

SOUTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL



MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 22nd April 2026
10.00 a.m.

Levendale Hall
1325 Woodsdale Road, Levendale

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OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL 2026 AT THE LEVENDALE COMMUNITY HALL, 1325 WOODSDALE ROAD, LEVENDALE, 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), Mr D Richardson (Manager Infrastructure and Works), Mr G Finn (Manager Development and Environmental Services), Ms W Young (Manager Community and Corporate Development) and Ms J Crosswell (Executive Assistant).

4. APOLOGIES

Nil.

5. MINUTES

5.1 Ordinary Council Meeting

The Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the previous meeting of Council held on 25th March 2026, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 25th March 2026 be confirmed.

DECISION

Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 25th March 2026 be confirmed.

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	✓	

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:

- Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary Management Committee Minutes – 2nd February 2026
- Campania Hall Management Committee Meeting Minutes – 8th April 2026
- Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee Meeting Minutes – 13th April 2026

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Clr 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	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D Blackwell	✓	
Clr B Campbell	✓	
Clr D Fish	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

5.2.2 Special Committees of Council - Endorsement of Recommendations

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

- Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary Management Committee Minutes – 2nd February 2026
- Campania Hall Management Committee Meeting Minutes - 8th April 2026
- Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee Meeting Minutes - 13th April 2026

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

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

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

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	✓	

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.

One workshop has been held since the last Ordinary Meeting.

A workshop was held on the 15th April 2026 at the Council Chambers, Oatlands commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Attendance: Mayor E Batt, Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, Cllrs D Blackwell and D Fish.

Also in Attendance: T Kirkwood, A Benson, D Richardson, G Finn, A Burbury and J Crosswell.

Apologies: Cllrs A E Bisdee OAM, B Campbell and F Miller.

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

1. 2026/27 Budget

- Draft 2026/27 Operating Budget
- Draft 2026/27 Schedule of Fees & Charges
- 2nd Draft 2026/27 Capital Works Program
- Preliminary Rating Discussion

Final adoption of the 2026-27 Budget, including the Rates and Charges, is planned for 24 June 2026 Council Meeting.

2. ANZAC Day Arrangements

Confirmed Council representative(s) attending each of the ANZAC Day Ceremonies.

3. Decision Making Framework – Discussion

Item deferred.

The workshop concluded at approximately 1.00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

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

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

Section 29 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* relates to Questions without notice.

It states:

“29. Questions without notice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Clr F Miller — raised concerns regarding the Colebrook Main Road / Mudwalls Road area, noting a significant increase in illegal dumping of waste along this route. Additionally, it was highlighted that in several locations, safety barriers and/or guard rails have not been reinstated following recent motor vehicle accidents.

It was suggested that the installation of signage to clearly indicate that illegal dumping is prohibited should be considered as a deterrent.

Issues to be referred to the Department of State Growth for appropriate action.

Clr B Campbell – Mount Seymour Hall – has Council commenced rating this property?

Question taken on notice.

Clr B Campbell – Tyre recycling – questioned process undertaken by Council?

General Manager advised that a contractor is engaged to transport and dispose of the tyres at the Bridgewater recycling facility. This incurs a substantial cost, part of which is recovered through the disposal charge.

Clr B Campbell – Local Government Election – how can Council try and encourage young persons to nominate?

General Manager advised that information sessions will be conducted in the lead up to the election, and every endeavour will be made to attract young persons to those sessions.

Clr A E Bisdee OAM – Council needs to review and promote the need for a drought assistance program given the extended dry period. This is aimed at supporting the farming community.

Research in terms of the current status of drought assistance to be researched and a report submitted to the next meeting.

Clr A E Bisdee OAM – Oatlands Aquatic Centre – questioned whether the final claim with the contractor has been resolved?

Advised that the Project Manager is finalising the claim and will be resolved prior to the end of the financial year.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – sought any updates in relation to the Youth Detention Centre and the Tas Petroleum application?

Manager Development & Environmental Services informed Council that the State of Evidence is being finalised for the Youth Detention Centre appeal. This is due 29th April and date(s) for an Appeal Hearing will be scheduled.

In relation to the Tas Petroleum application, Council is awaiting advice from the Tasmanian Planning Commission in response to the request for a review of Council's decision. This information will be circulated when received.

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.)

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

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

36. Questions by member of the public

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

37. Questions without notice by member of the public

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

38. Questions on notice by member of the public

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

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

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

Mr Steven Booker:

- Complimented Council for the works undertaken at Eddington Cottage, Midland Highway, Bagdad
- Lighting (Front of Oatlands Council Chambers) – different style of lighting in the two exterior lights. Recommended a ‘warm white’ type of light.
To be actioned.
- Oatlands Council Chambers – watering the forecourt - water drains across the footpath and into gutter.
Acknowledged and automatic watering system to be changed.

Mrs Janice McConnon:

- Woodsdale Road (vicinity of the Gun Club) – uneven surface.
Acknowledged and asphalt overlay to be applied.
- Bendigo Bank – Sponsorship and signage – Community clubs and organisations.
Acknowledged and just need to be conscious of the signage requirements and the possible need for development approval.

Mr Steven Booker:

- Yarlinton Road, Colebrook – questioned whether cattle straying onto the road is still an issue in this area?
Question taken on notice.

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)

12.3.1 Councillor Information: - Municipal Seal Applied Under Delegated Authority to Subdivision Final Plans & Related Documents

File Ref: (Refer PID numbers in table below)

Author: SENIOR PLANNING OFFICER (LOUISA BROWN)

Date: 16 APRIL 2026

APPLICATION OF MUNICIPAL SEAL

The following final plans and related documents, pertaining to subdivisions, boundary adjustments and the like within Southern Midlands have had the Municipal Seal applied by delegated officers in the period October 2023 to July 2025.

Owner	PID	Address	Description	Date
EA Booth	9901123	Lot 202 Owens Hill Road, Bagdad	4 Lot subdivision	19/03/2026
AT & SM Glover	5461770	82 Hardwicks Road, Bagdad	2 Lot Subdivision	25/03/2026
I F Watkins	5464576	151 Main Street, Kempton	Permitted Boundary adjustment to enable access directly to Main Street	23/12/2025

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

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

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	✓	

12.4 Planning (Other)

Nil.

**[THIS CONCLUDES THE SESSION OF COUNCIL
ACTING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY]**

DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, seconded by Clr D Fish

THAT Council break for morning tea at 10.40 a.m.

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	✓	

DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, seconded by Clr D Fish

THAT Council reconvene at 11.04 a.m.

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	✓	

13. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – INFRASTRUCTURE)

13.1 Roads

Strategic Plan Reference 1.1
Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of roads in the municipal area.

Nil.

13.2 Bridges

Strategic Plan Reference 1.2
Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of bridges in the municipality.

Nil.

13.3 Walkways, Cycle Ways and Trails

Strategic Plan Reference 1.3
Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of walkways, cycle ways and pedestrian areas to provide consistent accessibility.

Nil.

13.4 Lighting

Strategic Plan Reference 1.4
Ensure adequate lighting based on demonstrated need / Contestability of energy supply.

Nil.

13.5 Buildings

Strategic Plan Reference 1.5
Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of public buildings in the municipality.

Nil.

13.6 Sewer / Water and Energy

Strategic Plan Reference(s) 1.6
Increase the capacity of access to reticulated sewerage services / Increase the capacity and ability to access water to satisfy development and Community to have access to reticulated water.

Nil.

13.7 Drainage

Strategic Plan Reference 1.7

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

Nil.

13.8 Waste

Strategic Plan Reference 1.8

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

Nil.

13.9 Information, Communication Technology

Strategic Plan Reference 1.9

Improve access to modern communications infrastructure.

Nil.

13.10 Officer Reports – Infrastructure & Works

13.10.1 Manager – Infrastructure & Works Report

Author: MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS (DAVID RICHARDSON)

Date: 17 APRIL 2026

Enclosure(s):

Capital Works Program 2025-2026 Projected Timelines as at 31 March 2026

Attachment(s):

Buckland Road Traffic Counter Report

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

Roads Program

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

Buckland Road Usage Data

Attached is the traffic data report that has been collected for the current usage of Buckland Road Woodsdale. This data has been collated to provide an accurate overview of the traffic that is currently using the road.

Key findings from the data indicates the following:

Total number of vehicles travelling on Buckland Road 12:00 p.m. Monday, 23 March 2026 => 5:01 p.m. Monday, 13 April 2026 was 1695.

- **The average number vehicles travelling on Buckland Road is 80 per day x 7 = 560 average per week.**

This indicates **very low traffic volume**, which is typical of:

- Rural or semi-rural roads
- Local access roads rather than arterial routes

Comparisons to other roads are contained within the attached report.

Current Capital Works

1. **Mood food to Kempton Walkway** has commenced construction and will continue.
2. **Campania Football Club Change Rooms are Underway** Works are progressing well. Stormwater upgrades and a retaining wall around the northern side of the oval are completed.

Parks and Reserves

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



Campania Football Club retaining wall works

Bridge Works

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

Building Services Unit

1. **Council Building Maintenance:** Ongoing maintenance works have been carried out on various council buildings and will continue.
2. **Construction of Campania Football Club Change Room Additions:** Construction work has advanced, painting, plumbing and electrical works are almost complete. It is anticipated the project will be completed by 30th April.
3. **Ceiling Repair at Roche Hall:** Repair works are in progress and will continue as resources allow.

Planned Works

1. **Road Maintenance:**
 - Drainage and pavement repairs on various roads.
 - Edge break repairs across various roads.
 - Guidepost and signage replacement will continue as resources allow.
2. **Bridge Maintenance:** Ongoing and planned bridge maintenance repairs.
3. **Kempton-Mood Food Pathway:** Construction works will continue.
4. **Building Maintenance:** Continued maintenance on various council buildings.
5. **Parattah Main Road** Commence kerb and footpath replacement works.
6. **Tree Removal** Back Woodsdale Road.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS

Mayor E Batt – acknowledged the General Managers' 60th Birthday (26th April) and relayed birthday wishes.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Buckland Road Traffic Count – questioned whether an application to construct and seal this road would proceed given the low traffic count?

Manager Infrastructure & Works confirmed that an application will be submitted but the level of traffic will be a factor when being assessed.

Clr B Campbell – Inglewood Road – re-sheeting required.

Manager Infrastructure & Works acknowledged. Works are planned following receipt of approval for the quarry located in that area.

Clr B Campbell – Woodsdale Church - access to property (northern side) – washed out and not accessible for small vehicles.

Manager Infrastructure & Works to inspect and determine appropriate action, taking into account sight distances in that location.

Clr F Miller – conveyed positive feedback from the community following recent completion of footpath works in Campania.

