Document how each decision was reached so it stands up to scrutiny.



Governance

Know your authority. Buy within delegation and the right process for the value and risk.

Own the risk. Identify it early and put controls in place before commitment. Follow it through.

Manage contracts, performance and records for the life of the arrangement.

What we mean when we say Sustainability

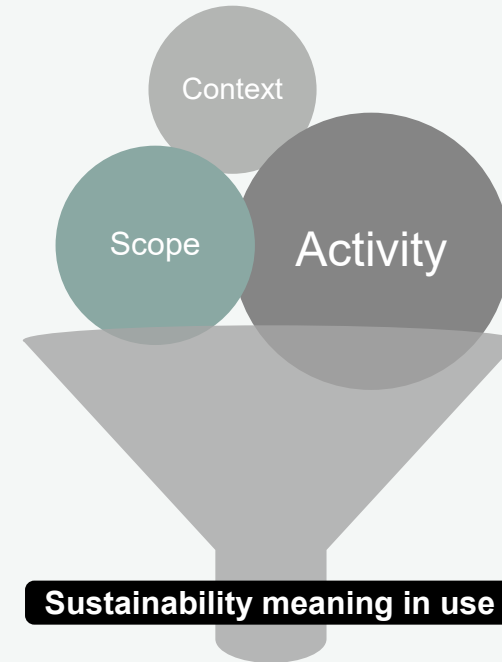
The University's own words

"The University will embed sustainability as a key part of its mission and support a culture that increases the capacity of the institution to contribute to sustainable outcomes locally and globally."

UTAS Sustainability Policy, clause 1.1 (Version 3, approved 4 September 2024)

What sustainability means to you, depends on:

- Scope** - what issues are material to your business (or your purchase)
- Context** - what is your starting point for making this inquiry and why
- Activities** - what is it that your business does in terms of impact which informs risk and opportunity



Source: Baird, R. (2026) *Sustainability for Decision Makers*, September 2026, p. 7.

Context + Scope + Activity = Sustainability, is the outcome of all three and not a single static position.

Sustainability is part of the decision architecture and not an add-on feature at cost

Attachment
Agenda Item 5.3.1

1

Need

Test the sustainability opportunities first. Circle back on the potential to use existing resources and consider climate-positive solutions upfront.

2

Plan

Document your sustainability goals into your scope, and into your budget early, with risk and modern slavery considered up front.

3

Source

Go to market through the right process, invite suppliers to respond to the stated requirements.

4

Contract Management

Carry your expectations and the agreed commitments into the purchase orders and contracts, and monitor delivery, performance and whole-of-life value to reduce the benefits being diluted.

5

Learn

Did you achieve the sustainability goals you expected. Feed back the learnings into the next plan, next contract and the next supplier conversation.



Consistent and practical application make the sustainability mission and expectations relatable to our teams and our suppliers

Taking guidance, using templates, data and specialist advice helps to convert principles and definitions into conversations, messaging, and decision making. Today's conversation is broad – it applies to the credit card transaction at the local shop right through to your large complex procurement sourcing. The discussion points can similarly be applied across a range of procurement; beyond the examples I'll share today.



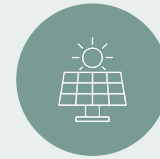
ICT Hardware



Engaging Consultants



Grounds Maintenance



Solar Panels



**Campus Building
Construction**

Buying ICT hardware with a smaller footprint and a longer life

Specification, packaging, support and a whole of life approach are all sustainability decisions made at purchase.

01 Scope the right specification

Match the specification to the task rather than over-specifying. Ask for the energy efficiency rating, and favour modern equipment that draws less power and needs fewer consumables

02 Question the packaging and order quantities

Ask for reduced and plastic-free packaging, cellulose tape and recycled content, consolidated orders and deliveries, and supplier take-back of cartons and pallets

03 Plan for the whole of life approach

Confirm what can genuinely be recycled in Tasmania, and agree return, trade-in, refurbishment and data-safe disposal options before the purchase order is placed

04 Keep support close and low touch

Use Tasmanian suppliers and remote diagnostics to cut technician site visits and travel, with shorter, more visible supply chains lowering modern slavery risk

Repairability, spare parts and a longer refresh cycle deliver more than any single green feature on the quote

Engaging consultants with a lighter and more meaningful footprint

How advisory work is scoped, delivered and travelled is a sustainability decision in its own right. Where possible, design your own scope rather than have it reverse engineered by the consultant for you.

01 Make virtual the default

Ask for briefings, workshops and progress reporting by Teams or Zoom call, with on-site attendance agreed in advance where it genuinely adds value

02 Price travel separately

Require travel and accommodation to be quoted as a separate line, so cost, necessity and emissions are visible at evaluation, rather than bundled into service fees

03 Ask the sustainability questions

Build digital delivery, emissions, ethical employment and modern slavery questions into the brief, or your conversations - then evaluate the responses

04 Look local and internal first

Test your own organisational expertise, look to your contracted panel suppliers, and Tasmanian-based advisers before engaging interstate support that needs to fly in.

Scope it well, meet by video, keep capability close to home — travel becomes a deliberate choice

Grounds Maintenance: buying the outcome we want

Grounds (and facilities) maintenance work is seen every day, so what we buy here becomes a visible symbol of how we decide.

