SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 26th August 2026
10.00 a.m.

Oatlands Municipal Offices
71 High Street, Oatlands

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OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL HELD WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST 2026 AT THE OATLANDS MUNICIPAL OFFICES, 71 HIGH STREET, OATLANDS, 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, Clr A E Bisdee OAM, Clr D Blackwell, Clr B Campbell, Clr D Fish and Clr F Miller.

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

4. APOLOGIES

Nil.

5. MINUTES

5.1 Ordinary Council Meeting

The Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the previous meeting of Council held on 22 July 2026, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 22 July 2026 be confirmed.

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

THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 22 July 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:

- Campania Hall Management Committee – Meeting held 29 July 2026
- Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee – Meeting held 3 August 2026
- Woodsdale Community Memorial Hall General Committee – Meeting held 17 August 2026
- Woodsdale Community Memorial Hall AGM - Meeting held 17 August 2026
- Facilities & Recreation Committee – Meeting held 13 August 2026

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

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:

- Campania Hall Management Committee – Meeting held 29 July 2026
- Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee – Meeting held 3 August 2026
- Woodsdale Community Memorial Hall General Committee – Meeting held 17 August 2026
- Woodsdale Community Memorial Hall AGM - Meeting held 17 August 2026
- Facilities & Recreation Committee – Meeting held 13 August 2026

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

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

CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	**Vote FOR**	**Vote AGAINST**
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
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)

Quarterly Report for the following Joint Authority, as circulated, is submitted for receipt:

- TasWaste South Quarterly Report – March - June 2026

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Quarterly Report for the above Joint Authority is received.

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

THAT the Quarterly Report for the above Joint Authority is 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	✓	

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 10 August 2026 at the Council Chambers, Oatlands commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Attendance:	Mayor E Batt, Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, Clrs D Blackwell, B Campbell and D Fish.
Also in Attendance:	T Kirkwood, A Benson, D Richardson, A Burbury (part), D Mackey (part), M Weeding and J Crosswell (part).
Apologies:	Clrs A E Bisdee OAM and F Miller.

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

1. **Tas Waste South**

Representatives from Tas Waste South (Chair - K Stephenson; CEO – Paul Jackson; and Communications and Engagement Officer – Trent Swindells) attended the work to address Council. Issues raised included the current Strategic Plan review process; the Infrastructure Plan consultancy report; ReThink Waste initiative; the Hazardous Household Waste collection day planned for Oatlands; circular economy procurement; and a range of other related matters.

2. **State Government's 'Draft Economic Diversification & Investment Strategy'**

The Tasmanian Government has released the attached draft Economic Diversification & Investment Strategy for public consultation. The consultation period close on Friday 21 August 2026.

The following is an extract from the website:

"Tasmania has the talent, resources and natural advantages to build an economy that is stronger, more dynamic and full of opportunity for every region and every generation.

The draft Economic Diversification and Investment Strategy sets out how we can get there. It focuses on unlocking more investment, accelerating innovation, lifting productivity, building skills and capability, supporting regional growth and strengthening our infrastructure.

The draft Strategy is also about how government works. It proposes a more integrated approach to economic development — with clearer priorities, more coordinated decision-making, and a stronger focus on where government can have the greatest impact.

We want to hear from you. Your feedback will help shape the final Strategy and the decisions that follow. Whatever your connection to Tasmania's economy, we want to know what matters most to you."

Damian Mackey provided comment in relation to the draft Strategy. Overall, he considered it to be a reasonable, high-level strategy document. However he raised concerns regarding how the Strategy will be recognised and progressed within the broader Land Use Planning framework, particularly through the State Planning Office and the Tasmanian Planning Commission, and the extent to which it is likely to provide future policy direction through those bodies. It was emphasised that the statements and objectives contained within the strategy need to be reflected in the relevant Tasmanian Planning Policies to ensure that they are appropriately recognised in the broader planning framework.

Given the timeframe for submissions, Damian Mackey will finalise a draft a submission and circulate it to Councillors out-of-session for feedback and comment prior to lodgement. The submission is to be lodged by 21 August 2026.

3. **Kempton Playground Redevelopment – Feedback from Public Consultation Process**

Maria Weeding attended the workshop to present the information.

It was acknowledged that the feedback received supported the option of relocating the playground (as per plan). On this basis, a revised Site Development Plan will be prepared, incorporating the additional feedback received in relation to supporting infrastructure, landscaping and other associated works.

4. **Lake Dulverton – Management of Myriophyllum**

The NRM Program Manager (Maria Weeding) provided an update on behalf of the Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee which has been considering the most appropriate approach to managing Myriophyllum within the 51 hectare section of Lake Dulverton. Council was informed of the Committee's deliberations and the recommended next steps.

The outcome of this discussion, including any recommendations, will be reported to Council through the monthly NRM report.

5. **G P & M M Thurlow P/L t/a Tas Petroleum v Southern Midlands Council**

General update provided to Council.

6. **Oatlands - Property Development Agreement**

Background information was presented to the workshop for information. This matter will be the subject of a report to Council in closed session.

7. **Municipal Boundary Adjustment – Preliminary Discussion**

Item deferred.

The workshop concluded at approximately 3.25 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

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

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

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

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 A E Bisdee OAM – Cliftonvale Road, Dysart – roadside litter issue on the road approach to the Waste Transfer Station.

To be inspected and actioned accordingly.

Clr A E Bisdee OAM – Child Care Centre, Kempton – works are nearing completion. An enquiry was made as to whether recruitment of staff is an issue.

General Manager advised that recruitment of staff is the responsibility of the operator and confirmed that the operator has addressed the staffing requirements.

Clr B Campbell – Southern Midlands Community Radio Station – advised that the Station needs a new Management Committee and local presenters.

General Manager provided an update on the current operation of the Station, including advice that the Aurora supply to the transmission tower has been turned off. The extent of any feedback is being monitored. This follows a period during which the Station has been off-line, with no local content being broadcast for a considerable period.

Clr F Miller left the meeting at 10.18 a.m.

Clr B Campbell – sought update in relation to the Pontville Youth Justice Facility and the Tas Petroleum development at Interlaken Road, Oatlands.

The Manager Development & Environmental Services (Grant Finn) advised as follows:

- *Pontville Youth Justice Facility - the TASCAT hearing was held from 17 to 19 August 2026. The single ground of appeal relates only to noise. A decision is expected sooner that the maximum four month period.*
- *TAS Petroleum – further directions hearing to be held 24 September 2026.*

Clr F Miller returned to the meeting at 10.21 a.m.

Clr F Miller – Telstra Communication Towers – sought an update on the planned upgrade to towers within the Southern Midlands?

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon advised that the Lemon Hill Tower (south of Oatlands) has been delayed until later in the calendar year. This information was provided by a Telstra representative at the LGAT Conference. Further information is to be sought from Telstra regarding the timeframe for upgrades to other towers within the Southern Midlands.

Clr F Miller – Colebrook Main Road – acknowledged that the Department of State Growth (Building Tasmania) has erected additional warning signs and directional arrows in the area where there have been a considerable number of recent accidents.

Clr F Miller – Colebrook Main Road / Mudwalls Road area – also raised concerns regarding the extent of illegal dumping of rubbish, including tyres, on Colebrook Main Road and the Brown Mountain Road, particularly on the approach to the waste transfer station.

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*.

Item 16.1.1 – Southern Midlands Council – Community Small Grants Program 2026

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon and Clr D Fish declared an interest in this Agenda Item.

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.

1. Colebrook Fire Brigade – Request for Remission of Development Services Fee
2. Clr B Campbell – Mount Seymour Hall (Closed Session)

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

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

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	✓	

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.

Peter Metz – sought clarification as to whether Council has taken any action, or lobbied for further safety upgrades at the roundabout on the Midland Highway at Pontville. Concerns were raised regarding motorists not using indicators, and the lack of lighting at that location.

Director Assets provided comment, including advice that issues relating to the non-use of indicators are a matter for Tasmania Police. It was confirmed that the concerns raised can be relayed to Building Tasmania as the responsible road authority.

Brian O-Reilly (President ODFA) – commented about the success of the ODFA Grand Final held 22 August 2026 and acknowledged the assistance provided by Council. Concerns were raised regarding the facilities at the Oatlands Recreation Ground and their suitability to continue as a venue for the Association's final series.

The General Manager acknowledged the issues raised in relation to the facility and advised that the possibility of staging the required redevelopment works would be considered, taking into account available grant program funding programs and Council resources.

10.1 Permission to Address Council

Nil.

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

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 B Campbell.

THAT Council reconvene at 11.03 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	✓	

11. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDER REGULATION 16 (5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2025

Nil.

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

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

12.1 Development Applications

Nil.

12.2 Subdivisions

Nil.

12.3 Municipal Seal (Planning Authority)

Nil.

12.4 Planning (Other)

12.4.1 Adhesion Order - Section 110 *Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993*
Transfer of Land from A L Fehlberg Pty Ltd and JL Potter and B R Crofts

Author: MANAGER – DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (GRANT FINN)

Date: 17 AUGUST 2026

Enclosure(s):
Section 110 Certificate compiled by Dobson Mitchell Allport.

Applicant: Jennifer Lee Potter & Bevan Ronald Crofts of 265 Ballyhooly Road, Mangalore.

Land Owner: A.L Fehlberg P/L

Land: Land described as Lot 1 on the Balance Plan, folio reference 125173/1 compiled by JB Medbury. Lot 1 with an area of 5734m² is a section of land to be adhered to CT125170/1.

BACKGROUND

In July 2025 Council resolved the following:

> *Pursuant to Section 90 of the Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 Council does not require the lodgment of this Balance Plan 125170/1 (“Appendix A”) to authorize the dealing to be registered under the Lands Titles Act 1980.*

This application was sought given A.L. Fehlberg Pty. Ltd. was not aware that it owned the area of land in question, being a small triangle of land, Lot 1 marked ‘KST’ on plan 148583.

It was agreed to transfer the area (Lot 1) to JL Potter & BR Crofts – CT187771/1.

The s90 Certificate provided an avenue for the applicants to avoid the cost and time of a subdivision application.

PROPOSAL

As detailed above, JL Potter & BR Crofts own the property contained in CT187771/1 known as 265 Ballyhooly Road, Mangalore.

The proposal is for an adhesion of the subject Lots via section 110 of the *Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993.*

Section 110 enables the Council to make an adhesion order if a block;

(a) has the qualities of a minimum lot; and

(b) comprises 2 parcels or more that may, without the approval of any plan by the council, lawfully be sold separately so as to create a block which –

(i) would not have the qualities of a minimum lot; and

(ii) is, or in the opinion of the council is likely to be, built on or bought for building.

Comment:

The subject land is zoned Agriculture (Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Southern Midlands).

The site has a land area of 5,734m². Whilst the site represents an existing lot, the provisions of Rule 21.5.1 P1 (b)(ii) prescribe that *'all new lots must be not less than 1ha in area;'*

The Lot does not have the ability to be developed as a stand-alone Lot given it is essentially 'land-locked' as it is not provided with a frontage or legal connection to a road by a right of carriageway.

Purpose of the application is for the adhesion of Lot 1 marked 'KST' on plan 148583 to the adjoining freehold of JL Potter & BR Crofts.

RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Section 110 of the *Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993*, land described as Part of Certificate of Title 125170 Folio 1 being Lot 1 on Plan of Survey compiled by JB Medbury (dated 8/4/2025) with an area of 5734m² is a section of land approved for the purpose of being adhered to CT187771/1.

DECISION

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

Pursuant to Section 110 of the *Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993*, land described as Part of Certificate of Title 125170 Folio 1 being Lot 1 on Plan of Survey compiled by JB Medbury (dated 8/4/2025) with an area of 5734m² is a section of land approved for the purpose of being adhered to CT187771/1.

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 12.4.1

TASMANIAN LAND TITLES OFFICE

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Land Titles Act 1980

DESCRIPTION OF LAND			
Folio of the Register			
Volume	Folio	Volume	Folio
187771	**1**	**125170 Part of the land marked KST on the Plan 148583 and 187771**	**1**

TO: The Recorder of Titles

APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 110 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BUILDING AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1993

Pursuant to the provisions of s110 of *the Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993* (Tas) the Southern Midlands Council does hereby order that the land comprised in folios of the Register Volume 187771 Folio 1 and Volume 125170 Folio 1 part of the land marked KST on the Plans 148583 and 187771 shall not be dealt with so that they come or may come into the possession of different persons for an estate of freehold at law or in equity or for a term at law or in equity for three years or more
Date ....

The **COMMON SEAL** of **Southern Midlands Council**)
is affixed pursuant to a resolution of the Council)
passed the day of 2026)
in the presence of:)

.... Signature	.... Signature
.... Full Name	.... Full Name
.... Position Held	.... Position Held

Land Titles Office Use Only	Stamp Duty
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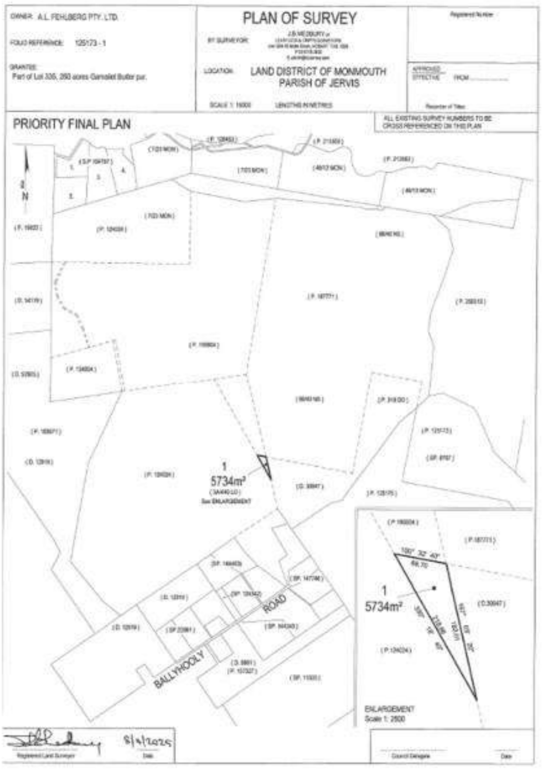
Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993

COUNCIL APPROVAL OF TRANSFER – SECTION 90

Property: Part of Certificate of Title Volume 125170 Folio 1

We Jennifer Lee Potter and Bevan Ronald Crofts of 265 Ballyhooly Road, Mangalore TAS 7030 seek Southern Midlands Council approval of a transfer of land from A.L. Fehlberg Pty Ltd (ACN 009 577 753) to Jennifer Lee Potter and Bevan Rondald Crofts for the Property as marked Lot 1 on the below Plan of Survey.



The Southern Midlands Council approve the transfer of land pursuant to section 90 of the Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993.

The common seal of **Southern Midlands Council** (ABN 68 653 459 589) was hereunto affixed in the presence of:)

....
Signature Signature

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Name and Office Held (print) Name and Office Held print)

3470-9925-8427, v. 1

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

13. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – INFRASTRUCTURE)

13.1 Roads

Strategic Plan Reference 1.1 *1.1.1 Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of roads in the municipal area.*

Nil.

13.2 Bridges

Strategic Plan Reference 1.2 *1.2.1 Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of bridges in the municipality.*

Nil.

13.3 Walkways, Cycle Ways and Trails

Strategic Plan Reference 1.3 *1.3.1 Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of walkways, cycle ways and pedestrian areas to provide consistent accessibility*.

Nil.

13.4 Lighting

Strategic Plan Reference 1.4 *1.4.1a Ensure adequate lighting based on demonstrated need*

Nil.

13.5 Buildings

Strategic Plan Reference 1.5 *1.5.1 Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of public buildings in the municipality.*

Nil.

13.6 Sewer / Water and Energy

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

13.6.1 Be a Re-Filler Program – Proposed Oatlands Aquatic Centre Location

Author: DIRECTOR ASSETS (DAVID RICHARDSON)

Date: 20 AUGUST 2026

ISSUE

TasWater is currently undertaking Round 2 of its Be a Re-filler program, with 20 sites across Tasmania to be selected for the installation of water refilling stations.