Mayor E Batt – Melton Mowbray Park – tree planting – provided comment on the prunus species of trees as a suitable type of tree for this location.

Manager Infrastructure & Works acknowledged.

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon

THAT the Infrastructure & Works 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	✓	

Capital Works Program 2025-2026 Projected Timelines
as at 31 March 2026

Project	Total Project Cost (\$)	2025						2026					
		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Road Resheeting													
Road Resheeting Program	590,000												
Road Resealing - Sealed Roads													
Road Resealing Program	360,000												
Sealed Road Edge Breaks													
Various Roads	200,000												
Road Reconstruction & Seal													
Bagdad - Swan Street (700m)	137,000												
Tunnack - Eldon Road (700m)	110,000												
Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road (dig-out)	23,000												
Construct & Seal (Unsealed Roads)													
Mangalore - Blackbrush Road (1.3km section starting from seal Mangalore end)	195,000												
Mt Seymour - Blackgate Road (500m between end of seal & dust suppressant)	85,000												
Oatlands - Bentwick Street	20,000												
Rhyndaston - Rhyndaston Road (1.35km of 2.7km starting at railway line)	202,500												
Other Works													
Bagdad - School Road (Traffic & Safety Improvements)	69,000												
Campania - Car Park Improvements (WIP)	100,000												
Campania - Reeve Street (Reconstruct Retaining Wall - Union St to Lee St)	40,000												
Campania - Structure Plan - Town Gateway and Streetscape	40,000												
Colebrook - Coalmine Bend Road (Redirect Drainage from Train Line - Piping)	25,000												
Oatlands - Hasting Street Junction WIP	15,000												
Oatlands - High Street (Traffic Island)	45,940												
Tunbridge - Main Street (Kerb & Gutter Renewal) WIP	40,000												
Footpaths													
Footpaths - General Streetscapes	46,500												
Bagdad - Midland Highway Pathway (Primary School north to Community Club) WIP	240,000												
Campania - Reeve Street (Hall St to Lee St)	57,740												
Colebrook - Richmond Road Asphaltting	3,500												
Kempton - Burnett Street to Mood Food WIP	425,565												
Kempton - Main Street (Southern End 300m)	75,000												
Oatlands - Church Street (High St to Esplanade both sides - Design Only)	10,000												
Oatlands - Church Street (Sth Parade to William St - north. side - Footpath - 130 m)	30,000												
Parattah - Streetscape (Stage 1)	50,000												
Tunnack - Streetscape (Year 1 of 3) WIP	100,000												

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Project	Total Project Cost (\$)	2025						2026					
		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Public Toilets													
Colebrook - History Room Toilets (Replace Septic Tank)	10,000				█								
Stormwater Drainage													
Bagdad / Mangalore - Hydraulic Assessment (Waterway improvements Bagdad Rec Precinct)	61,625											█	
Stormwater System Management Plans (Urban Drainage Act 2013)	50,000				█	█	█		█	█	█		
Oatlands - High Street / Church Street Jct (Pipe Replacement)	15,000				█			█	█	█			
Oatlands - High Street /Wellington Street Jct (New Pit)	4,000					█	█						
Oatlands - Queen Anne St (Pipe into existing Drain)	35,000					█	█						
Tourism													
Oatlands - Heritage Interpretation Panel renewal	2,000											█	
Heritage													
Jericho - Memorial Avenue - Plaques	20,000									█	█		
Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park - Interps	19,545											█	
Melton Mowbray - Recognition plaque JH Bisdee VC OBE (DVA Grant)	8,480			█									
Oatlands - Callington Mill - Structural Repair & External painting	40,000												█
Oatlands - Court House (Wall Stabilisation)	100,000							█					
Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Chimney Capping [complete] & Fireplace Repairs)	15,000							█		█			
Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Lighting & Hanging System Upgrade)	5,000		█										
Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Wingwall)	23,000											█	█
Oatlands - Heritage Buildings (Security Upgrades)	10,000									█			
Oatlands - Heritage Collections Store	10,000												
Oatlands - Roche Hall (Building Improvements for PRISM) WIP	90,000											█	█
Oatlands - Roche Hall Forecourt (Interps - Planning Condition of Approval) WIP	40,000												
Natural													
Campania - Bush Reserve / Cemetery WIP	300,000				█	█	█		█	█	█	█	█
Chauncy Vale - Day Dawn Cottage Improvements	12,000			█	█	█							
Chauncy Vale - Toilet & Interps Upgrade (Election Commitment)	80,000	█	█	█	█			█	█	█			
Regulatory - Development													
Property Purchase - 10 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	530,000												
Oatlands - Stanley Street Master Plan	20,000												
Animal Control													
Oatlands - Off-Lead Dog Park	35,000	Deferred											

Project	Total Project Cost (\$)	2025						2026						
		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	
Recreation														
Building Upgrades (Sites determined following inspections)	50,000													
Playground Upgrades (Sites determined following inspections)	50,000													
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Precinct Plan & Property Transfer)	111,000			Subject to grant funding										
Bagdad - Iden Road Park Development	75,000	Deferred												
Bagdad - Acquisition 1689 Midland Highway Bagdad	309,870													
Campania - Flour Mill Park (Redevelopment)	68,000													
Campania - Recreation Ground (Landscaping & Tiered Seating)	270,000													
Campania - Recreation Ground (All abilities Car Parking)	26,750													
Campania - Recreation Ground (Upgrade Change rooms)	1,100,000													
Colebrook - Hall (Windows, Ramps, Double Doors)	10,000													
Kempton - Carriage Shed (External Repair & Repainting)	11,700													
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Site Dev)	24,250													
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Cricket Net, basket ball / pickle ball court)	80,000													
Melton Mowbray - Streetscape Works (Trough / Shelter etc)	90,000													
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Outdoor Area Seating)	4,000													
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Learn to Swim Equipment)	2,000													
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Gymnasium Equipment Upgrade)	5,000													
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Female Change Rooms / Shower Cubicles)	10,000													
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Pump Replacement)	10,000													
Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Air Lock & Heating) [heating complete, air lock to do]	40,000													
Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Kitchen Floor Repairs / Underpinning)	8,000													
Oatlands - Midlands Community Centre (External Painting - Front of Building)	8,000													
Oatlands - Old Swimming Pool (Staged demolition)	62,889													
Runnymede - Recreation Ground (Pitch Renewal)	8,000													
Tunnack - Recreation Ground (Kiosk Removal)	8,000													
Tunnack - Recreation Ground (Toilet Block Painting)	4,000													
Woodsdale Recreation Ground	45,000													
Legend														
Scheduled	Infrastructure & Works							Heritage Projects						
Completed	Infrastructure & Works							Heritage Projects						

14. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – GROWTH)

14.1 Residential

Strategic Plan Reference 2.1
Increase the resident, rate-paying population in the municipality.

Nil.

14.2 Tourism

Strategic Plan Reference 2.2
Increase the number of tourists visiting and spending money in the municipality.

Nil.

14.3 Business

Strategic Plan Reference 2.3
Increase the number and diversity of businesses in the Southern Midlands / Increase employment within the municipality / Increase Council revenue to facilitate business and development activities (social enterprise).

Nil.

14.4 Industry

Strategic Plan Reference 2.4
Retain and enhance the development of the rural sector as a key economic driver in the Southern Midlands / Increase access to irrigation water within the municipality.

Nil.

15. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – LANDSCAPES)

15.1 Heritage

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 22

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

15.1.1 Heritage Project Program Report

Author: HERITAGE PROJECTS OFFICER (ALAN TOWNSEND)

Date: 16 APRIL 2026

ISSUE

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

DETAIL

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

- Planning and execution of the “Heartlands Way through Broadmarsh” bus tour which attracted 80 participants and was very well received;
- Research into Eddington’s Cottage Bagdad;
- Continuing appearances on ABC 936 regarding the history of the Southern Midlands;
- Research & costings for interpretive panel at Bagdad re Sgt Lewis William Hill;
- Oral History project;
- Ongoing projects with volunteers Ruby Dano and Linda Clarke;
- Ongoing engagement and participation with the Heritage Highway Tourism Association;
- Ongoing management of AiRSpace and planning for Performing Artist in Residence (PRISM). Our current artists are Steve and Mary Kay, visual artists, sculptors and tintype photographers;
- Planning for Heritage & Bullock Festival.

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, 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

Author: NRM UNIT MANAGER (MARIA WEEDING)

Date: 14 APRIL 2026

DETAIL

- Lake Dulverton – Meeting held with Parks in late April regarding a number of Lake Dulverton issues. This included further discussion in regard to dogs on the foreshore. Under the law, Council was advised that dogs are prohibited in a Conservation Area, however due to Council negotiating with Parks, dogs will still be allowed on the foreshore. Under the law, permitted dog areas have to be formally declared and approved by Parks & Wildlife. The posts and the signage to clarify where the areas are for permitted dog exercising have now arrived at Council. It is planned that this will be installed in the next few weeks. The water levels in the lake were also discussed, including the impact of the Myriophyllum plant in the 51 Ha area.
- Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Committee Meeting held on Monday 13th April.
- Helen completed a road traffic report for the on Buckland Road.
- Maria and Helen visited Kempton Primary School and consulted with students on possible playground equipment items for the Kempton Playground.
- Easter meant there was a short month since the last Council meeting report in relation to the unit NRM staff.
- Helen, Mary and Maria spent time on the Lake Dulverton foreshore controlling a patch of cumbungi and some other weeds that were unexpectedly found in an area to the east of the lake – on the dry lake bed.

Weeds Officer Report, Mary Smyth

17th March – 13th April 2026

Site visits

Visited the Mangalore arena planted area to complete weed control prior to replanting. A few more of the banksias have succumbed to the very dry conditions: these will be replaced with tea trees and melaleucas before winter.

Some cut & paste work along the foreshore of Lake Dulverton to remove sweet briar and hawthorn seedlings. Took a bit longer than expected due to the dense buzzy seed clusters growing beneath the weeds...

Watered the Pound seedlings again this month; the Latham's snipes have disappeared.

Watered the Kempton Rec ground seedlings also, the majority of which are doing well despite the dry conditions.

A couple of roadside patches of Tansy on Yarlington Road up behind Colebrook have been controlled. Some scattered Californian thistles nearby were done at the same time. Tansy is not a common weed so it is vital to stop it spreading further if possible.

Tagged along with a Sandy (former SMC weeds officer) and Tim from North Barker whilst they were doing inspections for African lovegrass around the Pontville roundabout. Sandy had kindly offered to show me some of the real-life diagnostics for recognising ALG in the field. The top of Brighton Road near the roundabout is the only known ALG infestation on roadsides managed by SMC. My ability to recognise this grass was below par. I wasn't too far off though: I had seen some grasses in that area that I thought were ALG, and these turned out to be the same genus (*Eragrostis*) but a different species. I've got my eye in now, and will start inspecting the area four times a year to keep on top of it.