01 Weight the criteria beyond price

In our most recent tender for Grounds Maintenance, we applied a weightings for qualitative of 20% for Sustainability and 15% for Innovation. The qualitative outcomes was assessed before pricing, so it genuinely shapes the result rather than being noted after selection

02 Specify outcomes, not just tasks

The scope asks for a transition to organic landscape management, soil improvement and biodiversity measurement under a Nature Positive University pledge

03 Let better equipment do the work

Electric mowers, smart water metering, telematics and integrated pest management cut emissions, noise, water use and chemicals, with site-level reporting

04 Keep the promises in the contract

A continuous improvement and innovation register, regular reporting and rising Indigenous participation are managed through the life of the contract. Longer contract terms give the contractors confidence to invest in better equipment

Consider your weightings, specify it in the scope, work closely with the ‘supplier partner’ for the life of the contract

Solar panels: managing a known modern slavery risk

A sustainable purchase can still carry human rights risk, so we need to look into the supply chain before we proceed. Accepting risk is also not static, and we should look to continuous learning and improvement.

01 Name the risk honestly

Solar panels rely on polysilicon, and a large share of world supply is linked to Uyghur forced labour. The risk sits in the supply chain several tiers beyond our contracted suppliers, but we still need to engage

02 Follow the chain past tier one

We traced the panel, inverter and racking sub-contractors behind our contracted installers, rather than stopping at the organisations we hold the contracts with

03 Use the evidence and specialist support

Modern slavery statements, sector risk-screening tool and signed industry forced labour pledges were reviewed, and we engaged with Sustainability and Facilities specialist teams to make our best informed decisions

04 Decide, and record why

The decision to proceed was documented in a briefing note, including acknowledging the limits of what suppliers would disclose, of what we could inspect, so our process and the decision reasoning stands up to later review

High risk does not mean stop — it means look harder, ask for evidence, and be able to explain the decision

Sustainable material decisions in our Campus Building construction to reduce the carbon footprint

Envelopes

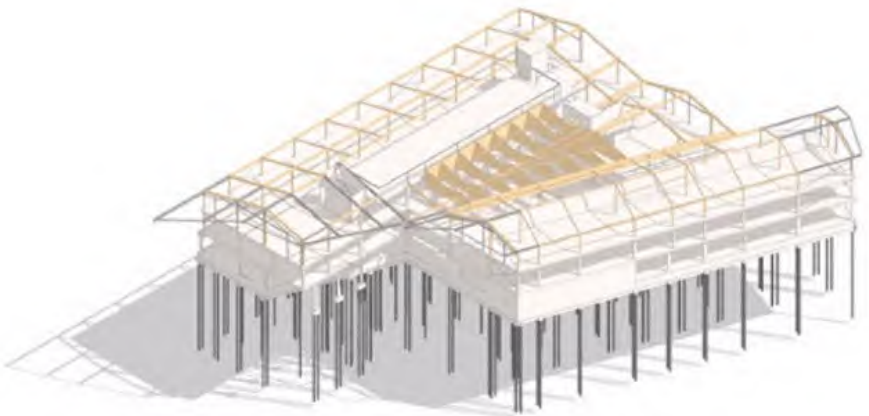
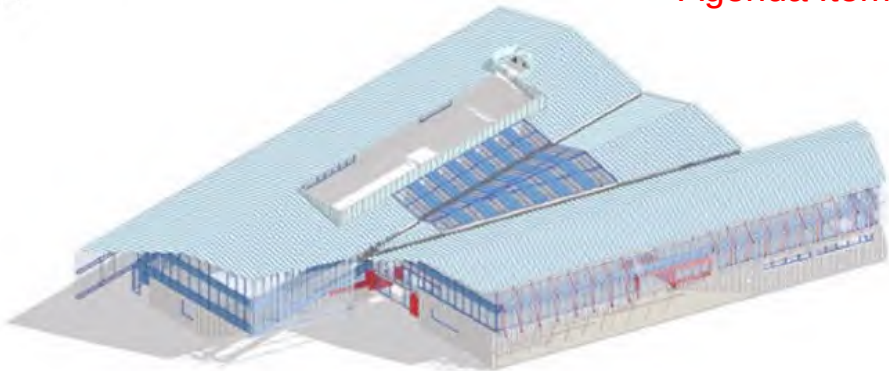
- Aramax using 1.2mm mill finish aluminium with reduced framing.
- High-performing facades w/ceramic frit (skylights) and shading elements.
- High-performing envelope detailed to minimise thermal bridging, and airtight to 50pA.

Internal Finishes

- low-impact internal linings and substrates.
- *Eucalyptus nitens* structure and linings.

Structure

- mass timber structure to upper levels and roof/skylights.
- post-tension slabs.
- low-carbon concrete.
- re-claimed piles.



	tCO ₂ -e	Upfront Carbon Reduction
THE SHED	2,729	-33.0%

Source: UTAS Presentation to TEFMA in conjunction with Wardle Studio, August 2026

Supporting our decision making helps create better sustainable procurement outcomes

1. Consult well with your customers and stakeholders
2. Target the sustainability aims that best fit for purpose for your organisation or the purchase
3. Make the risks and trade-offs explicit so decision makers are well informed
4. Accept that this is a continuous improvement opportunity
5. Record and celebrate the successes, and recognise your supplier partners where they have contributed





Questions?