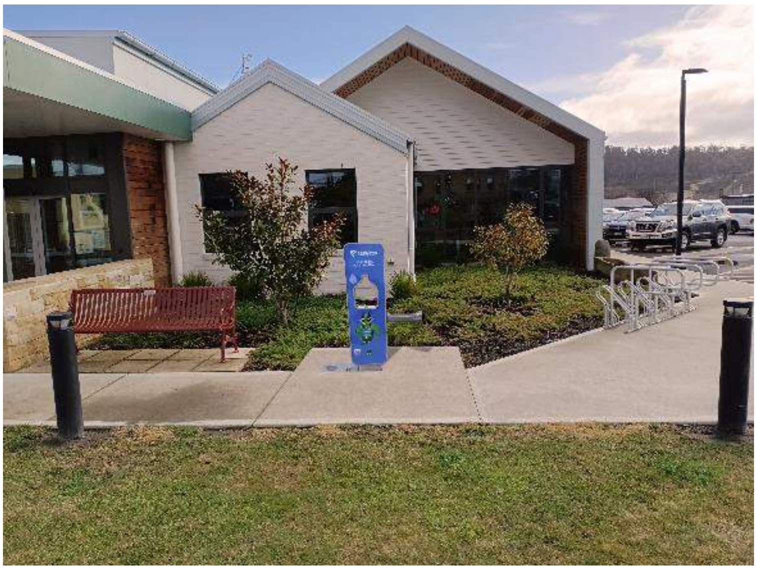
Council officers have been in discussions with TasWater regarding a number of potential locations within the municipality that may be suitable for the installation of a refilling station. Following these discussions, TasWater has most recently proposed the Oatlands Aquatic Centre, with the preferred location being at the front of the facility.

DETAIL

The proposed location provides a readily accessible and visible site for the community and visitors to access the refilling station. The location will complement the existing recreational facilities at the Oatlands Aquatic Centre and support the objectives of the Be a Re-filler program by encouraging the use of reusable water bottles and reducing reliance on single-use plastic bottles.

Council officers have been advised by TasWater that there will be no cost to Council for the installation of the refilling station. However, Council will be responsible for the ongoing water consumption costs associated with the station.

Council officers will continue to liaise with TasWater regarding the suitability of the proposed location, including site requirements, installation arrangements, connection requirements and ongoing maintenance responsibilities.



Proposed Re-filler Station location

Human Resources & Financial Implications –

Nil.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – N/A

Policy Implications – N/A

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – As per TasWater Programme.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. **Agree to and support the proposed re-filler location;**

   OR

2. **Do not agree to proceed with the installation.**

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

THAT Council agree to, and support, the proposed re-filler location.

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	✓	

13.7 Drainage

Strategic Plan Reference 1.7
1.7.1 Maintenance and improvement of the town storm-water drainage systems.

Nil.

13.8 Waste

Strategic Plan Reference 1.8
1.8.1 Maintenance and improvement of the provision of waste management services to the Community.

Nil.

13.9 Information, Communication Technology

Strategic Plan Reference 1.9
1.9.1 Improve access to modern communications infrastructure.

Nil.

13.10 Officer Reports – Assets

13.10.1 Assets Report

Author: DIRECTOR OF ASSETS (DAVID RICHARDSON)

Date: 20 AUGUST 2026

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

Roads Program

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

Current Capital Works

1. **Bagdad Community Club:** Works are continuing on the upgrade of the waste water system the system is now operating but not to capacity as waiting on favourable weather to complete the trenches.
2. **Bagdad School:** Commence footpath construction including safety bollards and line marking as part of VRUP (State government grant)
3. **Kempton Childcare facility:** Works have commenced on building and outdoor space upgrades these works are progressing well and will be completed shortly.

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.
3. **Tree planting:** Has been completed at Melton Mowbray and Tunbridge Main Street.

Bridge Works

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

Building Services Unit

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

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 are completed.
4. **Building Maintenance**: Continued maintenance on various council buildings.
5. **Bagdad Club:** Install a new underground pipe to alleviate constraints on the current sewerage disposal system (almost completed).
6. **Signage installation:** to comply with a recent Tas-Rail audit is underway at level crossings throughout the municipality.
7. **Oatlands Aquatic Centre:** Complete shower renovations**.**

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO THE DIRECTOR ASSETS

Clr B Campbell – Rhyndaston and Stonor Roads – raised concerns regarding edge breaks.

The roads are to be inspected and appropriate action taken.

Clr B Campbell – Stonor Road (Baden end – the start of the sealed section) – requested that a traffic counter be placed on this section of the road.

The Director Assets confirmed that this can be arranged.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Anstey Court, Oatlands – raised concerns regarding tree roots causing damage to the pavement and sought advice as to whether the damage could be repaired.

Area to be inspected and appropriate action taken.

Mayor E Batt – Queried whether there is a municipal boundary sign at the end of all Southern Midlands Council roads.

The Director Assets confirmed there is signage on the majority of boundaries but not all. This can be investigated.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Assets Report be received and the information noted.

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

THAT the Assets Report be received and the information noted.

CARRIED

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

14. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – GROWTH)

14.1 Residential

Strategic Plan Reference 2.1 *2.1.1 Increase the resident, rate-paying population in the municipality.*

Nil.

14.2 Tourism

Strategic Plan Reference 2.2 *2.2.1 Increase the number of tourists visiting and spending money in the municipality.*

Nil.

14.3 Business

Strategic Plan Reference 2.3 *2.3.1a Increase the number and diversity of businesses in the Southern Midlands* *2.3.1b Increase employment within the municipality* *2.3.1c Increase Council revenue to facilitate business and development activities (social enterprise).*

Nil.

14.4 Industry

Strategic Plan Reference 2.4 *2.4.1 Retain and enhance the development of the rural sector as a key economic driver in the Southern Midlands* *2.4.2 Increase access to irrigation water within the municipality.*

Nil.

15. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – LANDSCAPES)

15.1 Heritage

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 22	
3.1.1	Maintenance and restoration of significant public heritage assets.
3.1.2	Act as an advocate for heritage and provide support to heritage property owners.
3.1.3	Investigate document, understand and promote the heritage values of the Southern Midlands.

15.1.1 Heritage Project Program Report

Author: MANAGER HERITAGE PROJECTS AND SERVICES (BRAD WILLIAMS)

Date: 26 AUGUST 2026

ISSUE

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

DETAIL

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

- Participation in the Heritage and Bullock Festival, including:
    - A two-day *The history of Colour in Historic Interiors* symposium, which included 12 speakers (four from interstate) and was a sellout of 50 people each day. This raised over $1,300 for the Midlands Multi-Purpose Health Centre Auxiliary.
    - An *Artist in Residence Retrospective* exhibition showcasing the artworks donated to Council through that program over the last year.
    - A *Probation Stations in the Southern Midlands* exhibition.
    - The Commissariat Oven was utilised for bread sales.
    - AirSpace was opened by the current artist.
- Tasmanian Heritage Council approval has been received for the Oatlands Town Hall Access and Amenities Upgrade Project. Planning Approval is likely to be gained in the next week or so.
- Works progressing to Roche Hall for the PRISM initiative.
- Kitchen repair work being undertaken at the Oatlands Community Hall.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

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: 18 AUGUST 2026

DETAIL

- Lake Dulverton – A Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee meeting was held 3rd August. See minute's which form part of this Council Agenda for endorsement of recommendations. Of note is the recommendation to Council to cease adding the supplementary Midlands Water Scheme water to section of the Lake. Given the prevailing climatic conditions of low rainfall, this section of the lake will go through a dry cycle, mimicking the natural process of a wetland that dries up intermittently depending on climatic conditions. This is an effective way of managing the Myriophyllum salsugnium (water milfoil plant) that is now dominating and causing water quality issues in the front section of the lake (the larger area beside the town). Subject to Council endorsing the Committee recommendation, a community drop in session has been set for Monday 31st August, 3.30 – 7.30 p.m. The community will be able to gain a better understanding of this course of action. It is worth noting that the far end section of the lake, where the natural catchment water comes into the lake, is currently dry, (apart from a few puddles). It has been this way for the last twelve months or more. The small area of the lake beside High Street will continue to be maintained with the Midlands Water Scheme and /or bore water.
- A community survey in regard to the new playground equipment proposed for Kempton Recreation ground was undertaken during a two week period in July. This included a drop in session, a display at the Kempton Council office and information going out on face book. Results of the community response was discussed at the Councillor Workshop – held 10 August. There was support for moving the playground to be closer to the toilet block and the other recreation items that exist within that vicinity. An overall plan will be drafted to ensure that the new playground, with some new and some relocated items will be placed to integrate with other elements such as seating, shelter, future play items area, future BBQ area, linkage paths etc. The plan will be compiled by a recreation area and playground design specialist.
- Tas Water was considering placing a drink bottle refiller station near the Lake Dulverton foreshore car park, opposite Callington Park. TasWater would co-ordinate and undertake works, at no cost to Council. This idea has subsequently been cancelled, as TasWater concluded that the water line was not a poly connection line at that location. A poly line connection is a criteria set – to give the best quality water outcome. Another site within Oatlands has been proposed. See separate report – this agenda.
- A new door for the shower facility at the Lake Dulverton foreshore former aquatic building has installed. The old door was in poor condition. The new powder coated metal clad door has received some good comment from the public.
- Helen and Mary both undertook and passed a White Card course. This is a prerequisite for undertaking a Low Impact Traffic Management course, which is

required for any work being undertaken on a roadside verge. Maria, Helen and Mary will do this course sometime in September.

- Mary and Helen will work together to do some thistle control work at Chauncy Vale in the next couple of weeks, hoping to catch the plants early in the rosette stage, this making the task of managing this weed easier than later in the season.
- Helen is continuing assisting the Works Department in developing policies and procedures in relation to Workplace Health and Safety.

Weeds Officer Report, Mary Smyth

13th July – 17th August 2026

Enquiries/feedback

Gathered together a folder of information on Spanish heath for a fellow participant in the Aquarobics class I attend regularly.

Site visits

Undertook some weed control around all living seedlings and a few of the dead ones; the former for weed suppression, the latter for weed suppression + replanting. Row 2 (western end) still needs spraying to be completed, plus follow-up for the very thick twitch down that end. Later, two separate quick visits got a total of 15 replacement plants in. Only about 5 plants remaining to complete Rows 1, 3 and 4.

Undertook some early scotch thistle eradication work along a small section of Lake Dulverton near the depth marker, and along the small bund.

Started Spanish heath eradication/sightings/follow-up along Woodsdale Road, starting from the Runnymede end. On my way, I also checked out the small reserve near SMC southern boundary on Fingerpost Road. This is where I did some proactive boneseed control a couple of years ago (with the blessing of the weeds officer at Clarence Council!). There is a small crop of boneseed seedlings coming up, so I will call in at some stage later in the year to pull out all the seedlings I can find. I also came across a couple of Spanish heath patches on the Tasman Highway, the locations of which will be forwarded to Building Tasmania's weeds officer. I also dug out a bit over a dozen isolated great mullein plants whilst I was looking for Spanish heath.

Communication

Attended my first ***Southern Weed Network*** meeting (via Teams). This was a wide-ranging 2-hour meeting, held in Huonville Council offices, with participants from other southern councils, forestry, biosecurity Tas, NRE property services, Parks, Landcare Tas, and a well-known weed contractor. Everyone started by talking about emerging weed issues (I reported the recent Madeira vine discovery) and it was very interesting to see what weeds are proving problematic in other areas of southern Tasmania. NRE will be forwarding a list of emerging weeds for us all to be on the lookout for (mainly in regards to landcare activities). A great opportunity to learn, and pick the brains of some old hands in the weeds game.

North Barker has been engaged to undertake African lovegrass eradication in the 2026/27 financial year along Brighton Road, Pontville, from the big roundabout to the boundary of SMC. North Barker staff already look after the Pontville Roundabout roadsides (and elsewhere) and are very experienced with this tricky declared grass. There will be 3 – 4 inspections + a report each time on the findings, and I will liaise with North Barker's timetable so I can facilitate local resident notifications (ie. don't mow your verge for a few weeks prior to inspections!). I will also liaise with the SMC contractor regarding his slashing programme (again, timing is critical for effective sighting and removal of the ALG by North Barker).

Acknowledged correspondence from a local resident who has trained her dogs to recognise African weed orchid (*Disa bracteata*) and who is offering the services of said dogs if required. I am familiar with this highly invasive orchid but am yet to find any in SMC.

Completed an article on broadleaf and other spring weeds for the Ratepayers Newsletter.

Submitted an article on spring weeds for the Southern Midlands Regional News.

Liaising with the landowner regarding ongoing serrated tussock control work at Spring Hill.

Compiled a photo library of concerns regarding some of the advanced trees planted in and around Tunbridge Park last year. Formative pruning, protection from animal damage and trunk damage from tree ties were included in the report.

Amy from Landcare Tasmania rang to glean some local info about possible venues in the Midlands for Landcare Tasmania to attend (they have funding for attending 6 public events statewide). We thought that Campbell Town Show next year would be a good venue for exposure to plenty of local landholders…

Weeds Action Fund (WAF) Stage 3 – stemless thistle

Visited the site and did a walk over the upper areas of the core zone. Controlled a total of 1489 very small seedlings. Liaised with the farmer and we will tackle the outliers in 4 – 6 weeks. Emailed Envirodynamics to schedule the remaining WAF-funded spray in the core zone in Spring.

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

No activity at the moment.

Related and extra-curricular activities

Sent feedback (via survey forms) for a couple of recent Landcare workshops which I attended (Growing the Network, and Boxthorn biocontrol).

Completed my White card training as a pre-requisite for the upcoming “Low impact traffic management” course.

Whilst enjoying a couple of days at my sister’s place in South Arm in early August, I managed to eradicate 172 small Spanish heath plants which were growing below her dam. Very satisfying work!

Have continued to keep an eye on seedlings planted a couple of years ago in Tunbridge North and replace any that have died. I have also donated some native seedlings to a landowner around the corner from where I live.

Chauncy Vale weeds

No activity this month, but discussions have been occurring at higher levels, and some on-ground activity is pending.

337 certificate enquiries

7 properties processed this month.

Weed of the Week

New Zealand flax, Spanish heath, radiata pine, cape ivy and stinging nettle displayed at the end of the entrance hall at Oatlands Council offices this month.

For the last few months I have been forwarding weed of the week photos and a bit of background information to the Broadmarsh Elderslie Progress Association for their Facebook page. All of this information will eventually be compiled into a space on the SMC website where anyone can look up and learn about various local weeds for every month of the year.

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 NRM Unit Report be received and the information noted.

CARRIED

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

15.3 Cultural

Strategic Plan Reference 3.3
3.3.1 Ensure that the cultural diversity of the Southern Midlands is maximised.

Nil.

15.4 Regulatory (Development)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.4
3.4.1 A regulatory environment that is supportive of and enables appropriate development.

15.4.1 Bagdad Mangalore Structure Planning Project

Author: COUNCIL PLANNING CONSULTANT (DAMIAN MACKEY)

Date: 14 AUGUST 2026

Attachment(s):
Minutes: Meeting of the Bagdad Mangalore Structure Plan Project Steering Group, 12 August 2026

Link: 260225 P2324 Bagdad-Mangalore Structure Plan Structure Plan FINAL.pdf

ISSUE

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement for the development of an implementation plan for the new Bagdad Mangalore Structure Plan 2026 (refer link above), through the further engagement of project consultants Jensen Plus.

BACKGROUND

In January 2026 Council resolved to endorse the new *Bagdad-Mangalore Structure Plan 2026.*

This had been developed over the previous year by Council, the community and project consultants Jensen Plus, and involved consultation with key stakeholders, including the infrastructure providers.

DETAIL

IMPLEMENTING THE BAGDAD MANGALORE STRUCTURE PLAN

The Structure Plan sets an aspirational vision for the future and includes recommendations for community infrastructure improvements, future spatial layout, and planning scheme amendments. As such, it will provide Council with clear direction to progress the area into the future.

We now need a systematic approach to implementing its recommendations. This includes both priority planning scheme amendments and other key recommendations. Refer to the attached proposal and quote from the project consultants Jensen Plus for the development of an implementation plan.

Council has allocated a budget for the implementing the BMSP recommendations in the current financial year of $50k, which would cover the cost of developing the implementation plan and significant progress on key priority recommendations through the rest of the financial year.

The Project Steering Group met on 12 August to consider the way forward and has recommended that Jensen Plus be further engaged by Council to develop the implementation plan.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – The fee proposal submitted by Jensen Plus is an attachment with the Minutes. A detailed scope of works is provided which will be undertaken for a fixed fee of $11,000 exclusive of GST and disbursements. This will be funded from the allocated project budget.

The outcome of this engagement will be a clear, practical and Council-ready implementation package that can support budgeting discussions, advocacy, grant applications and internal work programming.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – refer scope of works.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – immediate.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the following recommendation of the Bagdad Mangalore Structure Plan Project Steering Group be endorsed:

> ***"That project consultants, Jensen Plus, be further engaged to develop an implementation plan for Bagdad Mangalore Structure Plan 2026."***

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

THAT the following recommendation of the Bagdad Mangalore Structure Plan Project Steering Group be endorsed:

"That project consultants, Jensen Plus, be further engaged to develop an implementation plan for Bagdad Mangalore Structure Plan 2026."