Communication

A property owner near Oatlands informed me about a large boxthorn infestation up behind the old racecourse at Oatlands. This will be inspected ASAP with a view to becoming a trial site for the boxthorn biocontrol rust fungus releases.

Wrote an article for the Southern Midlands Regional News on outlier weeds.

Weeds Action Fund (WAF) Stage 3 – stemless thistle

No action this month; still awaiting rain to germinate seedlings.

Related and extra-curricular activities

Six of the seven Banksias planted on the southern side of the Tunbridge Park playground on 1.9.25 have grown so well that their tree guards needed upgrading to a larger size on 17.3.26. The middle banksia was almost dead, so I replaced it with a cabbage gum. The advanced trees are still being watered by me in my own time: all are doing well, if a bit knocked about by the persistent wind.

Spend a bit of time each month keeping up with Landcare Tasmania news, Tasmanian Weeds Facebook, the Invasive Species Council newsletters, and various contractors who work locally.

Administratively, my email folder is almost full, and my desktops overloaded. This necessitates some office time cleaning up. My desktops are sorted (118 icons removed) and the email clear-out is continuing...

Chauncy Vale weeds

All new and known thistle sites have now been controlled, and there is just a small central cluster of large Californian thistles still to be sprayed. These plants are in the newly discovered "Ground Zero" site on the top creek crossing flats. Unfortunately, funding has run out for more weed work this financial year. My report (30.1.26 – 13.4.26) forwarded to Wendy a week before the Chauncy Vale committee meeting on 20.4.26, and included a map of the thistle areas I was told about at handover in November 2024, versus the actual extent of the thistle infestations. The actual extent was **well over double** the area I was aware of at the start!

337 certificate enquiries

A total of 10 properties processed over the last month.

Weed of the Week

Rose hips, English ivy and ripening agapanthus seeds all displayed at the end of the entrance hall in the Oatlands offices since the last report. Information on each weed + photos are also forwarded weekly to Councillor Donna Blackwell for dissemination on Facebook.

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

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

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	✓	

15.3 Cultural

Strategic Plan Reference 3.3

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

Nil.

15.4 Regulatory (Development)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.4

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

Nil

15.5 Regulatory (Public Health)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.5

Monitor and maintain a safe and healthy public environment.

Nil.

15.6 Regulatory (Animals)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.6

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

15.6.1 Animal Management Report

Author: ANIMAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER (RACHEL COLLIS)

Date: 15 APRIL 2026

Enclosure(s)

Animal Management Statement 2026

ISSUE

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

The purpose of the report is twofold:

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

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

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

Resource Sharing

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

DECISION

Moved by Clr B Campbell, seconded by Clr D Blackwell

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	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D Blackwell	✓	
Clr B Campbell	✓	
Clr D Fish	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

ENCLOSURE

Agenda Item 15.6.1

Reporting period: 18 March 2026 - 15 April 2026

Category/Area	Andover	Antill Ponds Woodbury	Baden	Mt Seymour Whitefoord	Bagdad	Broadmarsh Elderslie	Campania	Colebrook	Dysart	Jericho	Kempton	Lemont Pawtella York Plains	Levendale Runnymede	Mangalore	Melton Mowbray	Oatlands	Parattah	Rekuna	Tea Tree Rhynaston Tiberias	Stonehenge Swanston	Stonor	Tunnack	Tunbridge	Wooddale	Reporting Period Total	2025-2026		
Failing to ensure dog is not at large																									0	2		
Dog attacking person or animal causing non serious injury																										0	4	
Dog attacking causing serious injury																										0	0	
Dog attacking animal causing serious injury or death																										0	2	
Dog - Impounded					2																					2	12	
Reclaimed dogs					2																					2	11	
Adopted/Dogs Home																										0	1	
Euthanised																										0	0	
Lost dogs reported								2																		2	10	
Barking complaints											1							1								2	11	
Animal Welfare																										0	8	
Cat complaints received																										0	2	
Stock on roads								2																		2	21	
Impounded livestock (goat)								1																		1	2	
Infringement Notices Issued																										0	3	
Written letter - various matters						1																	1			2	31	
Patrolled Areas					5		1							1		2	1									10	140	
Poultry complaints received																										0	2	
Kennel Licence - active																										0	4	
TOTAL																												

Registered 2025-2026 YTD	1721
Pending 2025-2026	20
Licences	66

15.6.2 2026/27 Animal Management Fees (including Dog Registrations)

Author: ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (RACHAEL COLLIS)

Date: 16 APRIL 2026

ISSUE

Adoption of the 2026-2027 Animal Management Fees.

BACKGROUND

Dog Registration fees are to be adopted in accordance with Council's *Dog Management Policy* and the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

Section 8 of the *Dog Control Act 2000* provides the following:

"8. Registering dogs

(1) *The owner of a dog that is over the age of 6 months must register the dog.*

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 5 penalty units.

(2) *A person must not conceal, or dispose of, a dog to evade registration of the dog.*

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 5 penalty units."

DETAIL

For information, the following is a list of the fees and charges that were adopted for the current financial year (i.e. 2025/2026). The proposed fee for 2026/27 is included as an additional column:

CLASS	EVIDENCE REQUIRED	2025/26 FEE	2026/27 (Proposed Fee)
• Dog Desexed	<i>Vet Certificate or Stat Dec required</i>	\$40	\$42
• Dog Non-desexed		\$50	\$55
• Greyhound/Working Dog/Purebred (for showing/breeding)	<i>Certificate required, TCA or GRT membership or ABN</i>	\$40	\$42
• Dangerous Dog/Restricted Breed/Guard Dog (Existing Dogs declared pre June 2024)	<i>Declared by General Manager</i>	\$115	\$120
• Dangerous Dog/Restricted Breed/Guard Dog (Dogs declared post-June 2024)		\$775	\$815
• Guide /Hearing /Assistance Dogs		No Charge	Same
• Pensioner	<i>Pension Concession Card Health Care Card</i>	50% discount off scheduled fee (one dog only)	Same
• Replacement Tag (metal lifetime tag)		\$15.00	\$16
• Formal Notice of Complaint (refundable if complaint validated)		\$150.00	\$160
• Licence Application		\$155.00	\$165
• Licence Renewal		\$75.00	\$80
• Advertising (Licence Application)		\$350.00	\$520
• Advertising stock (Impounded)		\$450.00	\$520

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• Afterhours release		\$170.00	\$180
• Transportation of livestock to designated pound (if external assistance required)		@cost + 10%	Same
• Impound fee (per animal) – Normal workdays (1 st occurrence)		\$40.00	\$45
• Impound Fee (per animal) – Normal workdays 2 nd and subsequent occurrences)		\$50	\$55
• Impound fee (per animal) – Weekends & public holidays (i.e. out of ordinary working hours)		@cost (charges to be calculated in accordance with the formula under Private Works Policy)	@cost (charges to be calculated in accordance with the formula under Private Works Policy)
• Feed/care fee (daily charge per animal)		\$20.00	\$25
• Veterinary Treatment		@cost	Same
• Dogs Home of Tasmania Impound Fee	<i>Paid directly to Dogs Home</i>		

In reference to Council's *Dog Management Policy*, refund of registration fees will only be provided for dogs that have died in the current year of registration. Refunds are only available on completion of the appropriate form lodged with Council by the owner of the dog subject of the claim. Any refund provided is on a pro-rata basis as at the time of application.

The Southern Midlands Council will transfer dog registrations from other Tasmanian Councils at no cost to the dog owner, provided the registration is for the same registration period.

Human Resources & Financial Implications:

The proposed 2026/27 Budget will be:

Expenditure

- Salaries & On-costs - \$100,035
- Plant (Internal) - \$19,500 – this is based on reducing the travel to 30,000 kms for the year at the higher rate of \$0.60 cents per klm due to fuel etc.
- Materials (Allowance) - \$3,500 – postage (\$2,000); general expenses \$1,500;
- Contracts - \$7,000 – this includes an allowance of \$2,000 for legal expenses; \$1,000 advertising; \$1,000 telephone; and \$3,000 for the Dogs Homes (i.e. allow 6 dogs at \$500 each)

Total of \$130,035.

Income

The total Income Budget for 25/26 was \$79,200 – total actual to date - \$69,433 – refer following breakdown.

- Registration Fees \$70,200 – actual income to date \$67,620.17
- Infringement Notices - \$7,500 – actual income to date \$1,025
- Impounding & Complaint Fees - \$1,500 – actual income to date - \$788.14

If we maintain the same Income Budget – cost recovery will be approx. 60% which is about the percentage we aim for – but at this point we haven't achieved the total income budgeted.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Part 7 of the *Dog Management Policy 2022* states that '*consultation with other municipal councils may occur to ensure a level of consistency and uniformity in regard to fee structures.*'

Southern Midlands Council Website - The adopted Fees will be displayed on Council's website.

Policy Implications – *Dog Management Policy 2022*

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – It is normal practice for Reminder Notices to be issued in July of each year. Registration fees are due on 31st July.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopt the Animal Management Fees for the 2026-27 period (as shown in the following Table):

CLASS	2026/27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog Desexed <i>Vet Certificate or Stat Dec required</i> 	\$42
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog Non-desexed 	\$55
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greyhound/Working Dog/Purebred (for showing/breeding) <i>Certificate required, TCA or GRT membership or ABN</i> 	\$42
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dangerous Dog/Restricted Breed/Guard Dog <i>Declared by General Manager (Existing Dogs declared pre June 2024)</i> 	\$120
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dangerous Dog/Restricted Breed/Guard Dog <i>(Dogs declared post-June 2024)</i> 	\$815
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guide /Hearing /Assistance Dogs 	No Charge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pensioner <i>Pension Concession Card Health Care Card</i> 	50% discount off scheduled fee (one dog only)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement Tag (metal lifetime tag) 	\$16.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal Notice of Complaint <i>(refundable if complaint validated)</i> 	\$160
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licence Application 	\$165
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licence Renewal 	\$80
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advertising (Licence Application) 	\$520.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advertising stock (Impounded) 	\$520.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Afterhours release 	\$180.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation of livestock to designated pound (if external assistance required) 	@cost + 10%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impound fee (per animal) - Normal workdays (1st occurrence) 	\$45
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impound Fee (per animal) - Normal workdays 2nd and subsequent occurrences) 	\$55
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impound fee (per animal) - Weekends & public holidays (i.e. out of ordinary working hours) 	@cost (charges to be calculated in accordance with the formula under Private Works Policy)