Thank you



Stonor Road

Traffic Counter Report

14 September – 20 September 2026



Location of counter



Weekly Vehicle Counts

Description: Stonor Road
Filter time: 8:00am Monday, 14 September 2026 => 11.59pm, 20 September 2026
Scheme: Vehicle classification (AustRoads94)
Filter: Class (1-12) Dir (NESW) Speed (10,160)

	Mon 14 Sep	Tue 15 Sep	Wed 16 Sep	Thu 17 Sep	Fri 18 Sep	Sat 19 Sep	Sun 20 Sep	Averages 1 - 5	1 - 7
Hour									
0000-0100	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
0100-0200	*	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.0	0.3
0200-0300	*	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	0.2
0300-0400	*	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	0.2
0400-0500	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
0500-0600	*	1	1	2	2	0	1	1.5	1.2
0600-0700	*	2	3	0	1	0	0	1.5	1.0
0700-0800	*	4	6	7	7	5	2	6.0	5.2
0800-0900	5	4	2	6	7	4	4	4.8	4.6
0900-1000	4	1	1	5	3	8	4	2.8	3.7
1000-1100	3	1	2	6	5	3	2	3.4	3.1
1100-1200	3	3	3	6	3	30	5	3.6	7.6
1200-1300	3	2	1	8	4	6	7	3.6	4.4
1300-1400	4	2	8	4	1	8	8	3.8	5.0
1400-1500	3	4	3	3	3	5	4	3.2	3.6
1500-1600	8	6	5	6	4	6	7	5.8	6.0
1600-1700	3	3	5	4	5	4	2	4.0	3.7
1700-1800	4	2	6	4	6	4	6	4.4	4.6
1800-1900	5	3	3	3	4	4	5	3.6	3.9
1900-2000	2	1	1	0	0	3	3	0.8	1.4
2000-2100	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1.4	1.4
2100-2200	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0.1
2200-2300	0	3	0	2	1	1	0	1.2	1.0
2300-2400	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.1
Totals									
0700-1900	*	35	45	62	52	87	56	49.0	55.3
0600-2200	*	40	51	63	54	93	60	52.7	59.3
0600-0000	*	43	51	65	55	94	60	54.1	60.5
0000-0000	49	44	52	67	57	95	64	55.6	62.3
AM Peak	*	0800	0700	0700	0800	1100	1100		
	*	4	6	7	7	30	5		
PM Peak	1500	1500	1300	1200	1700	1300	1300		
	8	6	8	8	6	8	8		

* - No data.

Comparisons-

Total number of vehicles travelling on Buckland Road 8:00am Monday, 14 September 2026 => 11:59pm Sunday 21 September 2026 was 428.

- The average number vehicles travelling on Buckland Road per week is 428.

Vehicles per week-

Eldon Road - 1025

Yarlington Road - 841

Native Corners (May 2016) - 1316

Black Brush - 1183

Woodsdale (near Tasman H'way) - 1823

Woodsdale (near Stonehenge) - 1050

Woodsdale (near New Country Marsh) - 994

Broadmarsh Road (August 2016) – 3164

York Plains Road - 560

Stanley Street - 770

Huntingdon Tier Road – Green Valley Rd intersection - 1491

Huntingdon Tier Road – Clifton Vale Rd intersection - 1029 (includes waste transfer station traffic - 245)

Rhyndaston Road just north of Eldon Road (Nov 2017) - 938

Native Corners Road (Dec 2017) - 1554

Interlaken Road - 1029

Oatlands (northern end) (February 2018) – 4837

Oatlands (southern end) (February 2018) – 6853 (counter placed just off highway so didn't include traffic from Tunnack Road)

Brown Mountain Road - 1141

Tunnack Road - 1498 (1575 adjusted)

Elderslie Road near Broadmarsh – 3318

School Road Bagdad – 994

Buckland Road (July 2019) – 700

Rhyndaston Road near Tiberias Road (Nov 2019) – 581

Buckland Road (Dec 2019 to Jan 2020) – 637

Green Valley Road (July – August 2020) – 973

Woodsdale Road (quarry) (April – May 2021) – 2128 & 1708

Bluff Road (Dec 2021) - 637

Interlaken Road (Feb 2022) - 861

Climie Street Campania (May 2022) – 3,439

Mud Walls Road (just north of Climie Street) Campania (June 2022) - 17,847

Climie Street towards Estate Road Campania (June 2022) – 1,788

Mud Walls Road (just south of Climie Street) Campania (June 2022) - 22,214

Reeve Street (southern end) Campania (February 2023) - 25,977

Rhyndaston Road near Youngs Road (May 2024) – 812

Oatlands High Street (May/June & Dec 2024) see reports

Oatlands Stutzer Street near High Street (March/April 2025) – 693

Reeve Street (between Lee and Hall Street) Campania – 23,311(May 2025)

Black Gate Road (near Tunnack Road) – 672 (February 2026)

Buckland Road – 560 (March-April 2026)

Stonor Road – 428 (September 2026)

Daily Classes

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Filter time: 8:00am Monday, 14 September 2026 => 11.59pm, 20 September 2026
Scheme: Vehicle classification (AustRoads94)
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Monday, 14 September 2026

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Class 1
Short Vehicle



Class 2
Short Vehicle Towing



Class 3
Two Axle Truck



Class 4
Three Axle Truck



Class 5
Four Axle Truck



Class 6
Three Axle Articulated Vehicle



Class 7
Four Axle Articulated Vehicle



Class 8
Five Axle Articulated Vehicle



Class 9
Six Axle Articulated Vehicle



Class 10
B Double



Class 11
Double Road Train



Class 12
Triple Road Train

Speed Statistics by Hour

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Vehicles = 428
Posted speed limit = 80 km/h, Exceeding = 0 (0.00%), Mean Exceeding = 0.00 km/h
Maximum = 70.4 km/h, **Minimum** = 10.3 km/h, **Mean** = 46.0 km/h
85% Speed = 56.64 km/h, **95% Speed** = 61.22 km/h, **Median** = 47.79 km/h
20 km/h Pace = 40 - 60, **Number in Pace** = 302 (70.56%)
Variance = 133.89, **Standard Deviation** = 11.57 km/h