CARRIED

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

15.5 Regulatory (Public Health)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.5
3.5.1 Monitor and maintain a safe and healthy public environment.

Nil.

15.6 Regulatory (Animals)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.6
3.6.1 Create an environment where animals are treated with respect and do not create a nuisance for the community

15.6.1 Animal Management Report

Author: ANIMAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER – RELIEF OFFICER (JO ROWLEY)

Date: 21 AUGUST 2026

Enclosure(s):
Animal Management Statement 2026

ISSUE

Consideration of the Animal Management/Compliance Officer's report for August 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 August; and
2. Provide a brief summary of actions and duties undertaken by Council Officers in relation to animal management.
3. This in turn informs the community of the requirements and expectations of the Council to uphold and enforce relevant legislation. This too reinforces the importance of responsible ownership of animals.

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

Resource Sharing

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

DECISION

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

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

CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	**Vote FOR**	**Vote AGAINST**
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
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: 17 July - 21 August 2026

Category/Area	Andover	Antill Ponds Woodbury	Baden Mt Seymour Whitefoord	Bagdad	Broadmarsh Elderslie	Campania	Colebrook	Dysart	Jericho	Kempton	Lemont Pawtella York Plains	Levendale Runnymede	Mangalore	Melton Mowbray	Oatlands	Parattah	Rekuna Tea Tree	Rhyndaston Tiberias	Stonehenge Swanston	Stonor	Tunnack	Tunbridge	Woodsdale	Reporting Period Total	2026-2027
Failing to ensure dog is not at large				3																				**3**	**0**
Dog attacking person or animal causing non serious injury																								**0**	**0**
Dog attacking causing serious injury																								**0**	0
Dog attacking animal causing serious injury or death													1											**1**	0
Dog - Impounded								1							1							2		**4**	0
Reclaimed dogs															1							2		**3**	0
Adopted/Dogs Home																								**0**	0
Euthanised																								**0**	0
Lost dogs reported																						1		**1**	0
Barking complaints					2								1											**3**	0
Animal Welfare							1										1							**1**	0
Cat complaints received																								**0**	0
Stock on roads																	1							**1**	0
Impounded livestock (goat)																								**0**	0
Infringement Notices Issued																						2		**2**	0
Written letter - various matters								1		2			1		6						1			**11**	0
Poultry complaints received													1									1		**2**	0
Kennel Licence - active																								**0**	0
TOTAL																									

Registered 2026-2027 YTD	1325
Pending	419
Licences	60

Attack Details:
Sheep attack reported at Mangalore, resulting in one lamb being killed. Dogs could not be identified.

15.7 Environmental Sustainability

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

Nil.

16. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – COMMUNITY)

16.1 Community Health and Wellbeing

Strategic Plan Reference 4.1
4.1.1 Support and improve the independence, health and wellbeing of the Community.

16.1.1 Southern Midlands Council – Community Small Grants Program 2026

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Enclosure(s):
Analysis of the Applications in the SMC Community Small Grants Program 2026 (A3)

Attachment(s):
Agreed Process for Considering the SMC Community Small Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

Council has conducted a Community Small Grants program twice a year since 2008, converting to an annual program in September 2009. The main aim of the program is to streamline and condense the many requests for financial support received from various community groups, charitable organisations and service providers throughout the year. The program has proven to be very popular with all the target groups and excellent goodwill is gleaned from the successful grant recipients. Additional kudos has been obtained by having presentations to successful Grantee organisations at the Australia Day function in January.

[EXTRACT FROM THE GUIDELINES]

The Southern Midlands Council's Community Small Grants program has been established to support projects, programs and activities developed for the benefit of the residents of the Southern Midlands local government area.

The Community Small Grants provide assistance to community groups to provide programs, improve safety, undertake minor capital works, and facilitate small seminars, conferences and forums or purchase equipment.

The Southern Midlands Council recognises the immense community benefit provided to our residents and visitors by local community organisations through the provision of opportunity for involvement in activities in Southern Midlands.

The Community Small Grants Program is one method of supporting and assisting local organisations in providing additional opportunities for the Southern Midlands community.

Purpose
To provide financial assistance in a regulated and equitable way to community groups catering for, and responding to, the needs of the residents and visitors to Southern Midlands.

The program provides assistance to organisations to conduct a wide range of activities. The following broad categories are designed to give applicants an idea as to the types of projects which Council seeks to support through this program:

Community Building
Projects which aim to increase community participation & access to information, services & facilities while strengthening community and social well-being.

Minor Capital Works
Projects which enhance our community facilities by aiding in the development of new facilities or improvements to any existing Community/Council owned facility. It will provide assistance for projects such as fencing, roofing, ground lighting, shade sails, building refurbishments, paving, etc.

Safety/Accessibility Upgrades/Equipment
Projects that increase the capacity of local groups and clubs to cater for the needs of the community. These developments can be in the form of a construction project or the purchase of equipment.

Frequency
Council's grant program is currently held on an annual basis.

Important Dates:
The current round for assistance opens at 8.30am on ***Monday 22 June 2026*** *and* ***closes on Tuesday 4 August 2026 at 4:00pm****. Applications can be lodged at either the Oatlands or Kempton Office, or lodged electronically at mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au*

Projects are able to start from Monday 31 August 2026 - full acquittal is required by 30th July 2027.

Level of Funding Available
An organisation can apply for assistance up to a maximum of $3000 per round- no minimum grant amount applies.

Eligibility

Financial Assistance WILL be considered for:

- *Any not for profit community group or voluntary association that is legally constituted as an incorporated body or under the auspice of one.*
- *The group or organisation is located in the Southern Midlands municipal area or is proposing an activity or project which will take place in the Southern Midlands municipal area, for the benefit of those who live, visit or conduct business in the municipal area.*
- *The applicant is able to demonstrate financial viability and competence.*
- *The applicant meets Council's insurance requirements.*
- *Education providers are able to apply on the condition that the project/activity is open to all residents and has a broad community benefit.*

- *For equipment grants, applicants are required to contribute at least 50% towards the cost of equipment for items considered 'consumables' eg. cricket bats / balls, footballs etc . . . .Items of a longer term nature eg. line marking machines , training equipment and the like would be eligible for up to 100% funding.*

The following are important areas to address

- *Any application which relates to works or projects on property not under the applicants direct ownership (land tenure) or control, must provide a letter of authorisation and approval for said works / projects from the land owner with the grant application.*

- *In the case of applications from the Department of Education, where the facilities will be used by Community and school students alike, the application requires written commitment from the Department of Education / Principal that the facilities (or improvements) will be accessible by the public.*

Financial Assistance WILL NOT be given for:

- *Activities by a private person that is not a formal representative of a bone fide organisation.*

- *Activities of For-Profit organisations.*

- *Applicant organisations who have previously failed to acquit Council assisted projects in line with the agreed terms.*

- *Projects that have previously received funding from this grant program.*

- *Working Capital or straight donation purposes.*

- *Projects by local schools/education providers that are exclusive to student's core school curriculum with no availability to the general public.*

- *Retrospective request for a project already fully or partially completed*

- *Community Organisations who already receive Council funds to undertake a specific activity for which funding is being sought or community organisations wanting to do a specific activity that is already funded by Council.*

- *Facilities where little or no public access is available.*

- *Travel to sporting competitions or conferences for individual or community groups.*

- *Projects/ programs that are not based in or focused on southern midlands residents*

It should be noted that meeting the eligibility criteria is not a guarantee of funding.

The following conditions apply to all financial assistance allocated through the program

Project Management
Funds will only be spent on the project for which funds were applied and as approved by the Southern Midlands Council.

Successful applicants must finalise and acquit the project within the approved time frame and approved budget as per application form.

Any variation of this agreement, such as an extension of the project completion date, shall only by made in writing between the parties. Any request for extension of time must be received in writing prior to the relevant original acquittal completion date.

Successful applicants are required to maintain a copy of all receipts of project expenditure for the term of the grant program, including copies of any advertising, media, newsletters, etc. Council will require copies of expenditure invoices / receipts as part of its acquittal procedure.

If relevant, applicants must obtain and comply with all applicable Council Permit Regulations for example planning, &/or building permit – including road closures, outdoor advertising and any health and safety programs (please ensure that costs for these permits, if required, are included in your application). Please ensure that you have allowed sufficient timeline for these approvals to be obtained and the project to be completed in a timely manner.

The Council strongly encourages that all equipment acquired through the program be insured against theft and fire or covered under your organisations insurance policy.

Although possession of current public liability insurance is not a condition of eligibility, Council strongly encourages all applicants to investigate all their insurance requirements to ensure activities are adequately covered and protected.

Financial
Should a group not be able to fulfil the grant conditions as indicated on the application form or substantial savings have been made, any unspent funds shall be returned to the Southern Midlands Council. In special circumstances, surplus funds from savings made may be authorized for redirection to fund similar projects/ activities. Pre-approval in writing should be sought from Council prior to any additional funds being expended. Should the project exceed the amount estimated, groups will be required to meet the additional costs.

Promotion
The Council requests that successful applicants actively promote the support of the Southern Midlands Council. This may include (but not limited to) any of the following:

- *Inclusion of the Southern Midlands Council logo in press advertising or any promotional material.*

- *Acknowledgement of the Southern Midlands Council in radio or television advertising, award presentation, etc.*

- *Opportunities for the Mayor or delegate to participate in any public relations activities, launches, or proceedings associated with the project. Sufficient notice should be given in the form of an official letter of invite addressed to the General Manager.*

- *Must attend Council arranged event celebrating the provision of the grant funding, in particular providing a representative at Council's Australia Day ceremony.*

- *Prominently displaying any certificates or plaques associated with the Council's provision of any grant funding*

A version of Council's Logo is available and will be provided on request. The logo can only be used for a specific purpose to which it was requested and must be replicated in its existing form and not altered in any way.

If use of the Council logo is not practicable, the following wording should be incorporated in any material related to the funded project: "Proudly supported by the Southern Midlands Council".

Evaluation / Acquittal Process

Once the project or equipment purchase has been completed, grant recipients must submit an evaluation and provide copies of any advertising, newsletters and media releases relating to the funded project. An evaluation form will be provided with the grant approval letter.

Evidence of expenditure of funds is required to accompany the evaluation. It is preferred that the evaluation / acquittal information be forwarded as soon as the project or purchase is complete i.e. not left until the final acquittal date

Unsatisfactory acquittal of the grant may lead to withdrawal of the grant approval and subsequent request for return of the allocated funding. Inability to apply for future grant funding may also apply in this circumstance. If you are having difficulties completing the acquittal obligations, please contact Council's grant staff to discuss possible solutions.

Priority Criteria

Due to the limited amount of funds available, priority will be given to projects that:

1. *Demonstrate considerable benefit to the Southern Midlands community;*

2. *Raise the awareness of or access to a service, program, group or issue or maximize the participation or use of a facility;*

3. *Demonstrate coordination with other groups in the community;*

4. *Address local issues by attempting to meet a community need or gap;*

5. *Show evidence of community support for the project;*

6. *Enhance the lifestyle options for residents and visitors in the community;*

7. *Demonstrate an ability to manage the project through resource allocation including financial resources, effective planning, clear goals and evaluation processes;*

8. *Demonstrate the ability to be ongoing [if applicable]*

9. *Is the project reliant on other funds, if so has other funding been approved (evidence of the other funding is required to accompany the application);*

10. *includes the ability for broad Community access – Land Tenure [in the ownership of the applicant or in other ownership]*

11. *Grant funds applied for as a % of the total amount to complete the project [Inc. in kind contribution] i.e. A financial contribution by the applicant/s would be favourably looked upon*

12. *The Project shall be one that has not received any previous funding for the same purpose by Council or any other funding body (i.e. no 'double dipping')*

13. *Demonstrate that a Risk Assessment of the project is deemed within acceptable limits*

14. *Has the Applicant received funding over the last five years (if the organisation has received funding over the last five years through this program, then a weighting will be included to provide a higher ranking for Applicants that have not received funding over the last five years)*

Final funding decisions are made on the merit of each application against the stated eligibility criteria, guidelines and an assessment against the aforementioned criteria.

Assessment
The application process is as follows:

The application forms can be accessed from the Council Chambers, Oatlands and Kempton or via the Council Website: www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

Applicants are encouraged to contact Council's Deputy General Manager, Andrew Benson on 6254 5050 if you have any questions relating to completion of the forms or require information in regard to how your project meets the guidelines of the program.

The completed applications, once received within timeline parameters, will be assessed and prioritized by the assessment panel consisting of Council Officers and Councillors. The panel's decision is final and no further correspondence shall be entered into.

The assessment panel will then make their recommendations to the next scheduled Council Meeting for adoption.

*Once adopted by Council the applicants will be informed of their success or otherwise in gaining funding. Successful applicants will need to supply Council with a tax invoice [on their own letterhead preferably] for the approved grant amount to allow funding of grant monies to be processed .**This should be done as soon as the approved grant funding letter has been received.***

Tips for completing the Application Form

Please use the following as a guide to help you to complete the application form.

Section 1: General Information

1 – 5 As directed by the form, please provide as many details as possible about your group / organisation / club.

Section 2: Details of the Project

Tell us about your project, what you are planning and what you want to achieve.

6. *Select the category that your project best fits under.*

7. *Give your project a name which represents what your project/activity is about.*

8 *Indicate where the project/activity is to be held or carried out (e.g. Hall, park, or facility).*

9 *When answering this question think about the following:*

- *What does your group want to achieve? (E.g. raise awareness of a service program, group or local issue, improve access to and use of a community facility, maximize participation in your group or a particular activity, improve safety).*
- *What steps are you planning to take to make sure your project/activity runs smoothly?*
- *Who might you involve; (e.g.) young persons, older persons, people with different abilities, people from different cultural backgrounds).*
- *Why is this project/activity important for your group/organisation and the wider community?*

10 *When answering this question think about the following?*

- *How things will be different for your group and/or the wider community?*
- *What might it allow them to do that they can't at present?*
- *How might it improve access to or participation in activities?*
- *Who will benefit most from your project/activity?*
  Keep in mind concepts such as community pride, attracting people to the region and spending money in the community, forming new community links, etc.

11 *Tell us how your group identified a need in the community (e.g. community consultation, public meeting, suggestion box).*

- *Why do you think the need exists?*
- *Why is it a problem/issue for your group and/or the wider community?*
- *Who have you spoken to about this need?*
- *Why has your group chosen this way to tackle the problem and/or improve the situation?*

12 *To answer these questions think about:*

- *Can you draw on volunteers from within your group or organisation? If yes, what sort of work will they be asked to do or in what way can they help?*
- *What equipment, machinery, etc. you have?*
- *What sort of skills or abilities do the individuals involved in the project/activity have? (E.g. financial management, organisational, trade skills – e.g. plumber, builder etc.).*
- *What type of outside assistance will you seek to complete the project or run the event?*

13. For example:

- *Increased participation/membership*
- *A well-attended event or activity*
- *Peoples comments and thoughts (how will you get these?)*
- *Media coverage (e.g. newspaper, community newsletter)*
  You may wish to identify the main aims of your project which you can go back and review to see whether you were successful.

14. *Please provide approximate start date, completion date, and a contact person for the project.*

Section 3: Budget

Please complete this section as accurately as possible and attach more pages if necessary.

15. *Clearly list the expenses for your project/activity and indicate which expenses you intend to use Council's contribution for.*

16. *Please provide details of the confirmed and anticipated sources of funding for your project. If available please provide with your application any documents confirming the availability of these funds (e.g. bank statements, loan details, letters, etc.).*

Good luck with your Application

[END OF EXTRACT FROM THE GUIDELINES]

CURRENT POSITION

This is the nineteenth round of the Grants Program that Council have offered, with the application form and guidelines being continually refined to provide clear and concise information and criteria for community groups and organisations who apply for the grants.