• Feed/care fee (daily charge per animal)	\$25
• Veterinary Treatment	@cost
• Dogs Home of Tasmania Impound Fee	<i>Paid directly to Dogs Home</i>

DECISION

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

THAT Council adopt the Animal Management Fees for the 2026-27 period (as shown in the following Table):

CLASS	2026/27
• Dog Desexed <i>Vet Certificate or Stat Dec required</i>	\$42
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• Greyhound/Working Dog/Purebred (for showing/breeding) <i>Certificate required, TCA or GRT membership or ABN</i>	\$42
• Dangerous Dog/Restricted Breed/Guard Dog <i>Declared by General Manager</i> (Existing Dogs declared pre June 2024)	\$120
• Dangerous Dog/Restricted Breed/Guard Dog (Dogs declared post-June 2024)	\$815
• Guide /Hearing /Assistance Dogs	No Charge
• Pensioner <i>Pension Concession Card Health Care Card</i>	50% discount off scheduled fee (one dog only)
• Replacement Tag (metal lifetime tag)	\$16.00
• Formal Notice of Complaint (refundable if complaint validated)	\$160
• Licence Application	\$165
• Licence Renewal	\$80
• Advertising (Licence Application)	\$520.00
• Advertising stock (Impounded)	\$520.00
• Afterhours release	\$180.00
• Transportation of livestock to designated pound (if external assistance required)	@cost + 10%
• Impound fee (per animal) – Normal workdays (1st occurrence)	\$45
• Impound Fee (per animal) – Normal workdays 2nd and subsequent occurrences)	\$55

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impound fee (per animal) – Weekends & public holidays (i.e. out of ordinary working hours) 	<p>@cost (charges to be calculated in accordance with the formula under Private Works Policy)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feed/care fee (daily charge per animal) 	<p>\$25</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterinary Treatment 	<p>@cost</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs Home of Tasmania Impound Fee 	<p><i>Paid directly to Dogs Home</i></p>

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	✓	

15.7 Environmental Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 3.7
Implement strategies to address the issue of environmental sustainability in relation to its impact on Councils corporate functions and on the Community.

Nil.

16. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – COMMUNITY)

16.1 Community Health and Wellbeing

Strategic Plan Reference 4.1

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

Nil.

16.2 Recreation

Strategic Plan Reference 4.2

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

16.2.1 Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinators Report

Author: OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE COORDINATOR (ADAM BRIGGS)

Date: 17 APRIL 2026

ISSUE

Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinator’s Report for the month March, 2026.

DETAIL

The purpose of the report is twofold:

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

FINANCIAL REPORTING

Operating Budget:

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

**OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE - 2025/26 OPERATING EXPENDITURE
TO 31 MARCH 2026**

INCOME		Annual Budget 2025/26	Actual Mar 2026	Budget Mar 2026	Actual YTD to 31 Mar 2026	Actual YTD to 31 Mar 2025	% Annual Budget 2025/26
Admission Fees		\$235,000	\$20,078	\$19,583	\$211,159	\$154,535	89.9%
Sale of Goods		\$15,000	\$2,096	\$1,250	\$14,127	\$13,811	94.2%
Charging Station Energy Use Reimbursement		\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$16,700	\$15,177	83.5%
Sub-Total		\$270,000	\$22,175	\$20,833	\$241,986	\$183,522	89.6%

EXPENDITURE		Annual Budget 2025/26	Actual Mar 2026	Budget Mar 2026	Actual YTD to 31 Mar 2026	Actual YTD to 31 Mar 2025	% of Budget 2025/26
Salaries (incl. On-Costs)		\$495,348	\$45,244	\$38,104	\$397,250	\$359,859	80.2%
Operating Costs - Other		\$279,563	\$26,462	\$17,463	\$265,400	\$250,271	94.9%
Total Expenditure		\$774,911	\$71,706	\$55,566	\$662,650	\$610,131	85.5%

Budgeted Deficit		-\$504,911	-\$49,532	-\$34,733	-\$420,664	-\$426,608	83.3%
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Group Bookings & Programs – February (16/3/26 - 14/4/26):

Event / Booking	School / Group	Participation Numbers
Physio Rehab Sessions	Annabel Butler – Physiotherapist	14 individual bookings
GYM / Lane Hire	Centre Fitness Classes – GYM & Pool	5 Aqua Aerobic classes 4 GYM classes 100 participants
GYM / Lane Hire	Corumbene Program – GYM & Pool	4 pool individual bookings 4 GYM individual bookings 16 participants
Lane Hire	Geneva School	3 individual bookings 30 participants
Learn to Swim Program	Oatlands District School – Kinder to Grade 2	73 participants
Centre Visits	Oatlands Football Club	8 participants
Centre Visits	Ouse Community Group	6 participants
Centre Visits	Fitness Passport	15 participants (March)
Lane Hire	Midlands Swimming Club	10 individual bookings

USAGE FOR THE PERIOD 16/3/2026 – 14/4/2026
PAID UPFRONT

Type	Units
Gym & Classes	
Gym Class Pass 10 Sessions	0
PAYG – Gym Class	73
PAYG – Gym (16 years)	17
PAYG – Gym (Concession)	11
Gym/Pool Combo	
Gym/Pool Pass 10 Sessions (16 years)	5
Gym/Pool Pass 10 Sessions (Concession)	11
PAYG – Gym/Pool Combo (17 years)	0
PAYG – Gym/Pool Combo (Concession)	4
Learn to Swim	
Term 1 Program, 2026 Enrolments (Currently)	174
Pool	
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (17 +)	0
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Concession)	0
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Family)	0
PAYG – Pool (4 years and under)	111
PAYG – Pool (5-16)	225
PAYG – Pool (17)	305
PAYG – Pool (Concession)	209
PAYG – (Family)	35

DIRECT DEBITS – Current Numbers

Type	Units
DD Pool/Gym	10
DD Gym	13
DD 6 Months Pool – 17 years +	4
DD 6 Months Pool – Child/Concession	17
DD 6 Months Centre – Family	2
DD Learn to Swim Lessons – Term 1	19

Grant Applications & General Information

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

- Nothing to report at this stage.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Refer above detail.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Not applicable.

Policy Implications – N/A

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received and noted.

DECISION

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

THAT the information be received and 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	✓	

16.3 Access

Strategic Plan Reference 4.3

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

Nil.

16.4 Volunteers

Strategic Plan Reference 4.4

Encourage community members to volunteer.

Nil.

16.5 Families

Strategic Plan Reference 4.5

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

Nil.

16.6 Education

Strategic Plan Reference 4.6

Increase the educational and employment opportunities available within the Southern Midlands

Nil.

16.7 Capacity & Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 4.7

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

Nil.

16.8 Safety

Strategic Plan Reference 4.8

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

Nil.

16.9 Consultation & Communication

Strategic Plan Reference 4.8

Improve the effectiveness of consultation & communication with the community.

Nil.

17. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – ORGANISATION)

17.1 Improvement

Strategic Plan Reference 5.1

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

17.1.1 Policy Review - Recruitment Policy & Procedures and Selection Policy & Procedures

Author: DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

Date: 14 APRIL 2026

Attachment(s)

Draft Revision – Recruitment Policy & Procedures

Draft Revision – Selection Policy & Procedures

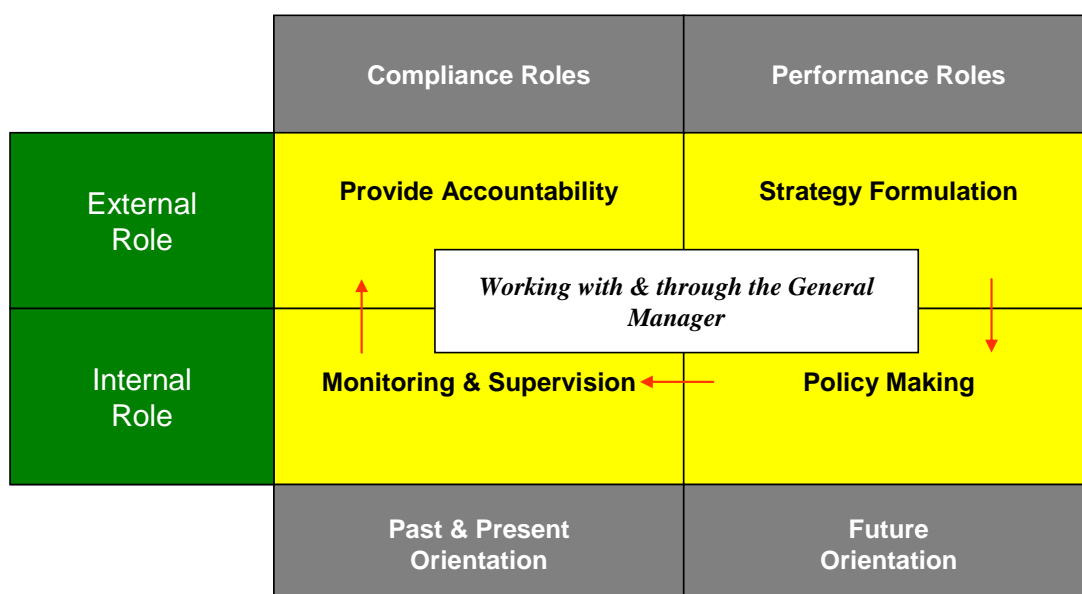
ISSUE

Council are required to review and update its various policies from time to time. The nominated policies have been reviewed, minor amendments made, and now requires consideration, then adoption by Council.

BACKGROUND

FRAMEWORK FOR ANALYSING COUNCIL’S GOVERNANCE FUNCTION

The diagram below along with its explanation has been the subject of previous presentations to Council; however, it is meaningful to reflect on this governance framework when policy documents are presented to Council.



DETAIL

This draft revision of the two attached policies have been submitted for Council's consideration. There are no major changes to these policies and this is merely an 'end of period review and the application of an extension of time' seeking authority for adoption for the next four years.

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

Human Resources & Financial Implications – No financial implications with minor policy updates and extension of time.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Nil

Policy Implications – Standard review for extension of time with no legislative changes.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Following the May 2026 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Receive and note the report;
2. Consider draft version of the Recruitment Policy & Procedures in preparation for adoption of the revised policy, at the May 2026 Council meeting, subject to any Council amendments; and
3. Consider draft version the Selection Policy & Procedures in preparation for adoption of the revised policy, at the May 2026 Council meeting, subject to any Council amendments.

DECISION

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

THAT Council:

1. Receive and note the report;
2. Consider draft version of the Recruitment Policy & Procedures in preparation for adoption of the revised policy, at the May 2026 Council meeting, subject to any Council amendments; and
3. Consider draft version the Selection Policy & Procedures in preparation for adoption of the revised policy, at the May 2026 Council meeting, subject to any Council amendments.