Hour Bins (Partial days)

Time	Bin		Min	Max	Mean	Median	85%	95%	>PSL 80 km/h	
0000	0	0.0%	0.0	0.0	0.0	216.0	216.0	216.0	0	0.0%
0100	2	0.5%	45.5	50.3	47.9	47.8	50.3	50.3	0	0.0%
0200	1	0.2%	50.4	50.4	50.4	50.4	50.4	50.4	0	0.0%
0300	1	0.2%	46.0	46.0	46.0	46.0	46.0	46.0	0	0.0%
0400	0	0.0%	0.0	0.0	0.0	216.0	216.0	216.0	0	0.0%
0500	7	1.6%	38.6	61.9	46.5	43.2	59.6	61.9	0	0.0%
0600	6	1.4%	38.1	57.8	47.6	46.2	57.5	57.8	0	0.0%
0700	31	7.2%	36.8	64.5	49.4	50.0	57.1	61.3	0	0.0%
0800	32	7.5%	33.8	64.5	50.8	49.4	58.5	61.5	0	0.0%
0900	26	6.1%	22.7	63.5	46.3	47.9	54.5	63.2	0	0.0%
1000	22	5.1%	27.6	61.9	45.0	45.3	55.3	61.1	0	0.0%
1100	53	12.4%	10.3	66.0	32.4	27.9	55.0	63.1	0	0.0%
1200	31	7.2%	24.2	70.4	45.4	46.3	56.4	66.6	0	0.0%
1300	35	8.2%	24.5	60.5	47.1	47.5	55.3	57.0	0	0.0%
1400	25	5.8%	26.4	62.2	47.2	48.2	57.9	61.1	0	0.0%
1500	42	9.8%	25.4	60.1	47.7	50.3	56.6	59.3	0	0.0%
1600	26	6.1%	32.1	67.4	48.2	47.3	58.9	66.6	0	0.0%
1700	32	7.5%	30.7	66.7	51.0	50.1	61.4	66.1	0	0.0%
1800	27	6.3%	31.8	57.3	47.3	47.7	54.9	57.2	0	0.0%
1900	10	2.3%	45.9	61.7	52.5	52.1	60.4	61.7	0	0.0%
2000	10	2.3%	32.1	61.1	45.7	45.1	55.9	61.1	0	0.0%
2100	1	0.2%	53.8	53.8	53.8	53.8	53.8	53.8	0	0.0%
2200	7	1.6%	32.7	60.9	48.5	47.9	60.3	60.9	0	0.0%
2300	1	0.2%	57.8	57.8	57.8	57.8	57.8	57.8	0	0.0%
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Class Speed Matrix

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	Class													
km/h	SV 1	SVT 2	TB2 3	TB3 4	T4 5	ART3 6	ART4 7	ART5 8	ART6 9	BD 10	DRT 11	TRT 12	Total	
10- 20	17	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18	4.2%
20- 30	19	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22	5.1%
30- 40	44	3	4	5	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	58	13.6%
40- 50	133	9	11	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	155	36.2%
50- 60	138	3	5	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	148	34.6%
60- 70	23	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26	6.1%
70- 80	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	0.2%
80- 90	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0.0%
90-100	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0.0%
100-110	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0.0%
110-120	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0.0%
120-130	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0.0%
130-140	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0.0%
140-150	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0.0%
150-160	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0.0%
Total	375	16	24	7	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	428	
	87.6%	3.7%	5.6%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		

Section 28ZK (7) of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires that any person who receives a determination report must keep the determination report confidential until the report is included within an item on the agenda for a meeting of the relevant council. Failure to do so may result in a fine of up to 50 penalty units.

Local Government Act 1993

CODE OF CONDUCT PANEL DETERMINATION REPORT SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

Complaint brought by Mr Rick Wilton against Cr Fraser Miller

Code of Conduct Investigating Panel

- Lynn Mason AM (Chairperson),
- Phil Cocker (Local Government Member)
- Steve Bishop (Legal Member)

Date of Determination: 7 August 2025

Content Manager Reference: C36501

Summary of the complaint

A code of conduct complaint was submitted by Mr Rick Wilton to the Southern Midlands Council General Manager on 16 December 2024.

The complaint alleged that Cr Miller breached the following parts of the *Local Government (Code of Conduct) Order 2024* (the Order):

PART 2 - Conflicts of interests that are not pecuniary

1. *A councillor, in carrying out the councillor's public duty, must not be unduly influenced, nor be seen to be unduly influenced, by personal or private interests that the councillor may have.*
2. *A councillor must act openly and honestly in the public interest.*

PART 7 - Relationships with community, councillors and council employees

1. *An elected member must—*
 - (a) *treat all persons fairly; and*
 - (b) *not cause a reasonable person offence or embarrassment; and*
 - (c) *not bully or harass a person.*
2. *A councillor must –*
 - (a) *listen to, and respect, the views of other councillors in council and committee meetings and all other proceedings of the council; and*
 - (b) *endeavour to ensure that issues, not personalities, are the focus of debate.*

PART 8 - Representation

5. *A councillor's personal views must not be expressed publicly in such a way as to –*
 - (a)
 - (b) *bring the council into disrepute.*
6. *A councillor must show respect when expressing personal views publicly.*
7. *A councillor's personal conduct must not reflect, or have the potential to reflect, adversely on the reputation of the council.*

The complaint also indicated that Cr Miller may have breached sections 7.3, 7.4, and 7.5 of the Code of Conduct (the Code), as well as sections 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, and 8.8. These alleged breaches were dismissed by the Initial Assessor (the Assessor).