The Program time table is shown below:-

TIMETABLE

SMC website and Facebook	**11 June 2026**
Southern Midlands Regional News	**July issue** *(although it will be part way through the application period)*
Grant Applications open (with Application Forms available from the SMC website from this date)	**Monday 22 June 2026**
Grant Applications close	**Tuesday 4 August 2026** (4.00pm)
Confirmation letter acknowledging receipt of applications	**Wednesday 5 August 2026**
Facilities & Recreation Committee Agenda closes	**Thursday 6 August 2026**
Facilities & Recreation Committee meeting	**Thursday 13 August 2026**
Full Council meeting Agenda closes	**Thursday 20 August 2026**
Full Council meeting – Oatlands [To consider recommendations from the Facilities & Recreation Committee]	**Wednesday 26 August 2026**
Successful / Unsuccessful letters to grant applicants	**Week commencing Monday** **31 August 2026**
Grant Acquittal	**30th June 2027**

Eighteen applications have been received identifying **$72,306.00** worth of projects, requesting a total of $**47,243.00** of support from Council through the SMC Community Small Grants Program 2026. Within the application Council ask,

GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED: $__________[GST inc]

*Council may not be able to fund the full amount requested. Please advise the minimum amount that would still allow the project to continue **$ _________.***

A total "*Will Accept*" figure of **$42,944.00** has been determined from the applications for this grant round. The funds available for distribution by Council for the projects being $30,000.00 as per the 2026/27 budget,

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

As per the previous rounds, to assess the applications in an open, transparent and equitable manner, whilst maintaining a rigorous analysis against the established criteria, the Deputy General Manager (Andrew Benson) prepared a rational decision making process to assist the Facilities & Recreation Committee in their deliberations.
The process is detailed in the attached document to this report, titled *Agreed Process for Considering the SMC Community Small Grants Program.*

Southern Midlands Community Small Grants Program 2026					
Applications					
Group/Club	**Auspiced by**	**Project**	**Project Cost**	**Grant Sought**	**Will Accept**
Bagdad Cricket Club		New Wicket	$ 6,980.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00
Campania Community Group (Kathryn)		Community engagement equipment	$ 7,550.00	$ 2,675.00	$ 2,300.00
Campania Community Grp (Kobi)		First Aid Course	$ 3,970.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,100.00
Campania FC		Storgae Room Security & Upgrades	$ 3,242.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,000.00
Levendale & Woodsdale History Rooms		Air Conditioning Unit	$ 2,176.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00
Midlands Swim Club	**OCA**	Equipment	$ 2,070.00	$ 2,070.00	$ 1,800.00
Mount Pleasant FC		Kiosk Storage	$ 4,187.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00
Oatlands Ex Services & Community		Glass Door Upright Fridge	$ 4,118.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00
Oatlands Community Assn		New Carpet in Conference Room	$ 4,900.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,500.00
Pickle Ball Group	**OExSC**	Pickle Ball bats, balls and nets	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,990.00
Runnymede CC		Security Door	$ 3,782.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00
St Marys Kempton		Heritage Repairs	$ 9,460.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,990.00
Tunbridge Community Club		Dining Room Upgrade	$ 3,660.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00
Tunnack Community Club		Toilet facilitaties upgrades	$ 4,225.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,950.00
Tunnack Hall & Progress Assn		Kitchen Upgrade	$ 3,172.00	$ 2,872.00	$ 2,500.00
Wine South		Event Signage	$ 1,260.00	$ 1,260.00	$ 498.00
Woodsdale FC		Kitchen Equipment	$ 2,390.00	$ 1,366.00	$ 1,366.00
Woodsdale Rec & Community Hub		Vinyl Flooring for Kitchen	$ 3,164.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,950.00
			$ 72,306.00	$ 47,243.00	$ 42,944.00
		Budgeted Funding for 2026		$ 30,000.00	$ 30,000.00
		balance		*-$ 17,243.00*	*-$ 12,944.00*

It was noted that during the Workshop Assessment session, the following Councillors advised of an interest in the Grant Item, SMC Small Grants Program 2026, adjacent to their names and left the room whilst that particular Grant Application was being discussed and assessed;

A. Application by Mount Pleasant Football Club

Deputy Mayor Karen Dudgeon - being an Executive Committee Member of the Mount Pleasant Football Club, ie Treasurer. Therefore the Deputy Mayor considerate it inappropriate for her to participation in the assessment of this particular Application.

B. Application by Woodsdale Football Club

Deputy Mayor Karen Dudgeon - given that the Club, has in their Application, named the building that they are seeking funds for as '*Kaye's Community Kitchen*'. It was assumed that 'Kaye' refers to the late Kaye Rowlands, a local long-time resident and, committed Community contributor in the Woodsdale district, who was also Karen Dudgeon's Mother. Therefore the Deputy Mayor considered it inappropriate for her participation in the assessment of this particular Application.

C. Application by Woodsdale Recreation & Community Hub

Deputy Mayor Karen Dudgeon - given that in their Application they named the building that they are seeking funds for as '*Kaye's Community Kitchen*'. It was assumed that 'Kaye' refers to the late Kaye Rowlands, a local long-time resident and, committed Community contributor in the Woodsdale district, who was also Karen Dudgeon's Mother. Therefore the Deputy Mayor considered it inappropriate for her participation in the assessment of this particular Application.

D. Application by Tunbridge Community Club

Councillor Don Fish - given that Councillor Fish's daughter is a member of the Executive Committee of the Club. Therefore Councillor Fish considered it inappropriate for him to participate in the assessment of this particular Application.

CONCLUSION

The Facilities & Recreation Committee received eighteen applications identifying $72,306.00 worth of projects to be undertaken in the Southern Midlands for the benefit of the Community, requesting a total of $47,243.00**,** but acknowledging the acceptance of a lower figure (will accept) of $42,944.00 of support from Council through the SMC Community Small Grants Program 2026.

Council had allocated $30,000.00 in its 2026/2027 budget for the Program. A preliminary assessment was undertaken to ensure that all applications met the Program Guidelines. It was confirmed that all applications did meet the Program Guidelines. Therefore the available funds were allocated in accordance with the Grants Summary below. The recommendations from the Facilities & Recreation Committee were arrived at through the detailed assessment of each Application based on the fourteen criteria in the Grant Guidelines for the SMC Community Grants Program 2026. The Summary Analysis (A3) is an attachment to this report. The results of the analysis are clear and unambiguous.

Southern Midlands Community Small Grants Program 2026								
Applications						Recommendation		
Group/Club	Auspiced by	Project	Project Cost	Grant Sought	Will Accept	Recommend to Council	Score	Rank
Bagdad Cricket Club		New Wicket	$ 6,980.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00	607	1
Campania Community Group (Kathryn)		Community engagement equipment	$ 7,550.00	$ 2,675.00	$ 2,300.00		469	17
Campania Community Grp (Kobi)		First Aid Course	$ 3,970.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,100.00		420	18
Campania FC		Storgae Room Security & Upgrades	$ 3,242.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	514	11
Levendale & Woodsdale History Rooms		Air Conditioning Unit	$ 2,176.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 646.00	534	7
Midlands Swim Club	OCA	Equipment	$ 2,070.00	$ 2,070.00	$ 1,800.00	$ 1,800.00	542	5
Mount Pleasant FC		Kiosk Storage	$ 4,187.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00	539	6
Oatlands Ex Services & Community		Glass Door Upright Fridge	$ 4,118.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00	511	12
Oatlands Community Assn		New Carpet in Conference Room	$ 4,900.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00	517	9
Pickle Ball Group	OExSC	Pickle Ball bats, balls and nets	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,990.00	$ 1,990.00	558	2
Runnymede CC		Security Door	$ 3,782.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00	523	8
St Marys Kempton		Heritage Repairs	$ 9,460.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,990.00	$ 2,990.00	550	3
Tunbridge Community Club		Dining Room Upgrade	$ 3,660.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00		496	15
Tunnack Community Club		Toilet facilitaties upgrades	$ 4,225.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,950.00	$ 2,950.00	517	9
Tunnack Hall & Progress Assn		Kitchen Upgrade	$ 3,172.00	$ 2,872.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00	544	4
Wine South		Event Signage	$ 1,260.00	$ 1,260.00	$ 498.00	$ 498.00	499	13
Woodsdale FC		Kitchen Equipment	$ 2,390.00	$ 1,366.00	$ 1,366.00		477	16
Woodsdale Rec & Community Hub		Vinyl Flooring for Kitchen	$ 3,164.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,950.00		499	14
			$ 72,306.00	$ 47,243.00	$ 42,944.00	$ 29,874.00		
		Budgeted Funding for 2026		$ 30,000.00	$ 30,000.00	$ 30,000.00		
		balance		*-$ 17,243.00*	*-$ 12,944.00*	*$ 126.00*		

From an historical perspective it is interesting to note that since the inception of the Southern Midlands Community Small Grants Program in 2007, **Council have paid out to Community Groups through this Program since its inception, $554,834.00, supporting Southern Midlands Community Projects.**

It must be acknowledged that this Program and this Council has made a significant contribution to this Southern Midlands Community through the SM Community Small Grants Program, a contribution that current and past Councillors should be rightly proud of.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Funds included in the 2026/2027 budget.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications - Include an award session for the next Australia Day event.

Policy Implications - Nil.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame - From the date of the August 2026 Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

Clr D Fish declared an interest and left the room at 11.34 a.m.

DECISION

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

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

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

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 F Miller	✓	

Clr D Fish returned to the meeting at *11.35 a.m.*

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon declared an interest and left the room.

2. **THAT based on the recommendations from the Facilities & Recreation Committee, the financial allocation for the Southern Midlands Council Community Small Grants Program 2026 be awarded to the following organisation be approved.**

Mount Pleasant Football Club Inc.
Kiosk Storage $ 3,000.00

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

THAT based on the recommendations from the Facilities & Recreation Committee, the financial allocation for the Southern Midlands Council Community Small Grants Program 2026 be awarded to the following organisation be approved.

Mount Pleasant Football Club Inc.
Kiosk Storage $ 3,000.00

CARRIED

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

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon returned to the meeting at 11.36 a.m.

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ORGANISATION		Bagdad Cricket Club		Campania C Grp (Kathryn)		Campania C Grp (Kobi)		Campania Football C		Levendale & Woodsdale HR		Midlands Swim Club		Mt Pleasant Football Club		Oatlands Ex Ser & C Club		Oatlands Comm Assn	
WANT	WT	SCORE	SUM	SCORE	SUM	SCORE	SUM	SCORE	SUM	SCORE	SUM	SCORE	SUM	SCORE	SUM	SCORE	SUM	SCORE	SUM
Criteria 1 Demonstrate considerable benefit to the community;	10	22	220	18	180	14	140	19	190	24	240	27	270	18	180	22	220	22	220
Criteria 2 Raise the awareness of or access to a service, program, group or issue or maximize the participation or use of facility;	10	25	250	21	210	17	170	18	180	21	210	24	240	17	170	19	190	19	190
Criteria 3 Demonstrate coordination with other groups in the community;	5	22	110	22	110	14	70	21	105	19.5	97.5	20	100	16	80	19	95	19.5	97.5
Criteria 4 Address local issues by attempting to meet a community need or gap;	15	24	360	21	315	15	225	18	270	21.5	322.5	23.5	352.5	18	270	19	285	21	315
Criteria 5 Show evidence of community support for the project;	10	21	210	15	150	11	110	12.5	125	18	180	22	220	17	170	16	160	19	190
Criteria 6 Enhance the lifestyle options for residents and visitors in the community;	5	22	110	20	100	14	70	16	80	18	90	22	110	17	85	24	120	18.5	92.5
Criteria 7 Demonstrate an ability to manage the project through resource allocation, effective planning, clear goals and evaluation processes.	15	28	420	21	315	24.5	367.5	28	420	28	420	35	525	24	360	35	525	28	420
Criteria 8 Demonstrate the ability to be ongoing (if appropriate).	10	28	280	21	210	10.5	105	35	350	28	280	28	280	30	300	28	280	24.5	245
Criteria 9 Is the project reliant on other funds, if so has other fund been approved	5	35	175	35	175	35	175	35	175	35	175	35	175	30	150	35	175	35	175
Criteria 10 Includes the ability for broad Community access – Land Tenure	10	35	350	21	210	21	210	14	140	14	140	21	210	12	120	14	140	24.5	245
Criteria 11 Grant funds applied for as a % of the total to complete the project	10	24.5	245	24.5	245	17.5	175	7	70	7	70	7	70	15	150	17.5	175	21	210
Criteria 12 The Project shall be one that has not received any previous funding for the same purpose by Council or any other funding body	8	35	280	35	280	35	280	35	280	35	280	35	280	30	240	35	280	35	280
Criteria 13 Risk Assessment of this Project	10	35	350	24.5	245	35	350	35	350	35	350	35	350	30	300	35	350	35	350
Criteria 14 Funding received over the last five years	10	28	280	7	70	7	70	35	350	35	350	7	70	12	120	7	70	7	70
Grand Total			3640		2815		2518		3085		3205		3253		2695		3085		3100
Average (ie total score divided by number of Assessors)			607		469		420		514		534		542		539		511		517
Total Cost of the project			6980		7550		3970		3242		2176		2070		4187		4118		4900
Requested amount by the organisation (as a %of total Amount)		43%	3000	35%	2675	76%	3000	93%	3000	92%	2000	100%	2070	72%	3000	73%	3000	61%	3000
Will accept lessor amount of grant			3000		2300		2100		2000		2000		1800		3000		3000		2500
Value of Grant approved by the Committee			3000						2000		646		1800		3000		3000		2500
Overall Ranking (determine manually based on formula above)			1		17		18		11		7		5		6		12		9

ORGANISATION		Midlands Pickleball Grp		Runnymede Cricket Club		St Marys Kempton Hall		Tunbridge Comm Club		Tunnack Comm Club		Tunnack Hall & Prog Assn		Wine South		Woodsdale Football Club		Woodsdale Rec Comm Hub	
WANT	WT	SCORE	SUM	SCORE	SUM	SCORE	SUM	SCORE	SUM	SCORE	SUM	SCORE	SUM	SCORE	SUM	SCORE	SUM	SCORE	SUM
Criteria 1 Demonstrate considerable benefit to the community;	10	23.5	235	21	210	23.5	235	19	190	21	210	22	220	18.5	185	15	150	14.5	145
Criteria 2 Raise the awareness of or access to a service, program, group or issue or maximize the participation or use of facility;	10	23	230	17	170	23	230	16	160	20	200	21	210	21.5	215	12	120	12	120
Criteria 3 Demonstrate coordination with other groups in the community;	5	19	95	17	85	21	105	13	65	16	80	20.5	102.5	15.5	77.5	13	65	11	55
Criteria 4 Address local issues by attempting to meet a community need or gap;	15	24	360	23	345	22	330	19	285	23	345	21	315	17.5	262.5	15	225	13	195
Criteria 5 Show evidence of community support for the project;	10	16	160	17	170	17	170	14	140	17	170	21	210	14	140	8	80	10	100
Criteria 6 Enhance the lifestyle options for residents and visitors in the community;	5	20	100	18	90	19	95	18	90	20	100	21	105	18	90	13	65	13	65
Criteria 7 Demonstrate an ability to manage the project through resource allocation, effective planning, clear goals and evaluation processes.	15	35	525	28	420	28	420	20	300	28	420	28	420	35	525	24	360	24	360
Criteria 8 Demonstrate the ability to be ongoing (if appropriate).	10	21	210	35	350	28	280	20	200	35	350	28	280	21	210	24	240	24	240
Criteria 9 Is the project reliant on other funds, if so has other fund been approved	5	35	175	35	175	35	175	25	125	35	175	35	175	35	175	30	150	30	150
Criteria 10 Includes the ability for broad Community access – Land Tenure	10	21	210	14	140	17.5	175	12.5	125	17.5	175	17.5	175	7	70	15	150	15	150
Criteria 11 Grant funds applied for as a % of the total to complete the project	10	7	70	14	140	31.5	315	10	100	17.5	175	7	70	7	70	18	180	7.5	75
Criteria 12 The Project shall be one that has not received any previous funding for the same purpose by Council or any other funding body	8	35	280	35	280	35	280	25	200	35	280	35	280	35	280	30	240	30	240
Criteria 13 Risk Assessment of this Project	10	35	350	35	350	35	350	25	250	35	350	35	350	35	350	30	300	30	300
Criteria 14 Funding received over the last five years	10	35	350	21	210	14	140	25	250	7	70	35	350	35	350	6	60	30	300
Grand Total			3350		3135		3300		2480		3100		3262.5		3000		2385		2495
Average (ie total score divided by number of Assessors)			558		523		550		496		517		544		500		477		499
Total Cost of the project			2000		3782		9460		3660		4225		3172		1260		2390		3364
Requested amount by the organisation (as a %of total Amount)		100%	2000	79%	3000	32%	3000	82%	3000	71%	3000	91%	2872	100%	1260	57%	1366	95%	3000
Will accept lessor amount of grant			1990		3000		2990		3000		2950		2500		498		1366		2950
Value of Grant approved by the Committee			1990		3000		2990				2950		2500		498				
Overall Ranking (determine manually based on formula above)			2		8		3		15		9		4		13		16		14

$ 72,306.00	*Value of Projects*
$ 47,243.00	*Grant Funds Sought*
$ 42,944.00	*Will Accept*
$ 29,874.00	*$ 30,000 2026*
	$ 126.00 balance

16.2 Recreation

Strategic Plan Reference 4.2   *4.2.1 Provide a range of recreational activities and services that meet the reasonable needs of the community.*