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	✓	

17.2 Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 5.2

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

17.2.1 Tabling of Documents

Nil.

17.2.2 Elected Member Statements

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

Mayor E Batt – Acknowledged the General Manager’s 60th birthday (26 April) and conveyed best wishes.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Oatlands Bowls Club – Midweek Pennant (Division 4) – acknowledged the team’s progression to the Grand Final and wished them well.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Advised that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor recently attended the LGAT Forum for Mayors and Deputy Mayors in Devonport, noting it as a valuable learning and networking opportunity.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Tunbridge Community Club – advised that the Club will hold its 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday, 2 May 2026. An invitation has been circulated to all Councillors.

Clr D Blackwell – Advised that Ms Isobel Geard (Broadmarsh) has been selected for the Hobart Chargers basketball team, noting this as a significant achievement.

Clr F Miller – Referred to the *Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing out Reform) Bill 2025* and noted potential wide-ranging implications, including impacts on other dog breeders.

17.2.3 Local Government Shared Services – Quarterly Update – Information Only

Author: FINANCE OFFICER (MANDY BURBURY)

Date: 14 APRIL 2026

Enclosure(s):

2025/2026 Shared Services to 31 March 2026

ISSUE

To inform Council of the Common Services Joint Venture activities for the period January – March 2026.

BACKGROUND

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

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

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

DETAIL

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

Moved by Cllr 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	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr D Blackwell	✓	
Cllr B Campbell	✓	
Cllr D Fish	✓	
Cllr F Miller	✓	

ENCLOSURE
Agenda Item 17.2.3

**2025/26 Shared Services Report
to 31 March 2026**

PROVIDED BY SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL					Total Hours Mar 2026 Quarter	Total Hours Dec 2025 Quarter	Total Hours Sep 2025 Quarter	Total Hours to Date 2025/26
Council	Fortnight Ending	Officer	Service Provided	Hours				
Central Highlands	11/01/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	5.50				
		L Brown	Regulatory	4.00				
		P Krause	Regulatory	0.75				
	25/01/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	10.00				
		L Brown	Regulatory	11.00				
		P Krause	Regulatory	21.25				
	08/02/26	R Collis	Animal Management	1.00				
		D Mackey	Regulatory	16.00				
		L Brown	Regulatory	6.00				
		P Krause	Regulatory	25.50				
	22/02/26	R Collis	Animal Management	4.00				
		J Rowley	Animal Management	4.00				
		D Mackey	Regulatory	11.00				
	08/03/26	L Brown	Regulatory	16.00				
		P Krause	Regulatory	22.25				
		D Mackey	Regulatory	0.50				
		B Williams	Heritage	3.00				
		L Brown	Regulatory	29.50				
		P Krause	Regulatory	25.75				
		R Collis	Animal Management	9.70				
		J Rowley	Animal Management	10.00				
	22/03/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	13.00				
		L Brown	Regulatory	20.00				
P Krause		Regulatory	15.25					
					284.95	253.75	230.25	768.95

2025/26 Shared Services Report to 31 March 2026

PROVIDED BY SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL					Total Hours Mar 2026 Quarter	Total Hours Dec 2025 Quarter	Total Hours Sep 2025 Quarter	Total Hours 2025/26
Council	Fortnight Ending	Officer	Service Provided	Hours				
Derwent Valley	11/01/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	5.50				
	25/01/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	13.00				
	08/02/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	5.50				
	22/02/26	B Willams	Heritage	14.00				
		D Mackey	Regulatory	25.00				
	08/03/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	15.50				
		B Willams	Heritage	3.00				
	22/03/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	8.50				
					90.00	176.50	71.00	337.50
Tasman	11/01/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	3.50				
	25/01/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	11.00				
		P Krause	Plumbing Surveying	15.00				
	08/02/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	7.50				
		P Krause	Plumbing Surveying	7.25				
	22/02/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	2.50				
		P Krause	Plumbing Surveying	6.50				
	08/03/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	4.50				
		P Krause	Plumbing Surveying	12.00				
	22/03/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	1.00				
	P Krause	Plumbing Surveying	8.25					
					79.00	86.00	71.25	236.25
Total Hours Provided by Southern Midlands					453.95	516.25	372.50	1,342.70

PROVIDED FOR SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL					Total Hours Mar 2026 Quarter	Total Hours Dec 2025 Quarter	Total Hours Sep 2025 Quarter	Total Hours 2025/26
Council	Fortnight Ending	Officer	Service Provided	Hours				
Brighton	11/01/26	Jo Blackwell	Development Engineering	3.00				
					3.00	14.50	4.50	22.00
Glenorchy					-	51.00	275.75	326.75
Total Hours Provided for Southern Midlands					3.00	65.50	280.25	348.75

17.2.4 SMC External Grant Projects - Quarterly Update

Author: DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

Date: 14 APRIL 2026

Enclosure(s):

Report to Council on Various SMC Grant Projects as at 31 March 2026

ISSUE

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

DETAIL

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, 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	✓	

ENCLOSURE

Agenda Item 17.2.4

Report to Council on Grant Funded Projects as at 31st March 2026

Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
Bagdad Shareway	Construction of a 2.5m wide shareway between Bagdad School and Hall Lane	Active Transport (DSG)	\$150,000	\$90,000	Andrew Benson <i>(Project Grant)</i> David Richardson <i>(Project Delivery)</i>	100%	31 March 2026	Preparing the acquittal
Chauncy Vale Interps & Infrastructure	Construction of an accessible toilet and signage at Chauncy Vale Sanctuary	Active Tasmania (DSG)	\$80,000	\$20,000	Phil Krause	99%	June 2026	On track
Sporting Infrastructure Upgrades Campania Rec Grd	Retaining wall/seating, Scoreboard and all weather access	Active Tasmania (DSG)	\$253,000	\$91,625	David Richardson	80% (overall)	June 2026	1. Electronic Score Board installed and working; <i>completed</i> 2. Retaining wall <i>90% completed</i> and 3. DDA parking <i>5% completed</i> to wait until Change rooms completed.
Sporting Infrastructure Upgrades Kempton Rec Grd	Half-court basketball / Pickle Ball court plus new cricket practice nets	Active Tasmania (DSG)	\$80,000	\$0	Andrew Benson	100%	June 2026	Preparing the acquittal
Oatlands Aquatic Centre	Development of the proposed Aquatic Centre in Oatlands	1. Australian Government 2. Tasmanian Government 3. Station Child Care Centre 4. Loan Funds by SMC	\$2,000,000 \$2,000,000 \$80,350	\$5,920,000	Tim Kirkwood <i>(Project Financials)</i> Andrew Benson <i>(Project Delivery)</i>	99%	Changed	The GM and DGM have meet with Patrick Stanton and have agreed the finalization, just waiting for the paperwork to follow from Patrick Stanton.

Report to Council on Grant Funded Projects as at 31st March 2026

Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
South Central Sub-region – Workforce Development Coordinator Project	The submission of grant for a workforce coordinator for the Southern Midlands, Central Highlands, Brighton and Derwent Valley to (three year contract).	Tasmanian Community Fund	\$400,000 over three years	\$15,000	Andrew Benson	100%	July 2023	Contract targets of people to be employed were significantly exceeded, plus working with schools and employers on a range of activities
	The State Government through Jobs Tas to operate a Jobs Hub for the Sub Region. This is a partnership with the three other Councils.	Jobs Tasmania	\$1,625,000	\$0		Triannual funding depending on Annual reviews 70%	Nov 2024	The project is currently exceeding expectations
		Jobs Tasmania	\$2,100,000	\$0 Plus In-kind		Extension of Funding Agreement	Dec 2024 to Nov 2027	Deed of Agreement has been executed and the regular Progress Reports have been submitted and accepted.
Southern Midlands Drought Weeds Grant 2020 – Support for Farmers	\$30,000 for on ground works, \$25,000 for wages.	State Government of Tasmania	\$55,000	\$0	Mary Smyth Weeds Officer and Maria Weeding	80%	Ongoing- until funds run out.	Continuing to use for time spent on Stemless Thistle on ground follow up works. (High Priority for SMC)
Better Active Transport in Tasmania Rd 1	Bagdad Concrete Shareway/Walkway	Department of State Growth	\$370,000	\$270,000	David Richardson (Project Delivery) / Andrew Benson (Project Grant Management)	100%	December 2024	Completed awaiting acquittal from DSG

Report to Council on Grant Funded Projects as at 31st March 2026

Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
Better Active Transport in Tasmania Rd 2	Footpath connection between Mood Food and Kempton	Department of State Growth	\$278,000	\$146,310 cash	David Richardson <i>(Project Delivery)</i> / Andrew Benson <i>(Project Grant Management)</i>	75%	June 2025 Subject to EoT until June 2026	Construction WiP.
Active Tas Development Grant	Funding support for Lifeguards Project	Active Tasmania	\$30,000	\$0	Andrew Benson	100%	June 2026	Project partnership with the Jobs Hub to train and support 40 lifeguards over two years. Training through the Oatlands Aquatic Centre EoT requested Acquittal submitted
Tas Regional Drought Resilience _ Quick Wins 2025 Program	Funding to set up a Southern Midlands Farmers Group (incorporated entity)	Dept of Premier & Cabinet	\$5335	\$0	Maria Weeding	50%	June 2026	WiP Project underway. Should be completed soon.
Vulnerable Road User Program 2024	RC Footpath along Reeve St adjacent to Flour Mill Park, from Opposite Lee St (TasRail entrance) to Community Hall at Campania	Department of State Growth	\$58,616	\$41,593 cash \$10,000 in-kind	Andrew Benson <i>(Project Grant)</i> David Richardson <i>(Project Delivery)</i>	100%	June 2025	Completed. Awaiting acquittal from DSG
Vulnerable Road User Program 2024	RC Footpath along Reeve St, adjacent to Rec Grd from entrance to Campania Rec Grd to Villeneuve St	Department of State Growth	\$36,258	\$14,900 cash \$5,000 in-kind	Andrew Benson <i>(Project Grant)</i> David Richardson <i>(Project Delivery)</i>	100%	June 2025	Completed. Awaiting acquittal From DSG

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Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
Vulnerable Road User Program 2024	Pedestrian Crossing of railway line at Climie St Campania	Department of State Growth	\$35,250	Design \$6,429 (paid) Cash \$6,000 In kind \$1,000	Andrew Benson <i>(TasRail sub contracted)</i>	100%	June 2025	Completed. awaiting acquittal from DSG
LGAT Open Space Program (Rd 2)	Campania Rec Grd Change Rooms	LGAT/DPaC	\$400,000	\$700,000	Andrew Benson <i>(Project Grant)</i> David Richardson <i>(Project Delivery)</i>	90%	April 2026	WiP.
Vulnerable Road User Program 2025	Road improvements at School Rd, Bagdad Primary School	Department of State Growth	\$34,430	\$34,570	Andrew Benson <i>(Project Grant)</i> David Richardson <i>(Project Delivery)</i>	5%	June 2026	Awaiting design completion
Vulnerable Road User Program 2025	Road Pedestrian Crossing at High Street, Oatlands	Department of State Growth	\$22,300	\$23,640	Andrew Benson <i>(Project Grant)</i> David Richardson <i>(Project Delivery)</i>	5%	June 2026	Design submitted for approval.
Vulnerable Road User Program 2025	Concrete Footpath between Lee St and Hall St, Campania	Department of State Growth	\$28,620	\$29,120	Andrew Benson <i>(Project Grant)</i> David Richardson <i>(Project Delivery)</i>	95%	June 2026	Design submitted for approval. RfQ issued Construction completed.