Initial assessment

Following receipt of the complaint, the Assessor conducted an assessment of the complaint in accordance with the requirements of section 28ZA of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act). Having assessed the complaint against the provisions of sections 28ZB and 28ZC of the Act, the Assessor determined that:

- Although the complaint did not identify the *provisions* of the Code which were alleged to have been breached, there was an identification of a parts of the Code said to have been breached. Those parts identified were Part 7 and Part 8 of the Code. The Assessor noted that in the complaint form, under the section for identifying the provisions of the code that have been breached, Mr Wilton said 'Not acting in the interest of the community'. The relevant provision, or part of the Code, was not specifically identified but the Assessor noted that there are provisions in Part 2 of the Code that may be relevant. The Assessor determined to assess the complaint against provisions 2.1 and 2.2 of the Code as detailed below.
- The Assessor dismissed the complaint as it related to provisions 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5 as each of those provisions were entirely irrelevant and the complaint, and as far as it alleged a breach of those provisions, was therefore entirely without merit. For the benefit of any doubt, the Assessor specified that the complaint did not relate to the contacting of Council contractors for provision 7.3 to apply, or the contacting of Council employees for provision 7.4 to apply. Provision 7.5 requires that a Councillor must not engage in prohibited conduct. Prohibited conduct is as defined in section 17 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1998*. That is conduct which offends, humiliates, intimidates, insults or ridicules another person on the basis of a listed attribute. There was no suggestion that has occurred in this complaint and accordingly, provision 7.5 of the Code was entirely irrelevant to the complaint and the complaint was without merit in respect to that part. The complaint alleging breaches of provisions 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5 was accordingly dismissed under section 28ZB(1)(a) as it was frivolous or vexatious.
- The Assessor accepted that there were aspects of the complaint that, if proven, could result in a finding of breach of provisions 7.1 and 7.2 of the Code.
- The Assessor dismissed the complaint as it related to provisions 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4 and 8.8 as each of those provisions appeared to be entirely irrelevant and the complaint of a breach of those parts was therefore entirely without merit. For the benefit of any doubt, the Assessor specified that the complaint did not relate to inaccurate representation of the policies or decisions of Council when giving information to the community for provision 8.1 to apply, or knowingly

misrepresenting information during the councillor's duties for provision 8.2 to apply. Nor did it relate to a councillor speaking on behalf of Council without authorisation for provision 8.3 to apply, or failing to clearly indicate that a view put forward was a personal view. Finally, there was no suggestion in the complaint that provision 8.8 was relevant to the complaint as that provision applies when a councillor has been appointed to represent the Council on an external body. Accordingly, insofar as any part of the complaint alleged breaches of provisions 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4 and 8.8, it was dismissed under section 28ZB(1)(a) as frivolous or vexatious.

- The Assessor accepted that there were aspects of the complaint that, if proven, could result in a finding of breach of provisions 8.5, specifically 8.5(b), 8.6 and 8.7 of the Code.
- having made enquiries of the Code of Conduct Executive Officer, there was no relevant direction under section 28ZB(2) or 28ZI of the Act that would apply to the complainant and the complaint.¹

On this basis, the Assessor determined that the complaint should be investigated.

The complainant and the respondent councillor were notified of the outcome of the initial assessment by letter dated 14 February 2025.

Summary of the complaint

The complaint alleged that Cr Miller had:

- Attempted to intimidate Mr Wilton by approaching him in the council chamber at the outset of the Southern Midlands Council meeting held on 26 June 2024, at Broadmarsh;
- Confronted Mr Wilton on 28 June 2024 at the Campania Tavern about 'helping him with his fencing', and failed to move away from Mr Wilton when asked;
- Made an inappropriate gesture to Mr Wilton when as he was leaving the tavern.

The Panel notes that Cr Miller alleged that the date of the relevant encounter at the Campania Tavern was 30 June 2024, not 28 June 2024. The Panel determines that this discrepancy is not material to the complaint.

Investigation

In accordance with section 28ZE of the Act, the Code of Conduct Investigating Panel (the Panel) investigated the complaint. Following the Initial Assessment, the Panel investigated whether Cr Miller breached the following sections of the Code:

PART 2 - Conflicts of interests that are not pecuniary

- 1. A councillor, in carrying out the councillor's public duty, must not be unduly influenced, nor be seen to be unduly influenced, by personal or private interests that the councillor may have.*
- 2. A councillor must act openly and honestly in the public interest.*

¹ Section 28ZB(2) and 28ZI of the Act enable the Chairperson or the Panel (as applicable) to issue a direction to a complainant in prescribed circumstances not to make a further complaint in relation to the same matter unless the complainant provides substantive new information in the further complaint.

PART 7 - Relationships with community, councillors and council employees

1. An elected member must–

- (a) treat all persons fairly; and*
- (b) not cause a reasonable person offence or embarrassment; and*
- (c) not bully or harass a person.*

2. A councillor must –

- (a) listen to, and respect, the views of other councillors in council and committee meetings and all other proceedings of the council; and*
- (b) endeavour to ensure that issues, not personalities, are the focus of debate.*

PART 8 - Representation

5. A councillor's personal views must not be expressed publicly in such a way as to –

- (a)*
- (b) bring the council into disrepute.*

6. A councillor must show respect when expressing personal views publicly.

7. A councillor's personal conduct must not reflect, or have the potential to reflect, adversely on the reputation of the council.