16.2.1 Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinators Report

Author: OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE COORDINATOR (ADAM BRIGGS)

Date: 19 AUGUST 2026

ISSUE

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

Group Bookings & Programs – July (15/7/26 - 18/8/26):

Event / Booking	School / Group	Participation Numbers
Physio Rehab Sessions	Annabel Butler – Physiotherapist	22 individual bookings
GYM / Lane Hire	Centre Fitness Classes – GYM & Pool	7 Aqua Aerobic classes 11 GYM classes 140 participants
GYM / Lane Hire	Corumbene Program – GYM & Pool	3 pool individual bookings 3 GYM individual bookings 18 participants
Centre Visits	Clarence City Council – Youth Group	15 participants
Centre Hire	Campania District School – Swimming Carnival	Grade 3 – 6 Students
Learn to Swim Program	Education Department - Oatlands District School	60 participants
Centre Visits	Fitness Passport	19 participants (July)
Centre Visits	Birthday Party	2 individual parties
Lane Hire	Midlands Swimming Club	7 individual bookings
Lane Hire	Holiday Catholic Care Program – Holy Rosary	20 participants
Lane Hire	Holiday Catholic Care Program – Corpus Christi	20 participants
Centre Hire	Hobart City Mission – School Holiday Program	35 participants
Centre Visits	Bagdad Vacation Care Program	18 participants

USAGE FOR THE PERIOD 15/7/2026 – 18/8/2026
PAID UPFRONT

Type	Units
Gym & Classes	
Gym Class Pass 10 Sessions	10
PAYG – Gym Class	39
PAYG – Gym (16 years)	24
PAYG – Gym (Concession)	12
Gym/Pool Combo	
Gym/Pool Pass 10 Sessions (16 years)	5
Gym/Pool Pass 10 Sessions (Concession)	15
PAYG – Gym/Pool Combo (17 years)	8
PAYG – Gym/Pool Combo (Concession)	5
Learn to Swim	
Term 3 Program, 2026 Enrolments (Currently)	145
Pool	
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (17 +)	1
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Concession)	4
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Family)	0
PAYG – Pool (4 years and under)	124
PAYG – Pool (5-16)	415
PAYG – Pool (17)	302
PAYG – Pool (Concession)	197
PAYG – (Family)	39

DIRECT DEBITS – Current Numbers

Type	Units
DD Pool/Gym	13
DD Gym	14
DD 6 Months Pool – 17 years +	16
DD 6 Months Pool – Child/Concession	4
DD 6 Months Centre – Family	3
DD Learn to Swim Lessons – Term 3	13

Applications & General Information

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

Royal Life Saving & Oatlands Aquatic Centre Grant

As mentioned last report the Centre has been in conversation with Royal Life Saving Australia in regards to forming a partnership between both parties to apply and execute a Swim & Survive Grant Application. The program would target Year 7 students as part of the *Inland Waterways High School Program* to provide students with the abilities to complete their Bronze Star or Bronze Medallion qualifications into the future.

Funding allocation has been delayed, once I know more Council will be informed of the outcome.

Active Tasmania Southern Councils Gathering

On Monday, 17 August 2026, I attended an Active Tasmania gathering involving Southern Tasmania local government councils. The meeting provided an opportunity for representatives to discuss and share information regarding current Sport & Recreation programs, initiatives and facilities within each Council's area.

The meeting was hosted by the Kingborough Council at the Kingston Sports Centre, a multi-purpose sporting facility that accommodates a wide range of activities, including basketball, pickleball, netball, table tennis, squash, gymnastics, cricket, tennis and gym facilities, among others.

Guest speakers for the meeting were Project Managers from Glenorchy City Council, who provided an informative overview of the Council's current pool redevelopment project. The redevelopment is scheduled for completion in September 2026. The next Active Tasmania meeting is scheduled to be held in November 2026 at Glenorchy City Council and will include a tour of the completed pool redevelopment, including the change rooms and plant room operations.

As part of the gathering, we were also fortunate to receive a tour of the recently opened high-performance training facility for the Tasmanian JackJumpers and Tasmanian Jewels NBL/WNBL teams. The tour provided a valuable opportunity to view the facility and gain an understanding of its operations and high-performance training environment.

Following the meeting, I took the opportunity to meet with the Centre's two Gym Coordinators to discuss their current operations, challenges and practices. This provided an excellent networking opportunity to exchange ideas and explore ways in which we can further develop and enhance the operations, services and utilisation of our own facility.

Overall, the gathering was a valuable opportunity to strengthen relationships with other Southern Tasmanian Councils, gain insight into current facility developments and operations, and share ideas that may assist us in continuing to grow and improve our own Sport & Recreation assets.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Refer above detail.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Not applicable.

Policy Implications – Not applicable.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received and noted.

DECISION
Moved by Clr B Campbell, 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	✓	

16.2.2 Heritage & Bullock Festival 2026

Author: MANAGER COMMUNITY & CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT (WENDY YOUNG)

Date: 19 AUGUST 2026

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of the 2026 Heritage & Bullock Festival held in Oatlands on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 August 2026, including attendance, community participation, promotion, economic benefits and feedback received.

The report also provides an overview of the Festival's ongoing contribution to the Oatlands community and the broader Southern Midlands, including its estimated economic benefit and role in attracting visitors to the region.

BACKGROUND

The Heritage & Bullock Festival commenced in 2018 and, with the exception of one year when the event was unable to proceed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, has continued as an annual event celebrating Oatlands' significant heritage, rural history and connection to traditional skills, trades and agricultural practices.

Since its commencement, the Festival has provided an opportunity to showcase Oatlands and the Southern Midlands to visitors from across Tasmania and beyond, while also providing local businesses, community groups, artisans, performers and volunteers with an opportunity to participate, promote their activities and benefit from increased visitor numbers.

The Festival has developed into a significant annual community and tourism event for Oatlands, supported by a strong partnership between Southern Midlands Council, the Heritage & Bullock Festival Committee, local community organisations, volunteers and local businesses.

The 2026 Festival was held over two days, Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 August, from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm each day.

The Festival program included the popular street parade, heritage demonstrations, working machinery, traditional trades, market stalls, exhibitions, entertainment, children's activities, pipe bands and a range of displays throughout Oatlands.

DETAIL

FESTIVAL PROGRAM

The 2026 Festival provided a diverse program designed to appeal to families, visitors, heritage enthusiasts and the wider community.

Key activities included:

- The Heritage & Bullock Festival street parade, held at 10.30 am each day
- Traditional machinery and steam engine
- Bullocks and working-dog demonstrations.

- Blacksmithing and traditional trade demonstrations.
- Woodworking and other artisan demonstrations.
- Fly tying, casting and fishing activities.
- Children's activities and craft.
- Market stalls and local food vendors.
- Quilt and art exhibitions.
- Heritage displays.
- Shearing Competition
- Traditional bread making and the sale of heritage bread.
- Demonstrations by local tradespeople and craftspeople.
- A range of activities throughout Callington Park.

The breadth of the program provided visitors with an opportunity to experience Oatlands' heritage, community, rural traditions and local skills.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

A major strength of the Festival continues to be the high level of community participation.

Local community organisations, businesses, volunteers, exhibitors and individuals contributed significantly to the event. The Festival also provided opportunities for community groups to raise funds, promote their organisations and engage directly with visitors.

The involvement of local residents and organisations is integral to maintaining the character, authenticity and community focus of the Festival.

PROMOTION AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The Festival received significant exposure through social media and other promotional activities.

The Heritage & Bullock Festival Facebook page achieved more than 470,000 views, demonstrating the substantial level of public interest generated by the event.

The strong online engagement assisted in promoting the Festival program, individual exhibitors and activities, as well as Oatlands as a destination.

VISITOR AND COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Feedback received following the Festival has been overwhelmingly positive.

Comments have highlighted the atmosphere of the event, the variety of activities, the street parade, heritage displays, demonstrations and the involvement of local community members.

The positive response from visitors and the broader community, combined with the significant attendance and social media engagement, demonstrates that the Festival continues to have a strong profile.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS

The Heritage & Bullock Festival provides a significant economic benefit to the Oatlands community and the broader Southern Midlands region through visitor expenditure associated with the event.

To provide an indication of the economic benefit generated by the Festival, Council has applied the methodology previously used in assessing the economic impact of the Heritage & Bullock Festival.

The methodology is based on the report Reinventing Rural Places, which estimated visitor expenditure associated with the 2018 Festival at approximately $50 per person. This figure was recognised at the time as a conservative estimate.

The per-person expenditure figure has subsequently been adjusted to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), providing a consistent basis for comparison over time.

Based on the estimated attendance of 8,000 visitors at the 2026 Heritage & Bullock Festival, the estimated economic value generated for the local community is $529,801.30.

It is important to note that this figure represents an estimated economic benefit rather than direct revenue to Council. It reflects the estimated expenditure retained within the local economy as a result of visitors attending the Festival, including expenditure associated with local businesses, food and beverage outlets, accommodation, retail, tourism activities and other visitor-related services.

The estimated economic value brought in over the life of the Festival of $2,806,293.00 demonstrates the broader economic contribution of the Festival and highlights its importance as a tourism and community event for Oatlands and the Southern Midlands.

The calculation should be regarded as a conservative estimate and provides a useful measure that can be applied to future Festivals to monitor the economic contribution generated by the event.

Figure 1 Photo by Jenny Petersen

Figure 2 Photo by Denise Smith

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. **Receive and note the report;**
2. **Acknowledge the significant contribution made by the Heritage & Bullock Festival Committee, volunteers, community organisations, local businesses, performers, exhibitors and Southern Midlands Council staff to the successful delivery of the 2026 Festival.**
3. **Recognise the significant community, tourism and economic benefits generated by the Heritage & Bullock Festival for Oatlands and the Southern Midlands.**

DECISION

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

THAT Council:

1. **Receive and note the report;**
2. **Acknowledge the significant contribution made by the Heritage & Bullock Festival Committee, volunteers, community organisations, local businesses, performers, exhibitors and Southern Midlands Council staff to the successful delivery of the 2026 Festival.**
3. **Recognise the significant community, tourism and economic benefits generated by the Heritage & Bullock Festival for Oatlands and the Southern Midlands.**

CARRIED

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

16.3 Access

Strategic Plan Reference 4.3 *4.3.1 Continue to explore transport options for the Southern Midlands community* *4.3.2 Continue to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA).*

Nil.

16.4 Volunteers

Strategic Plan Reference 4.4 *4.4.1 Encourage community members to volunteer.*

Nil.

16.5 Families

Strategic Plan Reference 4.5 *4.5.1 Ensure that appropriate childcare services as well as other family related services are facilitated within the community* *4.5.2 Increase the retention of young people in the municipality* *4.5.3 Improve the ability of seniors to stay in their communities.*

Nil.

16.6 Education

Strategic Plan Reference 4.6 *4.6 Increase the educational and employment opportunities available within the Southern Midlands*

Nil.

16.7 Capacity & Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 4.7
4.7.1 Build, maintain and strengthen the capacity of the community to help itself whilst embracing social inclusion to achieve sustainability.

16.7.1 Tunbridge Town Hall – Update Following Community Meeting Held 30 July 2026

Author: GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

Date: 18 AUGUST 2026

Enclosure(s):
Minutes of the Community Meeting Held on 30 July 2026

ISSUE

To provide Council with an update following the Community Meeting held on 30 July 2026 regarding the future management and governance of the Tunbridge Town Hall.

BACKGROUND

Council was previously provided with the Minutes of the Community Meeting held on 5 February 2026 (enclosed). A follow-up report was subsequently presented to the Council Meeting held on 24 February 2026.

At that meeting, Council resolved:

"THAT Council:

a) Receive and note the Minutes of the Community Meeting held 5th February 2026; and
b) Note that further updates will be presented to Council regarding the progression of discussions and actions required to determine a way forward for the Tunbridge Community Club Inc. to assume responsibility for the management of the Tunbridge Town Hall."

DETAIL

A further community meeting was held on 30 July 2026 and was attended by 13 members of the community. The meeting was provided with an update on actions undertaken since the previous meeting, including the following matters.

Current Status / Update on Actions Taken

- Copy of the Minutes of the Meeting held 5 February 2026 provided to Council, together with a report to confirm Council will assist in facilitating the process.

- As mentioned at the previous meeting, the owners are listed as: Trustees Tunbridge Hall. Further research has identified that the property was transferred in 1899 to Adam John Gibson, John Headlam (originally thought to be Headland), William Jones and William Scurr. No Trust document has been located.

- In the absence of a Trust document, unable to identify options such as transfer of ownership, or any other restrictions
- Reviewed the current Constitution, as per the copy held by the Department of Justice (Consumer Building and Occupational Services), to assess the options for the future governance and management of the Hall.
- The Constitution does state that in the event of the dissolution of the Committee, all funds and assets of the Committee shall remain for the benefit of the residents of the area. If no such group exists within a reasonable period of time after the dissolution of the Committee the funds and or assets shall be distributed elsewhere as it sees fit.
- In terms of the actual property, the issue that arises is there is no linkage between the Tunbridge Town Hall Inc. and the Trustees
- There is no provision within the existing Constitution to lease the premises, which appears to be the only practical option in the short to medium term (other than selling the property for non-payment of rates and charges after 3 years and having complied with the legislative procedure to secure ownership by Council).
- Confirmed that an amendment to the existing Constitution is the best way forward
- Confirmed that the entity 'Tunbridge Town Hall Inc.' is still incorporated under the *Associations Incorporations Act 1964*.The most recent 'Annual Return of Association' was submitted in September 2023 following the conduct of the Annual General Meeting held on 30 August 2023.
- Drafted proposed amendment to the Constitution to achieve the desired outcome. The Amendment is as follows:

Rule 3 – Powers and Obligations of the Committee

- New Rule 3(M)

  (m) To, at its sole discretion, lease out the premises and property to another party on such terms and conditions as the Committee sees fit.

<u>End of Update Report.</u>

At this stage of the meeting, those present confirmed that that there was insufficient interest to form a new Management Committee of the Tunbridge Town Hall Inc. under the current Constitution and structure.

Councillors will note from the Minutes of the Meeting that it was raised that there may be a later version of the Constitution (dated 2013) which was not supplied by the Department of Justice (Corporate Affairs). The version provided by the Department was dated November 2004.

This matter has been investigated. It has been confirmed that a Notice of Special Resolution was submitted on 26 June 2013, which included a revised Constitution. This document was not recorded as a separate Constitution by the Department of Justice (Corporate Affairs) and was not provided as part of the documentation initially supplied.

The existence of the 2013 revised Constitution does not alter the outcome of the investigations undertaken or the proposed course of action outlined in this report.

The latter part of this Community Meeting held on 30 July 2026 was convened as a Special General Meeting of the Tunbridge Town Hall Inc.

The Constitution provides for the conduct of Special General Meetings (SGM).

As per the Notice, this Special General Meeting has been convened to appoint a new Management Committee.

The Constitution specifies that the Committee shall be comprised of the following Office Bearers:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Four or more General Members.

Only persons being 18 years of age or more are eligible for election as Office Bearers.

The immediate role for the newly elected Management Committee is to prepare for an Annual General Meeting to be held in September 2026. This will involve confirming the proposed amendment to the Constitution to include a provision for leasing.

In the lead up to the AGM, and following the AGM, the new Management Committee would:

- Conduct the Annual General Meeting and obtain approval to amend the Constitution to include a leasing provision
- Prepare a draft Lease Agreement that can be considered (and accepted) by both the Lessor (Tunbridge Town Hall Management Committee) and the Tunbridge Community Club Management Committee
- Execute the Lease Agreement
- TCC then sets the rules and operating procedures for the Hall (e.g. booking's; hire charges etc.) and integrates the management and governance arrangements
- Insurance issues and requirements, including legal obligations and appropriate coverage (e.g. public liability; volunteer insurance; building and contents etc.) would be investigated and confirmed as part of the Lease negotiations, including consolidation of financial records into a single set of accounts.

The following persons nominated to form the interim Management Committee to prepare for the Annual General Meeting in September 2026 and progress the above tasks:

- Richard Gardner
- Julie Wholohan
- Jason Farrelly
- Cherie Triffitt
- Emily Gardner
- Karen Dudgeon
- Mary Smyth

Note: It was acknowledged that the appointments to the individual positions on the Management Committee can take place at the initial meeting of the interim Management Committee.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Council will need to continue to provide assistance to work with the interested parties to implement the above action plan. Whilst this may include the need to seek legal advice and direction, an estimated cost is unknown at this stage.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Council is primarily acting as the facilitator as the Tunbridge Town Hall is a privately owned facility (not Council owned).
Policy Implications – Not applicable.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – As soon as practicable.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

a) Receive and note the information contained in the report regarding the Community Meeting held on 30 July 2026 and the current status of the Tunbridge Town Hall;
b) Acknowledge the proposed course of action for the Tunbridge Town Hall Inc., including the conduct of an Annual General Meeting in September 2026 to consider amendments to the Constitution to provide for the leasing of the Tunbridge Town Hall;
c) Acknowledge the appointment of the interim Management Committee to progress the matters identified in the report; and
d) Continue to provide reasonable assistance and facilitation to the Tunbridge Town Hall Inc. and Tunbridge Community Club Inc. to progress the proposed management and leasing arrangements, noting that the Tunbridge Town Hall is privately owned and Council is not the owner or manager of the facility.