Report to Council on Grant Funded Projects as at 31st March 2026

Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
Animal Management EID Reader	Equipment for reading electronic tags	Department of Natural Resources & Environment	\$1,568	\$522	Rachel Collis	100%	June 2026	
Vulnerable Road User Program 2026	Rail Crossing improvements across the LGA	Department of State Growth			Andrew Benson <i>(Project Grant)</i> David Richardson <i>(Project Delivery)</i>			Application being prepared. Applications close on 29.05.26
UNSUCCESSFUL GRANTS APPLICATIONS								
Annabel Butler's Healthy Community Grant	To engage local seniors in safe and accessible exercise that promotes healthy lifestyles and consistent habits.	Healthy Tasmania Healthy Focus Grant	\$30,000	\$0	Annabel Butler <i>(SMC holding funds A Benson)</i>			Unsuccessful this time
Bagdad Recreation Precinct Redevelopment	New Pavilion New Club Rooms Oval Reconstructed New Waste Water management system	Growing Regions Program Round 2 (Australian Government)	\$ 10,624,973	\$4,478,561 Bagdad Community Club Inc. \$75,000	Tim Kirkwood <i>(Project Financials)</i> Andrew Benson <i>(Project Delivery)</i>	Application submitted and as the project is required to be shovel ready at the signing of the Grant Deed. BA/PA and Tender documentation is underway	Submission date 10.10.24	Unsuccessful
Oatlands Regional Sports & Wellbeing Centre	At Oatlands Rec Grd major refurbishment of existing clubrooms. New change rooms and amenities building	Growing Regions Program Round 2 (Australian Government)	\$2,000,000	\$800,000	Tim Kirkwood <i>(Project Financials)</i> Andrew Benson <i>(Project Delivery)</i>	Application submitted and as the project is required to be shovel ready at the signing of the Grant Deed. BA/PA and Tender documentation is underway	Submission date 10.10.24	Unsuccessful

Report to Council on Grant Funded Projects as at 31st March 2026

Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECT(S)								
Wombat Woodland Walk	Nature interpretation and adventure trail for children at Chauncy Vale	Healthy Tasmania Fund	\$29,250	\$10,000	Graham Green	100%		All work completed
Natural Disaster Risk Reduction Grant Program	Bagdad/Mangalore hydraulic assessment	Australian Government Attorney General's Department	\$80,830	\$80,830	Andrew Benson	100% original 100% revised Consultants/Engineers Report received, reviewed, & <i>shape</i> files loaded on Planning Scheme maps	April 2024 Revised to Dec 2024	Submitted Final Report and Acquittal Approved
Road Infrastructure Upgrade	Reconstruction of Interlaken Road from Oatlands to Central Highlands Council boundary	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, communities and the Arts	\$5,346,180	\$300,000	David Richardson / Craig Whatley <i>(Project Delivery)</i> M Burbury <i>(Grant Management)</i>	100%	Dec 2024	Completed.
Bus Stops Program	Upgrade Campania Bus Stop outside the War Memorial Hall	Department of State Growth	\$26,246	\$14,450	Andrew Benson <i>(Project Grant)</i> David Richardson <i>(Project Delivery)</i>	100%	June 2025	Completed.
Bus Stops Program	New Bus Stop High Street Oatlands (north bound)	Department of State Growth	\$13,000	\$15,300	Andrew Benson <i>(Project Grant)</i> David Richardson <i>(Project Delivery)</i>	100%	June 2025	Completed.

Report to Council on Grant Funded Projects as at 31st March 2026

Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
Saluting Their Service	Recognition (sign, plaque & sandstone) of JH Bisdee VC OBE	Department of Veterans Affairs	\$7,480	\$1,00 in-kind	Andrew Benson	100%	July 2025	Completed

17.3 Finances

Strategic Plan Reference 5.3

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

17.3.1 Monthly Financial Statement (Period ending 31 March 2026)

Author: FINANCE OFFICER (MANDY BURBURY)

Date: 13 APRIL 2026

ISSUE

Provide the Financial Report for the period ending 31st March 2026.

BACKGROUND

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

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

DETAIL

The enclosed Report incorporates the following: -

- Statement of Comprehensive Income – 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.
- Operating Expenditure Report – 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.
- Capital Expenditure Report – 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.
- Cash Flow Statement – 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

OPERATING EXPENDITURE (OPERATING BUDGET)

Overall operating expenditure to end of February was \$7,371,362, representing 88.4% of the Year to Date Budget.

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

Strategic Theme - Infrastructure

Nil.

Strategic Theme – Growth

Sub-Program – Business - expenditure to date (\$327,408 – 137.9%). Additional expenditure relates to a higher than anticipated value of private works (offset by an increase in private works income).

Strategic Theme – Landscapes

Nil.

Strategic Theme – Community

Nil.

Strategic Theme – Organisation

Nil.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM

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

Legend – Source and completion deadlines for grant funded projects

Roads to Recovery	It is the Government's intention that the full allocation is budgeted and spent in the year allocated
Other Specific Purpose Grants	Completion date as per grant deed or approved extension date

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Financial Report be received and the information noted.

DECISION

Moved by Clr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Clr 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	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D Blackwell	✓	
Clr B Campbell	✓	
Clr D Fish	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period 1 Jul 2025 to 31 Mar 2026

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
Income				
Rates	7,810,961	7,875,146	100.8%	Includes Interest & Penalties on rates
User Fees (refer Note 1)	1,536,868	1,384,560	90.1%	Includes Private Works
Interest	520,000	356,519	68.6%	
Government Subsidies	11,700	0	0.0%	Heavy Vehicle Licence Fees
Other (refer Note 2)	332,400	187,150	56.3%	Includes TasWater Distributions
Sub-Total	10,211,930	9,803,374	96.0%	
Grants - Operating	4,744,884	1,815,508	38.3%	
Total Income	14,956,813	11,618,882	77.7%	
Expenses				
Employee benefits	-6,024,988	-3,610,766	59.9%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised)
Materials and contracts	-4,195,550	-3,465,762	82.6%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised), Includes Land Tax & Private Works
Depreciation and amortisation	-4,738,700	-3,557,271	75.1%	Percentage Calculation (year-to-date)
Finance costs	-2,223	-2,223	100.0%	Interest
Contributions	-296,700	-148,350	50.0%	Fire Service Levies
Other	-184,841	-144,261	78.0%	Audit Fees and Councillor Allowances
Total expenses	-15,443,002	-10,928,633	70.8%	
Surplus (deficit) from operations	-486,189	690,250	-142.0%	
Grants - Capital (refer Note 3)	1,064,853	1,999,736	187.8%	
Sale Proceeds (Plant & Machinery)	0	264,977		
Sale Proceeds (Land & Buildings)	0	1		
Sale Proceeds (Other Assets)	0	5,244		
Net gain / (loss on disposal of non-current assets)	0	0		
Surplus / (Deficit)	578,664	2,960,208	511.6%	

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period 1 Jul 2025 to 31 Mar 2026

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
NOTES				
1. Income - User Fees				
- All other Programs	1,176,420	1,004,830	85.4%	
- Private Works	360,449	379,730	105.3%	
	<u>1,536,868</u>	<u>1,384,560</u>	90.1%	
2. Income - Other				
- TasWater Distributions	182,400	125,400	68.75%	
- Public Open Space Contributions	150,000	0	0.00%	
- Stormwater Headworks	0	20,000		
- Blue Gum Rovers donation to Tunnack Rec. Ground	0	735		
- JLT Group Interest Disbursement	0	1,578		
- Insurance Recoveries	0	8,292		
- Campania Halls Committee Contribution to External Painting	0	15,000		
- Colebrook Hall Committee Closure of Bank Account	0	3,510		
- Woodsdale Cemetery Committee Closure of Bank Account	0	8,121		
- HESC Closure of Bank Account	0	4,513		
	<u>332,400</u>	<u>187,150</u>	56.3%	
3. Grants - Capital				
- Aust Govt (Roads To Recovery)	1,064,853	1,012,500	95.08%	
- Aust Govt (LRCI Phase 4)	0	629,654		Final Instalment
- State Govt (VRUP Round 1)	0	14,410		Campania Pedestrian Railway Crossing (Final Instalment)
- State Govt (VRUP Round 1)	0	29,308		Campania Reeve Street West (Final Instalment)
- State Govt (VRUP Round 1)	0	18,129		Campania Reeve Street East (Final Instalment)
- State Govt (VRUP 2025)	0	14,310		Campania Reeve Street- Hall Ln to Lee St (First Instalment)
- State Govt (EID Tag Rebate Scheme)	0	1,425		75% Rebate on eID Reader
- Local Govt. Assoc. Tas. (Open Spaces Program)	0	280,000		Campania Recreation Ground (Changeroom Upgrade)
	<u>1,064,853</u>	<u>1,999,736</u>	187.79%	
4. Grants - Operating				
- FAGS 2024/25	4,744,884	1,810,173	38.15%	
- State Govt (Resilience & Recovery Grant)	0	5,335		Southern Midlands Farmers Group Drought Resilience (Establishing Governance)
	<u>4,744,884</u>	<u>1,815,508</u>	38.3%	

**SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL : OPERATING EXPENDITURE
2025/26
SUMMARY SHEET**

PROGRAM	ACTUAL (to 31 Mar 26)	BUDGET (to 31 Mar 26)	YTD VARIANCE	YTD %	FULL YEAR BUDGET - INC. GRANTS & OTHER
INFRASTRUCTURE					
Roads	1,066,370	1,326,127	259,757	80.4%	4,410,593
Bridges	41,533	76,042	34,509	54.6%	653,390
Walkways	184,655	202,541	17,887	91.2%	273,165
Lighting	49,051	70,452	21,401	69.6%	93,936
Public Toilets	89,036	104,225	15,189	85.4%	140,739
Stormwater	4,914	25,310	20,396	19.4%	89,081
Waste	1,024,230	1,173,630	149,400	87.3%	1,592,340
Information, Communication	-	15,000	15,000	0.0%	20,000
INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:	2,459,788	2,993,328	533,540	82.2%	7,273,244
GROWTH					
Residential	-	-	-	-	-
Tourism	23,962	35,926	11,964	66.7%	41,276
Business	327,408	237,417	-89,991	137.9%	316,556
Industry	-	-	-	0.0%	-
GROWTH TOTAL:	351,369	273,343	- 78,026	128.5%	357,832
LANDSCAPES					
Heritage	275,799	380,953	105,154	72.4%	501,173
Natural	173,970	200,764	26,795	86.7%	257,515
Cultural	507	12,000	11,493	4.2%	16,000
Regulatory - Development	639,139	807,806	168,667	79.1%	1,101,058
Regulatory - Public Health	9,343	19,635	10,292	47.6%	26,180
Regulatory - Animals	89,635	103,303	13,669	86.8%	140,975
Environmental Sustainability	-	3,750	3,750	0.0%	5,000
LANDSCAPES TOTAL:	1,188,391	1,528,211	339,819	77.8%	2,047,901
COMMUNITY					
Community Health & Wellbeing	218,410	283,909	65,499	76.9%	378,545
Recreation	1,003,625	985,848	-17,778	101.8%	1,256,464
Access	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Volunteers	21,325	41,250	19,925	51.7%	45,000
Families	-	7,500	7,500	0.0%	10,000
Education	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Capacity & Sustainability	49,266	48,004	-1,262	102.6%	55,505
Safety	5,575	14,963	9,387	37.3%	19,950
Consultation & Communication	1,589	19,275	17,686	8.2%	25,700
LIFESTYLE TOTAL:	1,299,791	1,400,748	100,957	92.8%	1,791,164
ORGANISATION					
Improvement	49,795	98,548	48,752	50.5%	131,397
Sustainability	1,782,671	1,805,587	22,916	98.7%	3,445,765
Finances	239,556	236,425	-3,131	101.3%	395,700
ORGANISATION TOTAL:	2,072,022	2,140,560	68,537	96.8%	3,972,862
TOTALS	\$7,371,362	\$8,336,190	\$964,827	88.4%	\$15,443,003

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2025-26

As at 31 March 2026

		BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION
		\$	\$	\$		DEADLINE
INFRASTRUCTURE						
ROAD ASSETS						
Resheeting Program	Roads Resheeting	590,000	263,382	326,618		
Reseal Program	Jericho - Jericho Road (1500m)	45,000	38,734	6,266	Roads to Recovery \$45,000	30 June 2026
	Kempton - Cliftonvale Road (1500m)	65,000	65,698	-698	Roads to Recovery \$65,000	30 June 2026
	Oatlands - High Street (500m)	55,000	41,289	13,711	Roads to Recovery \$55,000	30 June 2026
	Oatlands - Interlaken Road	25,000	23,100	1,900		
	Woodbury - Glenmorey Road (Two Sections 1700m)	47,000	42,543	4,457	Roads to Recovery \$47,000	30 June 2026
	Woodbury - Woodbury Road (500m)	35,000	43,736	-8,736		
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road	48,000	31,298	16,702	Roads to Recovery \$48,000	30 June 2026
	Tunbridge - Scott Street (300m)	40,000	31,796	8,204	Originally in Reconstruct & Seal \$60K	
Sealed Edge Breaks	Sealed Road Edge Breaks Program	200,000	as below	86,794		
	Broadmarsh - Elderslie Road		0			
	Campania - Brown Mountain Road		2,167			
	Campania - Native Corners Road		9,473			
	Colebrook - Eldon Road		22,276			
	Colebrook - Franklin Street		1,000			
	Elderslie - Elderslie Road		16,962			
	Jericho - Lower Marshes Road		3,552			
	Rhyndaston - Rhyndaston Road		11,500			
	Stonor Road - Stonor		32,860			
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road		13,416			
Reconstruct & Seal	Bagdad - Swan Street (700m)	137,000	136,881	119	Roads to Recovery \$137,000	30 June 2026
	Tunnack - Eldon Road (700m)	110,000	113,529	-3,529	Roads to Recovery \$110,000	30 June 2026
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road (dig-out)	23,000	28,758	-5,758	Roads to Recovery \$23,000	30 June 2026
Construct & Seal	Mangalore - Blackbrush Road (1.3km section starting from seal Mangalore end)	195,000	200,222	-5,222	Roads to Recovery \$195,000	30 June 2026
	Rhyndaston - Rhyndaston Road (1.35km of 2.7km starting at railway line)	202,500	199,399	3,101	Roads to Recovery \$202,500	30 June 2026
Minor Seals (New)	Mt Seymour - Blackgate Road (500m between end of seal & dust suppressant)	85,000	93,277	-8,277	Roads to Recovery \$85,000	30 June 2026
	Oatlands - Bentwick Street	20,000	0	20,000	Budget c/f	
Other Works	Bagdad - School Road (Traffic & Safety Improvements)	69,000	1,057	67,943	VRUP Funding \$34,430	30 April 2026
	Campania - Car Park Improvements	100,000	72,481	27,519	\$60K Budget C/F WIP \$72,112	
	Campania - Reeve Street (Reconstruct Retaining Wall - Union St to Lee St)	40,000	0	40,000		
	Campania - Structure Plan - Town Gateway and Streetscape	40,000	0	40,000	Budget C/F	
	Colebrook - Coalmine Bend Road (Redirect Drainage from Train Line - Piping)	25,000	25,807	-807		
	Oatlands - Hasting Street Junction	15,000	14,761	239	WIP \$959	
	Oatlands - High Street (Traffic Islands)	45,940	641	45,299	VRUP Funding \$22,300 RTR \$23,640	30 June 2026
	Tunbridge - Main Street (Kerb & Gutter Renewal)	40,000	46,290	-6,290	WIP \$4186.12	
		2,297,440	1,627,883	669,557		

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2025-26

As at 31 March 2026

		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
WALKWAYS	Footpaths - General Streetscapes	45,959	0	45,959		
	Bagdad - Midland Highway Pathway (Primary School north to Community Club)	240,000	253,132	-13,132	Election Commitment - \$150,000 WIP \$1,130	2 March 2026
	Campania - Reeve Street (Hall St to Lee St)	57,740	128	57,612	VRUP Funding \$28,620	30 June 2026
	Colebrook - Richmond Road (Asphalting)	4,041	4,041	0	Funded from footpaths general budget	
	Kempton - Burnett Street to Mood Food	425,565	202,323	223,242	Better Active Transport \$278K WIP \$5332	30 June 2026
	Kempton - Main Street (Southern End 300m)	75,000	741	74,259		
	Oatlands - Church Street (High St to Esplanade both sides - Design Only)	10,000	0	10,000		
	Oatlands - Church Street (Sth Parade to William St - north. side - Footpath - 130 m)	30,000	52,077	-22,077	Budget C/F	
	Parattah - Streetscape (Stage 1)	50,000	417	49,583		
	Tunnack - Streetscape (Year 1 of 3)	100,000	73,251	26,749	WIP \$73,042	
		1,038,305	586,110	452,195		
PUBLIC TOILETS	General Public Toilets - Upgrade Program	14,616	0	14,616	Budget c/f	
	Colebrook - History Room Toilets (Replace Septic Tank)	10,000	9,830	170		
		24,616	9,830	14,785		
DRAINAGE	Bagdad / Mangalore - Hydraulic Assessment (Flood Mapping)	61,625	0	61,625	Budget C/F	
	Stormwater System Management Plans (<i>Urban Drainage Act 2013</i>)	50,000	40,456	9,544	WIP \$456	
	Oatlands - High Street / Church Street Jct (Pipe Replacement)	15,000	14,946	54		
	Oatlands - High Street /Wellington Street Jct (New Pit)	4,000	3,973	27		
	Oatlands - Queen Anne St (Pipe into existing Drain)	35,000	21,806	13,194		
		165,625	81,182	84,443		
WASTE	Wheelie Bins and Crates	10,000	20,398	-10,398		
		10,000	20,398	-10,398		
GROWTH						
TOURISM	Oatlands - Heritage Interpretation Panel renewal	2,000	0	2,000		
	Oatlands Accommodation Facility	0	42,283	-42,283	WIP \$42,283 (Offset by Barrack Street Property)	
		2,000	42,283	-40,283		

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2025-26
As at 31 March 2026

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION
	\$	\$	\$		DEADLINE
LANDSCAPES					
HERITAGE					
Jericho - Memorial Avenue - Plaques	20,500	4,300	16,200	Budget c/f WIP \$4,300. Offset by donation of \$500.	
Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park - Interps	19,545	0	19,545	Budget C/F	
Melton Mowbray - Recognition plaque JH Bisdee VC OBE (DVA Grant)	8,480	8,904	-424	Saluting Their Service Grant \$7,480	30 April 2025
Oatlands - Callington Mill - Structural Repair & External painting	80,000	0	80,000	\$40K Budget C/F	
Oatlands - Court House (Wall Stabilisation)	15,000	13,019	1,981	WIP \$4,764	
Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Chimney Capping & Fireplace Repairs)	5,000	866	4,134	Budget C/F	
Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Lighting & Hanging System Upgrade)	5,000	973	4,027		
Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Wingwall)	23,000	657	22,343	Budget C/F	
Oatlands - Heritage Collections Store	10,000	3,700	6,300	WIP \$3,700	
Oatlands - Roche Hall (Building Improvements for PRISM)	144,161	53,805	90,356	\$90K Budget C/F WIP \$19,644 \$5,839 to Portable Stage	
Oatlands - Roche Hall Forecourt (Interps - Planning Condition of Approval)	40,000	7,820	32,180	WIP \$7,820	
	370,686	94,044	276,642		
NATURAL					
Campania - Bush Reserve / Cemetery	300,000	107,888	192,112	WIP \$93,346	
Chauncy Vale - Day Dawn Cottage Improvements	12,000	10,311	1,689	WIP \$8,557	
Chauncy Vale - Toilet & Interps Upgrade	100,000	69,554	30,446	Election Commitment \$80,000 WIP \$22,570	30 June 2026
	412,000	187,752	224,248		
REGULATORY					
- DEVELOPMENT					
Master / Structure Plans (Bagdad / Mangalore / Campania)	50,000	151,791	-101,791	Includes Flour Mill Park Master Plan	
Kempton Council Chambers - Structural Damage	0	16,650	-16,650	External Contractor Liable for damage	
Kempton - Council Chambers (Office Furniture & Equipment)	7,025	0	7,025		
Property Purchase - 10 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	530,000	0	530,000	Budget C/F	
Oatlands - Stanley Street Master Plan	20,000	172	19,828	Budget c/f WIP \$172	
	607,025	168,612	438,413		
PUBLIC HEALTH					
Woodsdale Cemetery - Memorial Wall	0	1,845	-1,845	Offset by Committee Contribution	
	0	1,845	-1,845		
ANIMAL CONTROL					
Oatlands - Off-Lead Dog Park	35,000	1,947	33,053	WIP \$1,947	
Electronic Identification Stick Reader	1,900	1,900	0	NRE Grant \$1,425	
	36,900	3,847	33,053		