The following documents were presented to the Panel to consider as evidence in this matter:

- The complaint submitted by Mr Wilton, attached to a Statutory Declaration dated 16 December 2024, 7 pp;
- Response submitted by Cr Miller, attached to a Statutory Declaration dated 28 February 2025, 4pp, including a Statutory Declaration from Ms Melina Nardi dated 25 September 2025, stamped 25 September 2024, 1 pp;
- Statutory Declaration from Ms Meriki Lee Wilton, 9 April 2025, 2 pp;
- Statutory Declaration from Mr Ricky Albert Wilton, 11 April 2025, 2 pp;
- Statutory Declaration from Cr Fraser Miller, 25 September 2024, 7 pp, including a Statutory Declaration from Dr Melina Nardi, 25 September 2024, 1 pp;
- Statutory Declaration from Mr Andrew Caddle, 21 May 2025, 1 pp;
- Statutory Declaration from Cr Donna Blackwell, 18 July 2025, 1p;
- The *Local Government (Code of Conduct) Order 2024*.

In accordance with section 28ZG of the Act, the Panel determined to conduct a hearing into the matter.

Hearing

As per section 28ZH of the Act, the Code of Conduct Panel held a hearing on 24 July 2025 in the Southern Midlands Council Chambers at Kempton. Cr Miller appeared by video link.

The Chairperson opened the hearing with a statement about the procedures to be followed, and a summary of those parts of the complaint being investigated.

Both Cr Miller and Mr Wilton took the oath or read the affirmation statement prior to giving their evidence or making statements to the Panel.

1. In the matter of the public road to Craighourne Dam which crosses Cr Miller's property, to which Mr Wilton alluded in his complaint, the Panel accepts the statement from Cr Miller that he had acted *openly and honestly when dealing with this matter* (in Council meetings and discussions) *and .. (had taken) no part in any debate or decisions where this issue is concerned*. The Panel determines that participation in council meetings is a key part of a councillor's public duty, and as no evidence was provided to show that Cr Miller had failed this duty in dealing with this matter, the Panel dismisses the complaint that Cr Miller breached Part 2.1 of the Code. The Panel also accepts the statement made by Cr Miller during the hearing, that as a private citizen he has a right to pursue what he considers to be his interests, in this case, closure of the public road which crosses his property.

Mr Wilton said in this complaint that Cr Miller had been *trying to close a public road since 2018 prior to becoming a councillor. Once he became a councillor he has continued to try and close public road (sic) by locking the gate, placing large boulders in the path of the public road from internally on his property...* Mr Wilton reasserted this allegation during the hearing.

2. Cr Miller attempted several times in his written and oral evidence at the hearing to allege that his own approaches to Mr Wilton before the council meeting on 26 June 2024, and again at the Campania Tavern in late June 2024, were in consequence of, and therefore justified by, a long standing dispute between himself and Mr Wilton over the closure of the public road to Craighourne Dam. Mr Wilton also said in the hearing that the dispute had been going on for 8 years, and Cr Miller did not dispute this statement.

However, the task of the Panel was to ascertain whether or not the actions of Cr Miller at the council meeting on 26 June 2024, and at the Campania Tavern on or about 28 June 2024, constituted a breach of the Code. Mr Wilton said that Cr Miller at the council meeting had approached him as he sat in the public gallery waiting for the meeting to start, and had asked him if Mr Wilton *was still up for fencing on the weekend*, the fencing of the Craighourne Dam road being one of the contentious issues between the two men. Cr Miller agreed in making his address to the Panel that this had happened although his recollection of the question he had asked Mr Wilton was *When are you going to fix my fences?*

Mr Wilton asked Cr Miller to move away, to move *'out of my free space'*. He said that he felt threatened by Cr Miller, in that he, Mr Wilton, was seated, and Cr Miller, a man Mr Wilton described as tall, and much younger than himself, stood very close to him and *'loomed'* over him. Mr Wilton noted that at this point a member of council's staff approached him and said words to the effect of *don't let him intimidate you*. The Statutory Declaration from Mr Andrew Caddle, who was sitting next to Mr Wilton at the time, confirms that the exchange with Cr Miller took place. Mr Wilton said that he *did not want to go into a public place and be intimidated by*

somebody. He alleged that Cr Miller had tried to upset him because he was attending the council meeting as a member of the public who wished to speak to the council about the Craighourne Dam access road during Public Question Time. Mr Wilton said that he felt that Cr Miller was trying to *agitate* him before the meeting started.

Mr Wilton told the Panel that Cr Miller had done a similar action at the Campania Tavern on or about 28 June 2024, and again, Mr Wilton considered that it was done by Cr Miller to provoke him.

Cr Miller told the Panel that he considered that his words to Mr Wilton were a 'joke', and that he did not believe that Mr Wilton had ever been intimidated by him. He agreed that he had repeated his 'joke' about fencing on the evening at the Campania Tavern. He told the Panel that Mr Wilton had not *liked the joke* when he made it at the council meeting on 26 June 2024, and that when he repeated it, or similar, at the Campania Tavern a few days later, he described it as *an offhand remark*. Cr Miller denied having made an inappropriate gesture towards Mr Wilton as he (Cr Miller) was leaving the Tavern.

Cr Miller read out an email from the General Manager of Southern Midlands Council, stating that as General Manager he had not been in attendance at the meeting of 24 June 2024 when the meeting started, but that he had been told later that there had been an incident before the meeting started, but that it did not appear to warrant any further action on his part.

In response to a question from the Panel, Cr Miller said that in light of what he called *abuse* from Mr Wilton about Cr Miller's attempts to have the relevant road closed, he thought it appropriate to *try to make light of the situation*.