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

THAT Council:

a) Receive and note the information contained in the report regarding the Community Meeting held on 30 July 2026 and the current status of the Tunbridge Town Hall;
b) Acknowledge the proposed course of action for the Tunbridge Town Hall Inc., including the conduct of an Annual General Meeting in September 2026 to consider amendments to the Constitution to provide for the leasing of the Tunbridge Town Hall;
c) Acknowledge the appointment of the interim Management Committee to progress the matters identified in the report; and
d) Continue to provide reasonable assistance and facilitation to the Tunbridge Town Hall Inc. and Tunbridge Community Club Inc. to progress the proposed management and leasing arrangements, noting that the Tunbridge Town Hall is privately owned and Council is not the owner or manager of the facility.

CARRIED

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

ENCLOSURE
Agenda Item 16.7.1

TUNBRIDGE TOWN HALL INC.
COMMUNITY MEETING
&
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

TUNBRIDGE COMMUNITY HALL (TOWN HALL)
99 MAIN ROAD, TUNBRIDGE

Thursday 30 July 2026

MINUTES

Minutes of the Community Meeting held 30 July 2026 at the Tunbridge Community Hall (99 Main Road, Tunbridge) commencing at 5.35 p.m.

Mayor Edwin Batt opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

1. **Present:**

Julie Wholohan, Mary Smyth, Peter Hazelwood, Gavin Nicholas, Marian Dalton, Lorraine Hazelwood, Richard Gardner, Rebecca Lovell, Jason Farrelly, Emily Phillips, Trapper Ingram, Casey George and Bree How.

Council Representatives: Mayor Edwin Batt, Deputy Mayor Karen Dudgeon and Tim Kirkwood (General Manager).

2. **Apologies:**

Rodney Hazelwood, Dawn Farrelly, Bill Lodge and Cherie Triffitt.

3. **Background / Purpose:**

This meeting follows the Community Meeting held on 5 February 2026, facilitated by the Southern Midlands Council to discuss the future management and ongoing operation of the Tunbridge Community Hall (Town Hall).

The primary objectives of the February meeting were to:

1. Confirm the community's interest in continuing to maintain and support the Hall; and
2. Identify individuals willing to form a new Management Committee to oversee the Hall's management and future operations.

At that meeting, Mr Richard Gardner, in his capacity as President of the Tunbridge Community Club Inc., advised that the Community Club Management Committee would be willing to consider assuming responsibility for the management of the Tunbridge Community Hall.

The proposed arrangement would involve establishing a Hall Sub-Committee under the Community Club, with a preference for including additional members of the wider community to provide the capacity, skills and support needed for the effective management of the facility.

It was recognised that, with assistance from the Southern Midlands Council, the interested parties would need to work through the practical and governance arrangements required to implement this proposal before reporting back to the community.

Purpose of this Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Provide an update on the actions taken since the February meeting;
- Outline the proposed governance and management arrangements for the Hall;
- Seek community feedback on the proposed approach;
- Discuss the next steps towards establishing the new management structure;
- Convene the Special General Meeting and appoint a new Management Committee.

4. Current Status / Update on Actions Taken

- Copy of the Minutes of the Meeting held 5 February 2026 provided to Council, together with a report to confirm Council will assist in facilitating the process.
- As mentioned at the previous meeting, the owners are listed as: Trustees Tunbridge Hall. Further research has identified that the property was transferred in 1899 to Adam John Gibson, John Headlam (originally thought to be Headland), William Jones and William Scurr. No Trust document has been located.
- In the absence of a Trust document, unable to identify options such as transfer of ownership, or any other restrictions
- Reviewed the current Constitution, as per the copy held by the Department of Justice (Consumer Building and Occupational Services), to assess the options for the future governance and management of the Hall.
- The Constitution does state that in the event of the dissolution of the Committee, all funds and assets of the Committee shall remain for the benefit of the residents of the area. If no such group exists within a reasonable period of time after the dissolution of the Committee the funds and or assets shall be distributed elsewhere as it sees fit.
- In terms of the actual property, the issue that arises is there is no linkage between the Tunbridge Town Hall Inc. and the Trustees
- There is no provision within the existing Constitution to lease the premises, which appears to be the only practical option in the short to medium term (other than selling the property for non-payment of rates and charges after 3 years and having complied with the legislative procedure to secure ownership by Council).
- Confirmed that an amendment to the existing Constitution is the best way forward
- Confirmed that the entity 'Tunbridge Town Hall Inc.' is still incorporated under the *Associations Incorporations Act 1964*.The most recent 'Annual Return of Association' was submitted in September 2023 following the conduct of the Annual General Meeting held on 30 August 2023.

- Drafted proposed amendment to the Constitution to achieve the desired outcome. The Amendment is as follows:

Rule 3 – Powers and Obligations of the Committee

  - New Rule 3(M)

(m) To, at its sole discretion, lease out the premises and property to another party on such terms and conditions as the Committee sees fit.

At this stage of the meeting, those present at the meeting confirmed that that there was insufficient interest to form a new Management Committee of the Tunbridge Town Hall Inc. under the current Constituent and structure.

It was noted that there may be a later version of the Constitution (dated 2013) which was not supplied by the Department of Justice (Corporate Affairs). The version provided by the Department was dated November 2004. Further follow-up is required to clarify the current version.

5. **Business:**

This part of the Meeting is to be convened as a Special General Meeting of the Tunbridge Town Hall Inc.

The Constitution provides for the conduct of Special General Meetings (SGM).

- A SGM may be called for any specified purpose by the Committee
- The Committee shall call a SGM within a reasonable period if requested in writing to do so by 20 residents of Southern Midlands;
- A quorum shall comprise at least 5 residents who are entitled to vote
- The Chairperson of the Committee shale be the chairperson at all SGM's. Should the Chairperson not be present within ten (10) minutes of the time appointed for holding the meeting then the Vice Chairperson shall take the chair. In the absence of both, the members shall elect one of their number to take the chair;
- A SGM shall not deal with any business other than that specified;
- If at a SGM there is no quorum within thirty minutes of the appointed time them the meeting shall lapse altogether.

Note: A SGM has been convened as the Constitution specifies that an Annual General meeting can only be held on or between the 1st and 30th day of September each year.

As per the Notice, this Special General Meeting has been convened to appoint a new Management Committee.

The Constitution specifies that the Committee shall be comprised of the following Office Bearers:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Four or more General Members.

Only persons being 18 years of age or more are eligible for election as Office Bearers.

The immediate role for the newly elected Management Committee is to prepare for an Annual General Meeting to be held in September 2026. This will involve confirming the proposed amendment to the Constitution to include a provision for leasing.

In the lead up to the AGM, and following the AGM, the new Management Committee would:

- Conduct the Annual General Meeting and obtain approval to amend the Constitution to include a leasing provision
- Prepare a draft Lease Agreement that can be considered (and accepted) by both the Lessor (Tunbridge Town Hall Management Committee) and the Tunbridge Community Club Management Committee
- Execute the Lease Agreement
- TCC then sets the rules and operating procedures for the Hall (e.g. booking's; hire charges etc.) and integrates the management and governance arrangements
- Insurance issues and requirements, including legal obligations and appropriate coverage (e.g. public liability; volunteer insurance; building and contents etc.) would be investigated and confirmed as part of the Lease negotiations, including consolidation of financial records into a single set of accounts.

The following persons nominated to form the interim Management Committee to prepare for the Annual General Meeting in September 2026 and progress the above tasks:

- Richard Gardner
- Julie Wholohan
- Jason Farrelly
- Cherie Triffitt
- Emily Gardner
- Karen Dudgeon
- Mary Smyth

Note: It was acknowledged that the appointments to the individual positions on the Management Committee can take place at the initial meeting of the interim Management Committee.

6. Other Business:

Nil.

7. Meeting Closure:

Meeting closed at 6.15 p.m.

16.8 Safety

Strategic Plan Reference 4.8
4.8.1 Increase the level of safety of the community and those visiting or passing through the municipality.

Nil.

16.9 Consultation & Communication

Strategic Plan Reference 4.8
4.9.1 Improve the effectiveness of consultation & communication with the community.

Nil.

17. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – ORGANISATION)

17.1 Improvement

Strategic Plan Reference 5.1
5.1.1 Improve the level of responsiveness to Community & Developer needs
5.1.2 Improve communication within Council
5.1.3 Improve the accuracy, comprehensiveness and user friendliness of the Asset Management System
5.1.4 Increase the effectiveness, efficiency and use-ability of Council ICT systems
5.1.5 Maintain the Business Process Improvement & Continuous Improvement framework

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

Author: MANAGER ADMINISTRATION & ICT (NICK WILSON)

Date: 18 AUGUST 2026

Attachment(s):
Information Communication Technology (ICT) Risk Management and Governance Policy

ISSUE

Tabling of draft Policy for consideration and review by Council prior to formal adoption next meeting.

BACKGROUND

During the 2023-24 audit, it was noted that Council does not have a number of IT policies and procedures in place, or alternatively has policies that require review, across the following broad areas of IT Governance:

- data resilience and availability (BCP/DRP)
- network resilience and availability (BCP/DRP)
- Business Continuity Plan (BCP)
- Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP)
- third party Service Level Agreements (SLAs)
- information management
- cyber security
- information asset database
- IT asset database or Configuration Management Database (CMDB)
- governance – IT strategic plan

This finding was consistent with numerous other Councils, and the Tasmanian Audit Office did provide a template Policy that addressed all ICT Risk Management and Governance policy issues.

Initially, it was thought that the better approach was to prepare a number of individual polices (as opposed to an overall policy), but this became extremely complex, repetitive to some extent, and onerous.
Prior to adopting the revised approach, the following new Policies were submitted for Council approval and can now be repealed:

i. Information Security Policy (August 2025)
ii. Acceptable Use Policy - replaced the 'Computer Use & Electronic Communications Policy' (August 2025)
iii. Patch Management Policy (August 2025)

In addition, a number of other Polices are now redundant:

i. Information Management Policy – Records Management – Feb 2015
ii. Computer Use & Electronic Communications Policy – Oct 2020
iii. Communications & Social Media Policy – Nov 2020

DETAIL

The attached Policy has been prepared using the Tasmanian Audit Office's model policy as its foundation. It has subsequently been adapted to align with Southern Midlands Council's systems, processes and operational requirements.

Note: This Policy will also be submitted to the Audit Panel meeting scheduled for 22 September 2026. Any feedback and/or suggested amendments can be provided to Council prior to final adoption of the Policy.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Managed within existing Council resources.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – N/A.

Policy Implications – Policy document.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Immediate effect.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. **the information be received; and**
2. **Subject to any amendments, the Information Communication Technology (ICT) Risk Management and Governance Policy be submitted for formal adoption at the September 2026 Council Meeting.**

DECISION
Moved by Clr B Campbell, seconded by Clr D Blackwell

THAT:

1. **The information be received; and**
2. **Subject to any amendments, the Information Communication Technology (ICT) Risk Management and Governance Policy be submitted for formal adoption at the September 2026 Council Meeting.**

CARRIED

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

17.2 Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 5.2
5.2.1 Retain corporate and operational knowledge within Council
5.2.2 Provide a safe and healthy working environment
5.2.3 Ensure that staff and elected members have the training and skills they need to undertake their roles
5.2.4 Increase the cost effectiveness of Council operations through resource sharing with other organisations
5.2.5 Continue to maintain and improve the level of statutory compliance of Council operations
5.2.6 Ensure that suitably qualified and sufficient staff are available to meet the Communities need
5.2.7 Work co-operatively with State and Regional organisations
5.2.8 Minimise Councils exposure to risk
5.2.9 Ensure that exceptional customer service continues to be a hallmark of Southern Midlands Council

17.2.1 Tabling of Documents

Nil.

17.2.2 Elected Member Statements

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

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – commented on the ODFA Grand Final, noting that it was extremely well attended and that it was a great game, with a very good standard of football. Mayor Batt added that the Central Hawks Junior Football Club played a game prior to the commencement of the final, involving approximately 40 children.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – informed the meeting that Denise Smith was again coordinating ‘Pink-Up Oatlands’ in October this year which will involve a number of fundraising activities.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – confirmed that the Oatlands Christmas Pageant would be held on Friday 11 December 2026.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – advised that she attended the LGAT Conference the previous week and provided a verbal report on the event.

Clr D Blackwell – reminded the meeting that the Chauncy Vale 80 Year Celebration is arranged for 12 September 2026 from 1.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. A range of activities will be conducted as part of the celebration.

Clr D Blackwell – informed the meeting that ‘Healthy Together’ will be conducting two events in which attendees can view the movie ‘Just a Farmer’. Looking to hold these events at both Broadmarsh and Oatlands with dates and times to be confirmed.

Clr B Campbell – 2026/27 Budget – acknowledged the capital works projects funded through the Capital Works Program and noted that he had received a considerable amount of positive feedback regarding the projects.

17.2.3 Tasmanian Government – Economic Diversification and Investment Strategy (EDIS) Consultation Draft – Council Submission

Author: COUNCIL PLANNING CONSULTANT / SPECIAL PROJECTS (DAMIAN MACKEY)

Date: 21 AUGUST 2026

Attachment(s):
Draft Council Submission - Economic Diversification and Investment Strategy

Note: The actual 'Economic Diversification and Investment Strategy – Consultation Draft' document (previously circulated)

ISSUE

Council is requested to consider and endorse the draft submission, subject to any amendments Council may determine, for lodgement in response to the Tasmanian Government's draft *Economic Diversification and Investment Strategy (EDIS).*

BACKGROUND

Nil.

DETAIL

The Tasmanian Government has released the attached draft Economic Diversification and Investment Strategy for public consultation.

The following is an extract from the website:

"Tasmania has the talent, resources and natural advantages to build an economy that is stronger, more dynamic and full of opportunity for every region and every generation.

The draft Economic Diversification and Investment Strategy sets out how we can get there. It focuses on unlocking more investment, accelerating innovation, lifting productivity, building skills and capability, supporting regional growth and strengthening our infrastructure.

The draft Strategy is also about how government works. It proposes a more integrated approach to economic development — with clearer priorities, more coordinated decision-making, and a stronger focus on where government can have the greatest impact."

Following preliminary consideration of the draft *Economic Diversification and Investment Strategy (EDIS)* at the Council Workshop held on 10 August 2026, Council's Special Projects Officer, Damian Mackey, prepared a draft submission for Council's consideration.
The draft submission was circulated to Councillors out-of-session to provide an opportunity for Councillors to review the document and identify any proposed amendments prior to the State Government's submission deadline of 21 August 2026.

The purpose of this Agenda Item is to formally consider and endorse the draft submission and to provide an opportunity for Council to identify any further amendments or matters they consider should be addressed. Amy additional amendments arising from Council's consideration can be incorporated into a follow-up or supplementary submission, as appropriate.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Refer comment provided.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Not applicable.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – As the submission deadline was 21 August 2026, any further amendments can be included in a supplementary submission.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

a) Formally receive the draft submission; and
b) Subject to any amendments determined by Council, formally endorse the final submission in response to the Tasmanian Government's draft *Economic Diversification and Investment Strategy (EDIS).*

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

THAT Council:

a) Formally receive the draft submission; and
b) Formally endorse the final submission in response to the Tasmanian Government's draft *Economic Diversification and Investment Strategy (EDIS).*

CARRIED

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

17.3 Finances

Strategic Plan Reference 5.3 *5.3.1 Community's finances will be managed responsibly to enhance the wellbeing of residents* *5.3.2 Council will maintain community wealth to ensure that the wealth enjoyed by today's generation may also be enjoyed by tomorrow's generation* *5.3.3 Council's financial position will be robust enough to recover from unanticipated events, and absorb the volatility inherent in revenues and expenses.*

17.3.1 Monthly Financial Statement (Period ending 31 July 2026)

Author: MANAGER FINANCE (MANDY BURBURY)

Date: 13 AUGUST 2026

ISSUE

Provide the Financial Reports for the period ending 31st July 2026.

BACKGROUND

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

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

DETAIL

The enclosed Report incorporates the following: -

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURE (OPERATING BUDGET)

Overall operating expenditure to the end of July was $847,385, representing 76.7% of the Year to Date Budget.