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2025-26

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	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION
	\$	\$	\$		DEADLINE
COMMUNITY					
RECREATION					
Facilities & Recreation Committee	835	0	835	Budget \$40,000 (projects funded as below)	
Building Upgrades (Sites determined following inspections)	50,000	0	50,000		
Playground Upgrades (*inspections)	50,000	0	50,000		
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Precinct Plan & Property Transfer)	111,000	95,003	15,997	\$35K Budget c/f WIP \$95,003	
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Redevelopment)	0	50,931	-50,931	WIP \$49,706	
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Sports Pavilion)	0	222,416	-222,416	WIP \$211,856 Subject to Funding	
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Multi-purpose Sports Hall)	0	252,160	-252,160	WIP \$252,160 Subject to Funding	
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Oval Relocation)	0	26,500	-26,500	WIP \$25,500 Subject to Funding	
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Wastewater System)	200,000	2,266	197,734		
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (OAC Building - New electrical connection)	0	5,300	-5,300	Funded from cash trf - Bagdad CC Committee	
Bagdad - Iden Road Park Development	75,000	0	75,000	Budget C/F	
Bagdad - Acquisition 1689 Midland Highway Bagdad	0	317,553	-317,553	Funding not allocated	
Campania - Flour Mill Park (Redevelopment)	68,000	0	68,000		
Campania - Hall (External Painting)	36,800	41,470	-4,670	WIP \$39,696	
Campania - Recreation Ground (Electronic Scoreboard)	47,875	50,165	-2,290	WIP \$48,043	
Campania - Recreation Ground (Landscaping & Tiered Seating)	270,000	128,430	141,570	Election Commitment - \$200K WIP \$374	30 June 2026
Campania - Recreation Ground (All abilities Car Parking)	26,750	964	25,786	Election Commitment - \$18K	30 June 2026
Campania - Recreation Ground (Upgrade Change rooms)	1,100,000	876,956	223,044	LGAT Open Space \$40K / SMC - \$700K WIP	
Colebrook - Hall (Windows, Ramps, Double Doors)	10,000	0	10,000		
Kempton - Carriage Shed (External Repair & Repainting)	11,700	0	11,700		
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Site Dev) (Boundary Fence)	24,250	14,118	10,132	Budget c/f WIP \$14,118	
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Cricket Net, basket ball / pickle ball court)	80,000	100,721	-20,721	Active Tas - Election Commitment WIP \$2,886	30 June 2026
Melton Mowbray - Streetscape Works (Trough / Shelter etc)	90,000	108,882	-18,882	\$60K Budget C/F WIP \$85,022	
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Outdoor Area Seating)	4,000	2,057	1,943		
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Learn to Swim Equipment)	2,000	553	1,447		
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Gymnasium Equipment Upgrade)	3,005	1,047	1,958		
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Defibrillator)	1,995	1,995	0	Funded from Gym Equipment Budget	
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Female Change Rooms / Shower Cubicles)	10,000	0	10,000		
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Pump Replacement)	10,000	0	10,000		
Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Air Lock & Heating)	40,000	14,432	25,568	\$30K of Budget C/F WIP \$14,432	
Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Kitchen Floor Repairs / Underpinning)	8,000	0	8,000		
Oatlands - Midlands Community Centre (External Painting - Front of Building)	8,000	0	8,000	Budget C/F	
Oatlands - Old Swimming Pool (Staged demolition)	62,889	4,521	58,368	Balance Budget C/F	
Oatlands - Recreation Ground (Redevelopment)	0	175,721	-175,721	Subject to Funding WIP \$172,521	
Oatlands - Recreation Ground (Electronic Scoreboard)	55,145	40,920	14,225	AFL grant pending, OFC Contribution, SMC \$30K	
Oatlands - Recreation Ground (Irrigation Upgrade)	3,640	3,640	0	Funded from Facilities & Rec Committee Budget	
Parattah - Recreation Ground (Reglaze Windows)	2,724	2,724	0	Funded from Facilities & Rec Committee Budget	
Runnymede - Recreation Ground (Pitch Renewal)	8,000	8,258	-258		
Tunbridge - Tunbridge Park (Tree Planting)	2,802	2,802	0	Funded from Facilities & Rec Committee Budget	
Tunnack - Recreation Ground (Kiosk Removal)	8,000	0	8,000		
Tunnack - Recreation Ground (Toilet Block Painting)	4,000	0	4,000		
Woodsdale Recreation Ground	45,000	0	45,000	Budget C/F	
Water Bottle Refill Stations	7,980	0	7,980	Budget C/F	
	2,539,389	2,552,503	-13,114		

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2025-26
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		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS
CAPACITY & SUSTAINABILITY					
	Property Purchase - 9 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	73,248	50,009	23,238	Budget \$519,490 less \$446K spent in 22/23
	Portable Stage	15,884	17,370	-1,486	Council Decision, small grant & PRISM funding
		89,132	67,379	21,752	
SAFETY					
	Sale of Fire Sheds to Crown	0	1,579	-1,579	Expenses offset by income from sale
		0	1,579	-1,579	
ORGANISATION					
SUSTAINABILITY					
	WiFi Equipment	7,000	0	7,000	Budget C/F
	Council Website Upgrade	40,000	13,260	26,740	Budget C/F
	Communications Link Upgrade	5,000	0	5,000	
	Computer / Network Upgrades	18,000	5,806	12,194	
	Oatlands - Various Buildings (Security Upgrades)	10,000	2,960	7,040	Budget Originally for Heritage Buildings
	Oatlands - Town Hall (Office Furniture & Equipment)	7,500	0	7,500	
	Oatlands - Town Hall (Replacement Heat Pump)	5,500	7,700	-2,200	
	Oatlands - Town Hall (Toilet Upgrade / Air lock / Lift) Year 1 of 5 \$300K per annum	400,000	17,794	382,206	\$100K Budget C/F WIP \$8,437
		493,000	47,521	445,479	
WORKS					
	Kempton - Works Depot (Toilet / Shower Upgrade)	30,000	0	30,000	
	Kempton - Works Depot (Security Cameras)	5,000	0	5,000	
	Oatlands - Works Depot (Sump Pump)	1,400	1,399	1	Budget from Minor Plant
	Minor Plant Purchases	10,600	4,085	6,515	
	Radio System	5,000	220	4,780	
	Plant Replacement Program				
	Heavy Vehicles - Gross Amount	889,370	435,330	454,040	
	(Trade Allowance - \$254K)				
	Light Vehicles - Gross Amount	515,179	265,525	249,654	
	(Trade Allowance - \$299K)				
		1,456,549	706,559	749,990	
GRAND TOTALS		9,542,666	6,199,329	3,343,337	

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CASH FLOW 2025/2026	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS
	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)
	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026	(Total 2025/26)
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities													
Payments													
Employee costs	(654,876)	(424,204)	(370,607)	(391,754)	(369,294)	(585,181)	(334,843)	(352,509)	(379,438)				(3,862,706)
Materials and contracts	(987,152)	(399,774)	(459,970)	(353,322)	(310,386)	(391,272)	(267,707)	(406,616)	(311,398)				(3,887,596)
Interest	(2,223)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				(2,223)
Other	(28,004)	(82,892)	(68,686)	(161,851)	(55,689)	(119,697)	(79,937)	(36,570)	(80,010)				(713,337)
	(1,672,254)	(906,870)	(899,264)	(906,927)	(735,369)	(1,096,150)	(682,487)	(795,694)	(770,846)	0	0	0	(8,465,862)
Receipts													
Rates	722,648	431,037	2,387,961	589,319	921,681	321,995	812,600	292,190	920,517				7,399,949
User charges	1,376,627	109,039	268,268	172,447	110,902	142,440	501,484	81,729	128,790				2,891,727
Interest received	33,066	36,362	50,568	34,958	21,740	38,895	40,575	65,248	35,106				356,519
Subsidies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Operating Grants	0	603,391	5,335	0	603,391	0	0	603,391	0				1,815,508
Other	70,371	159,430	49,262	53,844	23,639	39,782	145	19,514	46,453				462,440
	2,202,712	1,339,260	2,761,394	850,568	1,681,354	543,112	1,354,805	1,062,072	1,130,866	0	0	0	12,926,143
Net cash from operating activities	530,458	432,390	1,862,130	(56,360)	945,985	(553,038)	672,318	266,378	360,020	0	0	0	4,460,281
Cash flows from investing activities													
Payments for property, plant & equipment	(197,080)	(549,583)	(616,036)	(368,073)	(512,545)	(943,380)	(181,300)	(535,391)	(417,268)				(4,320,657)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	32,932	35,131	0	164,541	24,545	13,073	0	1	0				270,223
Proceeds from Capital grants	0	0	0	0	14,410	1,689,591	1,425	14,310	0				1,719,736
Proceeds from Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Payment for Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Net cash used in investing activities	(164,148)	(514,453)	(616,036)	(203,532)	(473,590)	759,284	(179,875)	(521,080)	(417,268)	0	0	0	(2,330,698)
Cash flows from financing activities													
Repayment of borrowings	(109,510)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(109,510)
Proceeds from borrowings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	(109,510)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(109,510)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	256,800	(82,063)	1,246,095	(259,891)	472,395	206,246	492,443	(254,702)	(57,248)	0	0	0	2,020,073
Cash at beginning of reporting month	11,895,902	12,152,702	12,070,639	13,316,734	13,056,842	13,529,237	13,735,483	14,227,926	13,973,224	0	0	0	11,895,902
Cash at end of reporting period	12,152,702	12,070,639	13,316,734	13,056,842	13,529,237	13,735,483	14,227,926	13,973,224	13,915,976	0	0	0	13,915,976

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.

Matter	<i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 Reference</i>
<i>Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation</i>	17(2)
<i>Applications for Leave of Absence</i>	17(2)(h)(i)

DECISION

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

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	<i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Reference</i>
<i>Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation</i>	17(2)
<i>Applications for Leave of Absence</i>	17(2)(h)(i)

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)(h)(i) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council move out of “Closed Session”.

DECISION

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

THAT Council move out of “Closed Session”.

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	✓	

OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

21. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 11.44 a.m.