In answer to further questions from the Panel, Cr Miller said that he had repeated his 'joke' to Mr Wilton at the council meeting, even though he agreed that it was probable from Mr Wilton's reaction the first time he said it that Mr Wilton had *not appreciated the joke*. Cr Miller agreed that Mr Wilton was not amused by Cr Miller's 'joke', and that Mr Wilton had not laughed about it. Cr Miller was then asked why he had repeated the 'joke' at the Tavern, when it was apparent to him at the council meeting a few days before that Mr Wilton was not taking his remarks as a joke. Cr Miller responded that he considered he was *perfectly justified* in *needling* Mr Wilton at the Campania Tavern, in light of the longstanding nature of their dispute.

3. In conclusion Mr Wilton told the Panel that he *just wanted to be able to go into his local tavern and have a beer and not be approached by Cr Miller in any way....I don't want to be asked about fences. It's intimidating to me when he comes up and has a go to try and provoke me. I just want it to stop.*

In his closing statement Cr Miller described Mr Wilton's attempts to prevent closure of the Craighourne Dam road as his *crusade to keep this road open*. He asserted that Mr Wilton was not intimidated by him and repeated his denial of the allegation that he had made an inappropriate gesture to Mr Wilton at the Campania Tavern on or about 28 June 2024.

When asked what he considered would be an appropriate sanction in the event that any part of the complaint were upheld, Cr Miller replied that the complaint should be dismissed. He reiterated his complaint that the Panel had not taken into account the fact that his witness (his wife) was unable to attend the hearing because she was at

work.² The Chairperson reminded Cr Miller that the Panel had offered appearance by video link, and had made several requests for a further statement from the witness, but none had been received.

Determination

As per section 28ZI(c) of the Act, the Code of Conduct Investigating Panel determines that Cr Miller has breached the Code of Conduct. The Panel upholds the complaint that Cr Miller breached Part 7.1 (a), (b), and (c), and Part 8.7 of the Code, and dismisses the complaint that Cr Miller breached Parts 2.1, 2.2, 7.2, 7.2, 8.5(b), and 8.6.

Reasons for determination

That Cr Miller breached Parts 2.1 and 2.2 of the Code, viz.,

PART 2 - Conflicts of interests that are not pecuniary

1. *A councillor, in carrying out the councillor's public duty, must not be unduly influenced, nor be seen to be unduly influenced, by personal or private interests that the councillor may have.*

2. *A councillor must act openly and honestly in the public interest.*

No direct evidence was provided by Mr Wilton to substantiate the allegation that Cr Miller had been unduly influenced in undertaking his duties as a councillor by his personal interest in having the road across his property closed to the public. Cr Miller described the allegation in his response to the complaint as *entirely baseless*, and the Panel determines that as a private citizen, Cr Miller has a right to pursue what he considers to be his interests, in this case, closure of the public road which crosses his property, providing that there is no conflict with his obligations to comply with the Code of Conduct. Given the lack of evidence directly linking Cr Miller to unauthorised closures of the road, or to failing to declare his interest in the matter of closing the road, the Panel dismisses this part of the complaint.³

² In its investigation of the complaint prior to the hearing, the Panel was informed that Mr Wilton's business relied on his being able to deliver his produce on Fridays, and it was not possible for him to change that. He was free on any other day. The Panel was also told that Cr Miller's witness was only available on a Friday, and could not appear in person or by video link as a witness at any other time. The Panel determined that in the circumstances the hearing could not be conducted on a Friday, but to make every effort to accommodate the witness. These efforts received no response.

³ The Panel notes that Item 13.1.2 of the Southern Midlands Council Agenda for the meeting of 26 June 2024 was entitled *Craigbourne Road, Colebrook – Request from F Miller & M Nardi Re: Proposal to close Craigbourne Road (north-eastern section accessed via Link Road, Colebrook)*.

The Panel notes that Item 13.1.2 of the Southern Midlands Council Minutes of the meeting of 26 June 2024 record that Cr Miller declared an interest in Item 13.1.2 and left the meeting room before debate started, and did not return until after the vote was taken. The Minutes also state that the following motion was passed by 5 votes to 1:
THAT:

a) Council re-affirm its previous position that the north-eastern section of Craigbourne Road (accessed via Link Road) remain open; and b) Depending on the above, and subject to the abutting landowners being willing to fence the Craigbourne Road frontage, Council initiate further discussions with Inland Fisheries and Tasmanian Irrigation with the aim of developing a formal area at the end of the road on Tasmanian Irrigation land for vehicle parking and access to Craigbourne Dam, including signs and physical barriers to prevent access to private land.

That Cr Miller breached Part 7.1(a), (b), and (c) of the Code, viz.,

PART 7 - Relationships with community, councillors and council employees

1. An elected member must–

- (a) treat all persons fairly; and*
- (b) not cause a reasonable person offence or embarrassment; and*
- (c) not bully or harass a person.*

The Panel determines that Cr Miller's approach to Mr Wilton at the council meeting in Broadmarsh on 26 June 2024 was unfair to Mr Wilton, in that it seems by its nature to have been a deliberate attempt to unsettle Mr Wilton before he asked his questions in Public Question Time. His approach as a councillor to a member of the public at a council meeting, and in the public gallery, also served to emphasise that in that environment, Cr Miller was a person with some authority as an elected member.

The dispute over the public road had been going on for 8 years. Cr Miller produced no evidence to support his allegation that Mr Wilton had caused damage to his property's fences, so the suggestion that Mr Wilton should assist in repairing those fences could not be seen by a reasonable person as either serious or amusing.