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

Strategic Theme - Infrastructure

Nil.

Strategic Theme – Growth

Sub-Program – Business - expenditure to date ($38,963 – 151.05%). Any additional expenditure relating to private works is offset by an increase in private works income.

Strategic Theme – Landscapes

Nil.

Strategic Theme – Community

Nil.

Strategic Theme – Organisation

Nil.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM

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

Legend – Source and completion deadlines for grant funded projects

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Financial Report be received and the information noted.

DECISION
Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, 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 July 2026 to 31 July 2026

	Annual Budget $	Year to Date Actual $	%	Comments
Income				
Rates and charges	8,228,816	8,160,144	99.2%	Includes Interest & Penalties on rates
User fees	1,208,114	173,580	14.4%	
Interest	492,000	31,162	6.3%	
Government Subsidies	35,100	0	0.0%	Heavy Vehicle Licence Fees
Other income (refer Note 1)	451,956	75,632	16.7%	Private Works & Developer Contributions
Investment revenue from water corporation	182,400	0	0.0%	
Sub-Total	**10,598,387**	**8,440,518**	**79.6%**	
Grants - Operating (refer Note 2)	4,982,205	0	0.0%	
Total Income	**15,580,592**	**8,440,518**	**54.2%**	
Expenses				
Employee benefits	-6,029,712	-408,835	6.8%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised)
Materials and contracts	-4,164,565	-408,930	9.8%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised), Includes Land Tax
Depreciation and amortisation	-5,039,700	-428,029	8.5%	Percentage Calculation (based on year-to-date)
Contributions	-307,026	0	0.0%	Fire Service Levies
Finance costs	0	0	0.0%	Interest
Other expenses	-528,233	-29,620	5.6%	Private Works, Audit Fees & Councillor Allowances
Total expenses	**-16,069,236**	**-1,275,414**	**7.9%**	
Surplus (deficit) from operations	**-488,644**	**7,165,104**		
Grants - Capital (refer Note 3)	1,264,513	8,200	0.6%	
Sale Proceeds (Plant & Machinery)	0	0		
Sale Proceeds (Land & Buildings)	0	0		
Sale Proceeds (Other Assets)	0	0		
Net gain / (loss on disposal of non-current assets)	0	0		
Surplus / (Deficit)	**775,869**	**7,173,304**		

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period 1 July 2026 to 31 July 2026

	Annual Budget $	Year to Date Actual $	%	Comments
NOTES				
1. Income - Other				
- Developer Contributions	100,000	18,700	18.70%	
- Private Works	351,956	56,782	16.13%	
- Blue Gum Rovers donation to Tunnack Rec. Ground	0	150.00		
	451,956	75,632	16.7%	
2. Grants - Operating				
- FAGS 2026/27	4,982,205	0	0.00%	
	4,982,205	0	0.0%	
3. Grants - Capital				
- Aust Govt (Roads To Recovery)	1,264,513	0	0.00%	
- Aust Govt (National Shed Development Programme)	0	8,200		
	1,264,513	8,200	0.65%	

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL : OPERATING EXPENDITURE 2026/27 SUMMARY SHEET

PROGRAM	YTD ACTUAL (to 31 Jul 26)	YTD BUDGET (to 31 Jul 26)	YTD VARIANCE	YTD %	FULL YEAR BUDGET - INC. GRANTS & OTHER
INFRASTRUCTURE					
Roads	124,697	129,539	4,841	96.26%	4,305,519
Bridges	0	6,789	6,789	0.00%	748,441
Walkways	11,156	21,356	10,200	52.24%	284,475
Lighting	0	6,510	6,510	0.00%	78,120
Public Toilets	9,376	11,406	2,030	82.21%	145,268
Stormwater	0	2,775	2,775	0.00%	91,302
Waste	69,662	141,034	71,372	49.39%	1,719,905
Information, Communication	0	1,667	1,667	0.00%	20,000
INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:	**214,892**	**321,075**	**106,184**	**66.93%**	**7,393,030**
GROWTH					
Residential	0	0	0	-	10,000
Tourism	8,156	9,685	1,529	84.21%	38,552
Business	38,963	25,795	-13,168	151.05%	309,543
Industry	0	0	0	-	0
GROWTH TOTAL:	**47,120**	**35,481**	**-11,639**	**132.80%**	**358,095**
LANDSCAPES					
Heritage	36,969	51,463	14,494	71.84%	530,808
Natural	11,596	21,888	10,291	52.98%	256,091
Cultural	0	1,333	1,333	0.00%	16,000
Regulatory - Development	66,264	83,878	17,615	79.00%	1,081,539
Regulatory - Public Health	805	2,209	1,404	36.43%	26,505
Regulatory - Animals	5,282	10,039	4,757	52.61%	129,636
Environmental Sustainability	0	0	0	0.00%	0
LANDSCAPES TOTAL:	**120,916**	**170,810**	**49,894**	**70.79%**	**2,040,579**
COMMUNITY					
Community Health & Wellbeing	20,840	34,816	13,976	59.86%	387,791
Recreation	102,771	143,197	40,426	71.77%	1,317,359
Access	0	0	0	0.00%	0
Volunteers	199	0	-199	0.00%	30,000
Families	0	833	833	0.00%	10,000
Education	0	0	0	0.00%	0
Capacity & Sustainability	1,456	2,500	1,044	58.24%	55,505
Safety	2,711	4,996	2,285	54.26%	59,950
Consultation & Communication	0	2,142	2,142	0.00%	25,700
LIFESTYLE TOTAL:	**127,977**	**188,484**	**60,507**	**67.90%**	**1,886,305**
ORGANISATION					
Improvement	582	11,188	10,605	5.21%	134,251
Sustainability	332,687	373,466	40,779	89.08%	3,848,449
Finances	3,211	3,642	430	88.19%	408,526
ORGANISATION TOTAL:	**336,481**	**388,295**	**51,814**	**86.66%**	**4,391,226**
TOTALS	**$847,385**	**$1,104,145**	**$256,760**	**76.7%**	**$16,069,235**

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2026-27
As at 31 July 2026

		BUDGET $	EXPENDITURE $	BALANCE $	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
INFRASTRUCTURE						
ROAD ASSETS						
Resheeting Program	Roads Resheeting	800,000	49,197	750,803	Roads to Recovery - $200,000	30 June 2027
Reseal Program	Roads Reseal Program	450,000	-	450,000	Roads to Recovery - $150,000	30 June 2027
	- Confirmed Road - Clifton Vale Road					
	Sealed Road Edge Breaks	200,000	-	200,000		
	- Confirmed Roads - Clifton Vale Road and Native Corners Road					
Reconstruct & Seal	Program (as per Maloneys Condition Assessment Report)	394,500	-	394,500	Roads to Recovery - $394,500)	30 June 2027
	Woodsdale Road - 500m vicinity of 2476 Woodsdale Road	100,000	-	100,000	Roads to Recovery - $100,000)	30 June 2027
Construct & Seal	Mangalore - Blackbrush Road (1.0 km section starting from seal Broadmarsh end)	200,000	-	200,000	Roads to Recovery - $200,000)	30 June 2027
	Rhyndaston - Rhyndaston Road (Remaining 1.35km)	220,000	-	220,000	Roads to Recovery - $220,000)	30 June 2027
Minor Seals (New)	Kempton - Erskine Street (Extention of Seal - 80m)	25,000	8,456	16,544	Roads to Recovery $25,000 WIP $8,455.56	30 June 2026
	Oatlands - Bentwick Street	20,000	-	20,000	Budget C/F	
Other Works	Bagdad - School Road (Traffic & Safety Improvements)	69,000	26,639	42,361	VRUP Funding $34,430	31 December 2026
	Campania - Car Park Improvements	18,783	-	18,783	Budget C/F	
	Campania - Car Park Fence (900mm Picket Fence - Powder Coated)	13,000	-	13,000		
	Campania - Structure Plan - Town Gateway and Streetscape	40,000	-	40,000	Budget C/F	
	Kempton - Main Street (Kerb & Gutter 65m - renewal)	10,000	-	10,000		
	Oatlands - Hay Street (Junction)	15,000	-	15,000		
	Oatlands - High Street (Traffic Islands)	45,940	897	45,043	VRUP Funding $22,300 SMC $23,640 WIP $896.84	31 December 2026
	Roads - Shouldering Program (Major)	300,000	3,592	296,408		
		2,921,223	**88,780**	**2,832,443**		
BRIDGES	Elderslie - Roydon Road (Abutment and Foundation Reinstatement)	176,000	4,080	171,920		
	Campania - Estate Road (Abutment Reinstatement)	176,000	4,080	171,920		
	Colebrook - Lovely Banks Road (Culvert Extension)	30,000	-	30,000		
		382,000	**8,161**	**373,839**		
WALKWAYS	Footpaths - General Streetscapes	50,000	-	50,000		
	Kempton - Burnett Street to Mood Food	444,265	446,044	- 1,779	Better Active Transport $278K WIP $439,671.72	
	Kempton - Main Street (Southern End 300m)	75,000	741	74,259	Budget C/F WIP $741.24	
	Oatlands - Church Street (High Street to Esplanade - Both Sides)	40,000	-	40,000	Includes $10K budget c/f	
	Oatlands - High Street (Vicinity of BP)	40,000	-	40,000		
	Parattah - Township - Streetscape Works (Stage 2)	100,000	93,161	6,839	Budget C/F $50K	
	Tunnack - Footpath Upgrade Program (Yr 3 of 3)	150,000	73,251	76,749	Budget C/F $100K WIP $73,250.58	
		899,265	**613,197**	**286,068**		
PUBLIC TOILETS	General Public Toilets - Upgrade Program	12,956	-	12,956	Budget C/F $14,616	
	Oatlands - Lake Dulverton Toilets (Electricity Upgrade)	4,660	4,660	-	Funded from General Public Toilet Upgrade Prgram	
		17,616	**4,660**	**12,956**		

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2026-27
As at 31 July 2026

		BUDGET $	EXPENDITURE $	BALANCE $	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
-						
DRAINAGE	Bagdad / Mangalore - Hydraulic Assessment (Flood Mapping)	61,625	-	61,625	Budget C/F	
	Kempton - Erskine Street (Extension - pipe/open drain)	24,000	-	24,000		
	Oatlands - Queen Anne Street (Pipe Extension)	30,000	-	30,000		
		115,625	**-**	**115,625**		
WASTE	Wheelie Bins and Crates	20,000	-	20,000		
	Campania WTS - Portable Toilet to replace hired toilet	-	-	-	Hire fee funded in operating budget	
	Dysart WTS - Portable Toilet to replace hired toilet	-	-	-	Hire fee funded in operating budget	
		20,000	**-**	**20,000**		
GROWTH **TOURISM**	Kempton - Pergolas (Roadside Stopover)	10,000	-	10,000		
	Oatlands - Heritage Interpretation Panel renewal	2,000	-	2,000	Budget C/F	
	Oatlands Accommodation Facility	-	42,283 -	42,283	WIP $42,283 (Offset by Barrack Street Property)	
		12,000	**42,283 -**	**30,283**		
LANDSCAPES **HERITAGE**	General Interpretation Signage (Bagdad, Wellington St Chapel, Baden Hall)	10,000	-	10,000		
	Jericho - Memorial Avenue - Plaques	20,500	23,814 -	3,314	Budget C/F WIP $23813.64 Offset by donation of $500.	
	Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park - Interps	19,545	-	19,545	Budget C/F	
	Oatlands - Callington Mill - Structural Repair & External painting	120,000	-	120,000	Budget C/F $80K	
	Oatlands - Gaol (Cell Footprint Rehabilitation and Interpretation)	162,889	13,595	149,294	Budget C/F $40K	
	Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Chimney Capping & Fireplace Repairs)	5,000	1,385	3,615	Budget C/F WIP $1384.81	
	Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Lighting & Hanging System Upgrade)	5,000	973	4,027	Budget C/F WIP $972.97	
	Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Wingwall)	23,000	15,530	7,470	Budget C/F WIP $15,277.01	
	Oatlands - Heritage Collections Store	10,000	3,700	6,300	WIP $3,700	
	Oatlands - Roche Hall (Building suitable for PRISM)	244,161	56,880	187,281	Budget C/F $144,161 WIP $56,880.22	
	Oatlands - Roche Hall Forecourt (Interps - Planning Condition of Approval)	40,000	7,820	32,180	Budget C/F WIP $7,820	
		660,095	**123,697**	**536,398**		
NATURAL	Bagdad - Chauncy Vale (Restoration of Winter Walk track to Day Dawn Cottage)	28,658	-	28,658		
	Chauncy Vale - Toilet & Interps Upgrade	100,000	72,925	27,075	Budget C/F WIP $70,662.50 Election Commitment $80K	30 June 2026
	Campania - Bush Reserve / Cemetery	300,000	114,018	185,982	Budget C/F WIP $109,937.24	
	Oatlands - Dulverton Foreshore & Mahers Point (Table and Seating/New Seat Mahers Pc	10,000	-	10,000		
	Oatlands - Dulverton Foreshore (Renew Faded Interpretation Signage)	8,000	-	8,000		
		446,658	**186,943**	**259,715**		
LANDSCAPES **REGULATORY - DEVELOPMENT**	Kempton - Erskine Street Subdivision	-	1,235 -	1,235	Funded from sale of property WIP $1235.45	
	Oatlands - Stanley Street Master Plan	20,000	172	19,828	Budget c/f WIP $172	
	Planning Scheme Amendments	50,000	-	50,000		
	Property Purchase - 10 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	530,000	-	530,000	Budget C/F	
		600,000	**1,407**	**598,593**		

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2026-27
As at 31 July 2026

		BUDGET $	EXPENDITURE $	BALANCE $	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
REGULATORY	Campania - Cemetery (fencing & landscaping)	50,000	-	50,000		
- PUBLIC HEALTH	Woodsdale - Cemetery (Additional Columbarium)	8,121	1,845	6,276	Funded from Committee Contribution	
		58,121	**1,845**	**56,276**		
ANIMAL CONTROL	Nil	-	-	-		
		-	-	-		
COMMUNITY						
RECREATION	Recreation Committee	40,000	-	40,000		
	Buildings General Allocation (Sites TBC following Inspection)	50,000	-	50,000		
	Playground Upgrades (Locations TBC following inspection)	50,000	-	50,000		
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Precinct Plan & Property Transfer)	111,000	95,003	15,997	$111K Budget c/f WIP $95,003	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Redevelopment)	-	50,931	- 50,931	WIP $50,931.23	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Sports Pavilion)	-	222,416	- 222,416	WIP $222,406.30 Subject to Funding	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Multi-purpose Sports Hall)	-	252,160	- 252,160	WIP $252,160 Subject to Funding	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Oval Relocation)	-	26,500	- 26,500	WIP $25,500 Subject to Funding	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Wastewater System)	200,000	37,125	162,875	Budget C/F WIP $24,268.52	
	Bagdad - Eddington Cottage (Stabilisation, Safety & Security)	30,000	-	30,000		
	Bagdad - Iden Park (Minor Upgrades)	75,000	-	75,000	Budget C/F	
	Campania - Flour Mill Park (Redevelopment - Court Upgrade, Dog Park, Drainage)	108,000	-	108,000	Budget C/F $68K	
	Colebrook - Hall (Windows, Ramps, Double Doors)	10,000	-	10,000	Budget C/F	
	Kempton - Carriage Shed (External Repair & Repainting)	11,700	-	11,700	Budget C/F	
	Kempton Rec Ground - Playground Development (Year 1 of 2 - $100 per year)	100,000	846	99,154		
	Levendale Playground Development	20,000	-	20,000		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Female Change Rooms / Shower Cubicles)	10,000	-	10,000	Budget C/F	
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Learn to Swim- Life Jackets)	2,000	-	2,000		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Learn to Swim - Platform)	7,500	-	7,500		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Allowance - Pumps Replacement)	10,000	-	10,000		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Gymnasium - Equipment Upgrade - cross trainer / mirrors)	6,800	-	6,800		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Storage area for boat & lane rope)	5,000	-	5,000		
	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	782	7,218	Budget C/F WIP $781.95	
	Oatlands - Midlands Community Centre (External Painting - Front of Building)	8,000	-	8,000	Budget C/F	
	Oatlands - Off-Lead Dog Park	35,000	1,947	33,053	Budget C/F WIP $1,947	
	Oatlands - Recreation Ground (Redevelopment)	-	175,721	- 175,721	Subject to Funding WIP $175,720.50	
	Oatlands - Recreation Ground (Electronic Scoreboard)	55,145	73,519	- 18,374	AFL Grant, OFC Contribution, SMC $30K WIP $65,481.52	
	Tunnack - Recreation Ground (Toilet Block Painting)	4,000	-	4,000	Budget C/F	
	Water Bottle Refill Stations	7,980	-	7,980	Budget C/F	
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Hall (Playground Safety Fence)	4,000	-	4,000		
		1,009,125	**951,381**	**57,744**		
FAMILIES	Kempton - Childcare Centre (Year 1 of 2)	65,000	46,918	18,082	WIP $27,453.72	
		65,000	**46,918**	**18,082**		
CAPACITY	Oatlands - Men's Shed (Window, Roof & other improvements)	8,200	1,002	7,198	Aust Govt (National Shed Develoment Programme)	31 December 2026
		8,200	**1,002**	**7,198**		