The Panel determines that Cr Miller's repeat of his 'joke' to Mr Wilton in the Campania Tavern on or about 28 June 2024 was essentially his way of mocking and taunting Mr Wilton, and calculated to annoy Mr Wilton. Cr Miller had seen at the council meeting in Broadmarsh that Mr Wilton had not thought his remarks amusing, and had asked Cr Miller twice to move away from him. The Panel determines that this second approach so soon after the first was unfair to Mr Wilton in a public place, where Mr Wilton again asked Cr Miller to move away from him.

Given Cr Miller's standing in the community as a councillor, the Panel determines that his approach and remarks to Mr Wilton in the bar of the Campania Tavern were offensive and embarrassing to Mr Wilton, given the public space in which the incident occurred.

The Panel also determines that Cr Miller's behaviour constituted harassment of Mr Wilton, given that the same unamusing approach was taken towards Mr Wilton in a public place within such a short time.

The only evidence given to support the allegation that Cr Miller had made an inappropriate gesture towards Mr Wilton as he left the Tavern came from Mr Wilton. It was denied by Cr Miller, and there is a possibility of a wave being misconstrued. Since Mr Wilton is the complainant he bears the onus of proof on the balance of probabilities, and the Panel is not affirmatively satisfied that this in fact happened.

In accordance with section 28ZI(1)(c) of the Act, the Panel upholds the complaint that Cr Miller breached Part 7.1(a), Part 7.1(b), and Part 7.1(c) of the Code of Conduct.

That Cr Miller breached Part 7.2 of the Code, viz.,

2. A councillor must –

- (a) listen to, and respect, the views of other councillors in council and committee meetings and all other proceedings of the council; and*

(b) endeavour to ensure that issues, not personalities, are the focus of debate.

No evidence was presented in submissions from Mr Wilton nor at the hearing to support this allegation. The complaint does not relate to exchanges between councillors in meetings or in undertaking their duties as councillors.

In accordance with section 28ZI(1)(c) of the Act, the Panel dismisses the complaint that Cr Miller breached Part 7.2 of the Code of Conduct.

That Cr Miller breached Part 8.5(b), 8.6, and 8.7 of the Code, viz.,

PART 8 - Representation

5. *A councillor's personal views must not be expressed publicly in such a way as to –*

(a)

(b) bring the council into disrepute.

6. *A councillor must show respect when expressing personal views publicly.*

7. *A councillor's personal conduct must not reflect, or have the potential to reflect, adversely on the reputation of the council.*

The Panel determines that the conduct of Cr Miller is not properly characterized as an expression of his personal views for the purpose of a complaint under Parts 8(5) (b) and 8 (6) of the Code. In the view of the Panel, those provisions are directed towards statements of opinion rather than harassing conduct.

The Panel determines that Cr Miller's approach to Mr Wilton at the Campania Tavern on or about 28 June 2024 had the potential to reflect adversely on the reputation of the council. Cr Miller is a public figure, an elected member of the local council. Other members of the public present in the tavern on that occasion were able to see a councillor approach a member of the public and be asked immediately to move away from that member of the public. The Panel determines that this exchange between Cr Miller and Mr Wilton in a public bar had the potential to reflect adversely on the reputation of the council. The Panel therefore upholds the complaint that Cr Miller breached Part 8.7 of the Code of Conduct.

In accordance with section 28ZI(1)(c) of the Act, the Panel upholds the complaint that Cr Miller breached Part 8.7 of the Code of Conduct, and dismisses the complaint that he breached Part 8.5(b) and Part 8.6.

Summary

In accordance with section 28ZI of the Act, the Panel determines that Cr Miller has breached Parts 7.1(a), 7.1(b) and 7.1 (c), and Part 8.7 of the Code of Conduct.

Sanctions

The Panel notes Mr Wilton's desired outcome of the complaint as detailed in his complaint. At the hearing, when asked if he wished to add anything to that outcome, Mr Wilton said that he expected the Panel to deal with sanction in accordance with its responsibilities under the Act.

Cr Miller was asked at the hearing if he wished to make submission on sanction in the event that any part of the complaint was upheld, and he was offered additional time in

which to consider this if he wanted it. Cr Miller said that extra time was unnecessary, and he considered that the complaint should be dismissed in its entirety.

The Panel notes that this is Cr Miller's first term as an elected member of Southern Midlands Council. The Panel also takes into account that Cr Miller has had no previous complaints of breaches of the Code of Conduct brought against him. Nevertheless, the Panel determines that his statement that he considered he was justified in 'needling' Mr Wilton indicates a lack of understanding of proper conduct towards members of his community and merits a warning that such behaviour may discredit the reputation of Southern Midlands Council. The Panel determines that his unfair and offensive and embarrassing treatment of a member of the public, and harassment of that person, merit a sanction greater than a caution.

The Panel reprimands Cr Miller for his breaches of the Code of Conduct.

Timing of the Determination

In accordance with section 28ZD (1) a Code of Conduct Panel is to make every endeavour to investigate and determine a code of conduct complaint within 90 days of the Initial Assessor's determination that the complaint is to be investigated.

The Panel has been unable to determine the Complaint within 90 days, owing to granting extension for responses and appearances, intervening holiday periods, and other commitments by members preventing preparation of the final report.

Right to review

A person aggrieved by the determination of the Code of Conduct Panel, on the ground that the Panel failed to comply with the rules of natural justice, is entitled under section 28ZP of the Act to apply to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal for a review of the determination on that ground.



Lynn Mason
Chairperson



Steve Bishop
Member



Philip Cocker
Member

DATE : 7 August 2025