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2026-27
As at 31 July 2026

		BUDGET $	EXPENDITURE $	BALANCE $	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
SAFETY	Sale of Fire Sheds to Crown	-	2,646	- 2,646	Expenses offset by income from sale	
		-	**2,646**	**- 2,646**		
ORGANISATION **SUSTAINABILITY**	Council Website Upgrade	55,000	13,260	41,740	Includes $40K budget c/f	
	Communications Link Upgrade	5,000	-	5,000	Budget C/F	
	Centralise Security Camera Systems (including server)	25,000	2,960	22,040	Includes $10K budget c/f	
	Computer / Network Upgrades	12,194	-	12,194	Budget C/F	
	Exchange and Office Upgrade - Perpetual Licence	48,000	-	48,000		
	Hardware Failure Allowance	10,000	-	10,000		
	Oatlands Depot and Kempton Chambers (Alarm System Upgrades)	5,000	-	5,000		
	WIFI Equipment	7,000	-	7,000	Budget C/F	
	Kempton - Council Chambers (Office Furniture & Equipment)	7,500	-	7,500		
	Oatlands - Town Hall (Office Furniture & Equipment)	7,500	-	7,500		
	Oatlands - Town Hall Toilets (Year 2 of 5 commitment - total $300K per annum)	700,000	20,564	679,436	$400K Budget C/F WIP $17,794.27	
		882,194	**36,784**	**845,410**		
WORKS	Kempton - Works Depot (Toilet / Shower Upgrade)	30,000	-	30,000	Budget C/F	
	Oatlands Depot - Vehicle Hoist	5,000	-	5,000		
	Oatlands Depot - Quick Fill Tank	10,000	-	10,000		
	Minor Plant Purchases	12,000	-	12,000		
	Radio System	5,000	-	5,000		
	Plant Replacement Program					
	Heavy Vehicles - Gross Amount (Trade Allowance - $304K)	724,758	-	724,758		
	Light Vehicles - Gross Amount (Trade Allowance - $741K)	660,133	-	660,133		
		1,446,891	**-**	**1,446,891**		
	GRAND TOTALS	**$9,544,012.50**	**$2,109,704.90**	**$7,434,307.60**		

CASH FLOW 2026/2027	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) **July 2026** **$**	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) **Aug 2026** **$**	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) **Sep 2026** **$**	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) **Oct 2026** **$**	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) **Nov 2026** **$**	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) **Dec 2026** **$**	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) **Jan 2027** **$**	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) **Feb 2027** **$**	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) **Mar 2027** **$**	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) **Apr 2027** **$**	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) **May 2027** **$**	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) **Jun 2027** **$**	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) **(Total 2026/27)** **$**
Cash flows from operating activities													
Payments													
Employee costs	(413,989)												(413,989)
Materials and contracts	(588,215)												(588,215)
Interest													0
Other	(9,791)												(9,791)
	(1,011,995)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,011,995)
Receipts													
Rates	448,063												448,063
User charges	170,386												170,386
Interest received	31,162												31,162
Subsidies													0
Operating Grants													0
Other	18,850												18,850
	668,461	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	668,461
Net cash from operating activities	(343,534)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(343,534)
Cash flows from investing activities													
Payments for property, plant & equipment	(114,062)												(114,062)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment													0
Proceeds from Capital grants	8,200												8,200
Proceeds from Investments													0
Payment for Investments													0
Net cash used in investing activities	(105,862)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(105,862)
Cash flows from financing activities													
Repayment of borrowings													0
Proceeds from borrowings													0
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(449,396)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(449,396)
Cash at beginning of reporting month	16,105,388	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,105,388
Cash at end of reporting period	**15,655,992**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**15,655,992**

17.3.2 2025/2026 Southern Midlands Council – Complete set of Financial Statements

Author: GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)
MANAGER FINANCE (A BURBURY)

Date: 12 AUGUST 2026

Attachment(s):
Southern Midlands Council – Financial Statements – 2025/2026 Financial Year
Heritage Education and Skills Centre Limited – Period Ended 13 May 2026 (Date of deregistration) – Information Only

ISSUE

Tabling of Financial Statement(s) in accordance with section 84 of the *Local Government Act 1993.*

BACKGROUND

Section 84 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (*the Act) requires the General Manager to prepare and forward to the Auditor-General a copy of the council's financial statements for each financial year in accordance with the *Audit Act 2008*.

The following is an extract from the *Local Government Act 1993*:

> ***"84. Financial statements***
> *(1) The general manager is to prepare and forward to the Auditor-General a copy of the council's financial statements for each financial year in accordance with the Audit Act 2008 .*
> *(2) Any financial statement for a financial year is to–*
> *(A. . . . .*
> *(b) specify any interests as notified to the general manager of any councillor in respect of any body or organisation with which the council has major financial dealings; and*
> *(c) contain a comparison between the council's actual and estimated revenue and expenditure for that financial year; and*
> *(d) contain a statement of any revenue and expenditure of a council committee, a special committee or a controlling authority; and*
> *(da) contain a statement of the operating, capital and competitive neutrality costs in respect of each significant business activity undertaken by the council during that financial year together with a statement of the revenue associated with that activity; and*
> *(db) contain financial management indicators, and asset management indicators, specified in an order under subsection (2A) ; and*
> *(e) contain any other information the Minister determines.*
> *(2A) The Minister, by order, may specify –*
> *(a) financial management indicators; and*
> *(b) asset management indicators –*
> *to be included in the financial statements of councils.*

> *(2B) The Minister is to consult with councils as to the matters to be included in an order under subsection (2A) .*
> *(3) The general manager is to certify that, in accordance with this Act and any other relevant Act, the financial statements fairly represent –*
> *(a) the financial position of the council; and*
> *(b) the results of the council's operations; and*
> *(c) the cash flow of the council.*
> *(4) The general manager is to ensure that the certified financial statements are tabled at a meeting of the council as soon as practicable.*
> *(5) In this section –*
> ***competitive neutrality costs** means the costs required to be taken into account under the competitive neutrality principles."*

The *Audit Act 2008* requires the statements to be lodged with 45 days after the end of each financial year.

DETAIL

Refer attached copies of the 2025/2026 Financial Report(s).

It is confirmed that the Southern Midlands Council's Statement(s) were lodged with the Auditor-General (Tasmanian Audit Office) on Thursday 13 August 2026 which is within the legislative timeframe of 45 days as required by the *Audit Act 2008*.

With regard to Heritage Education and Skills Centre Ltd, the Directors' Declaration was signed for the Financial Statement on 20 August 2026. The report is provided for information purposes, noting that the figures are consolidated into the Southern Midlands Council Statements.

The draft Statements, which are still subject to audit, will be presented to Council's Audit Panel's meeting to be held on 22 September 2026.

The following information details some of the more significant variances in the 'Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income':

	Budget $'000	Actual $'000	Variance $'000	Comments
Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income				
RECURRENT INCOME				
Rates and charges	7,811	7,891	80	Growth in the rate base exceeded budget estimates.
User Fees	1,233	1,495	264	Volunteer Contributions of $191K are not budgeted but recognised as Income – offset in Expenses. Special Committee Income of $12K is not budgeted but recognised as Income. Aquatic Centre Income exceeded Budget by $54K – this includes EV Charging Station recoveries.
Grants - Recurrent	4,745	6,456	1,711	In 2024/2025 we received 50% of the 2025/26 FAGS grant in advance. This equated to $2.4 million. Our budget was based on receiving the same percentage of grant in advance, however in 2025/26 Council received 80% of the 2026/27 FAGS grant in advance, which was $4.037 million. The difference being an additional $1.637 million in income for the period.
Other Income	466	625	159	Income from Private Works exceeded budget by $203K, plus an increase in Heavy Vehicle Licence Fees of $25K above budget. Total variation reduced or offset by reduced income from Public Open Space contributions (i.e. subdivision development that did not occur).

	Budget $'000	Actual $'000	Variance $'000	Comments
NET CAPITAL INCOME				
Grants - Capital	1,065	3,108	2,043	The Budget amount of $1.065 million related to the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery Grant funding program. In addition to this amount, Council received $630K as the final instalment of the Local and Regional Community Infrastructure Program (Phase 4); $400K through the State Government's Open Spaces Program; $93K from the Vulnerable Road Users Program. A further $914K was reported as Grants received in advance as at 30 June 20025 and shown as a liability, and recognised as Income in the 2025/2026 financial year.
Net gain on disposal of property, plant, equipment and infrastructure	0	-527	-527	The net loss on disposal of the Woodsdale Recreation Ground property was $511K. This was basically the full written down value of the property which was sold for $1. The balance of $16K was the combined total of losses relating to the sale of plant, machinery and other minor assets.
EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS				
Employee benefits	5,866	5,127	739	Reduced operating costs due to employee resources being used for capital projects during the reporting period.
Materials and contracts	3,985	4,026	-41	Although there were some variations within individual Programs, overall expenditure on Materials and Contracts was consistent with budget.

	Budget $'000	Actual $'000	Variance $'000	
Depreciation	4,739	5,386	647	Increased depreciation expense due to revaluation of assets. The variation is primarily due to the revaluation of Buildings (and other land improvements) – increased depreciation of $622K compared to the prior year and $417K over budget. In addition: - depreciation on Road assets exceeded budget by $93K; - depreciation on Bridge assets exceeded budget by $24K; - depreciation on Stormwater assets exceeded budget by $20K; - depreciation on Plant, machinery and equipment exceeded budget by $51K.
Other Expenses	554	573	-21	Audit fees were $8K higher than budget due to audits of special purpose grants. Councillor Allowances and expenses exceeded budget by $5K.

	30 June 2025 $'000	30 June 2026 $'000	Variance $'000	Comments
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	11,901	13,105	1,204	The increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents of $1,204 million, plus the $3 million Investment, is primarily due to receiving $4,037 million in advance from the Australian Government for the 2026/27 Financial Assistance Grant.
Investments	0	3,000	3,000	Term Deposit invested for a six-month period. Given the period of investment exceeds 3 months, it is recognised as an Investment (as opposed to being part of the Cash and Cash Equivalents)
Trade and other receivables	2,299	1,226	-1,073	Trade and other receivables has decreased substantially as there was a single unpaid Invoice as at 30/6/2025 valued at $1,176 million.
Other assets	183	194	11	An increase in Stores and materials
Investment in Water Corporation	12,920	13,338	418	Council's equity share in TasWater increased by $418K in 2025/26.
Property, plant, equipment, infrastructure and intangibles	166,298	172,902	6,604	The increase in the value of assets of $6.6m includes: • Revaluation of Buildings - increase in gross book value of $7.11 million and reduction in accumulated depreciation of $902K. Net movement is an increase of $8.147 million. • Revaluation of Bridges - decrease in book value of $599K; • Capital acquisitions (including work in progress) of $6.07m; • Disposal of Land and Buildings $511K (Woodsdale Recreation Ground); • Disposal of Plant $359K; and • Depreciation and Amortisation of $5.386m

	30 June 2024 $'000	30 June 2025 $'000	Variance $'000	
Trade and other payables	940	659	-281	Decrease in the value of June 2026 invoices actually paid in July.
Contract Liabilities	924	20	-904	Contract liabilities are capital grants received but not expended in the financial year. The 2024/25 Contract Liabilities consisted of State Government funding for the Kempton Pathway, election commitments and Bus Stop Program (totaling $923K) and Australian Government funding for Melton Mowbray DVA Grant ($1K). These funds have subsequently been expended.

The General Manager and/or Manager Finance will provide any further explanation required and respond to any questions.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Taking into account the above comments, Council reported an underlying surplus of $135K. The underlying result is calculated by deducting recurrent expenditure from recurrent income.

Note: Recurrent income excludes income received for specifically new or upgraded assets, physical resources received free of charge or other income of a capital nature.

The intent of the underlying result is to show the outcome of a council's normal or usual day to day operations.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Not applicable.

Council Web Site Implications - A copy of the audited Statement will be included on the website as part of the 2025/26 Annual Report when completed.

Policy Implications – N/A.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Report completed and submitted to the Auditor General within the statutory timeframe.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive the following:

1. **Southern Midlands Council - Complete set of Financial Statements 2025/26; and**
2. **Heritage Education and Skills Centre Ltd - Financial Statements for Period Ended 13 May 2026.**

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

THAT Council receive the following:

1. **Southern Midlands Council - Complete set of Financial Statements 2025/26; and**
2. **Heritage Education and Skills Centre Ltd - Financial Statements for Period Ended 13 May 2026.**

CARRIED

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

18. MUNICIPAL SEAL

Nil.

19. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

19.1 Colebrook Fire Brigade – Request for Remission of Development Services Fees

Author: GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

Date: 25 AUGUST 2026

Enclosure(s):
Colebrook Fire Brigade – Letter dated 21 August 2026 - Attached

ISSUE

Council to consider a request for a remission of development services fees.

BACKGROUND

Nil.

DETAIL

Refer attached letter.

The Colebrook Fire Brigade has requested a remission from the payment of planning fees relating to planned development at the Brigade Station property situated at 63 Richmond Street, Colebrook.

Note: This property currently forms part of the Council-owned Colebrook Recreation Ground. A subdivision of land is currently being processed with the intent being to transfer ownership of the subdivided parcel to the Tasmania Fire Service.

The request for remission is to be considered under Council's 'Remission of Development & Environmental Services Fees for Charitable, Community & Sporting Bodies Policy'.

In terms of process, the following is an extract from the Policy:

"3. PROCEDURE

3.1 Organisations seeking a remission of a portion of their fees, are to submit a written request to Council, demonstrating eligibility under this policy.

3.2 Requests are to be determined on a case-by-case basis by Council, taking into consideration:

(a) The level of public good generated by the organisation generally,

(b) The level of community benefit anticipated to flow from the particular project.

3.3 All external costs incurred by Council will not be subject to a remission.

3.4 All other applicable fees may be remitted, to a maximum proportion of 50%.

3.5 All fees are to be paid in full upon lodgement of the necessary applications. Any fees waived by Council are to be remitted upon completion of the development."

Human Resources & Financial Implications – It is confirmed that due to the desired positioning of the container, and the proposed reduction in setback, it is a discretionary application. As such, the following fees are payable:

- Development Assessment Fee - $420
- Advertising (Discretionary Application) - $520.00

The latter fee is an external cost incurred by Council (i.e. Mercury advertising) and based on the policy, is not subject to a remission.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – the Colebrook Fire Brigade is basically a volunteer organisation, albeit under the umbrella of the Tasmania Fire Service. As mentioned in the letter, the establishment of this storage and BBQ area will greatly assist in the recruitment and retention of volunteer members.

Policy Implications – Policy related decision.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Immediate.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT, in accordance with Council's Remission of Development & Environmental Services Fees for Charitable, Community & Sporting Bodies Policy, Council:

1. **Grant a remission of $210, being 50% of the applicable Development Assessment Fee of $420; and**
2. **Note that the $520 advertising fee is an external cost incurred by Council and is therefore not eligible for remission under the Policy.**

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

THAT, in accordance with Council's Remission of Development & Environmental Services Fees for Charitable, Community & Sporting Bodies Policy, Council:

1. **Grant a remission of $210, being 50% of the applicable Development Assessment Fee of $420; and**
2. **Note that the $520 advertising fee is an external cost incurred by Council and is therefore not eligible for remission under the Policy.**

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 19.1

Colebrook Fire Brigade

63 Richmond Street

Colebrook - 7027

Mr Tim Kirkwood

General Manager

Southern Midlands Council

High Street

Oatlands

21 August 2026

Dear Tim,

Re: Planning Approval Fees for a proposed installation of roofed metal storage container and attached BBQ area at Colebrook Fire Station – 63 Richmond Street, Colebrook

On behalf of the Colebrook Fire Brigade, I respectfully request an exemption to payment of planning fees for the above proposal which will also require a near zero setback from the existing fence immediately adjacent to the oval.

I have been advised by Council Officers that No Building Permit is required, however as the property sits inside the 'village zone', Planning Approval is required.

The use of 'Emergency Services' is a permitted use.

Front and rear setbacks of 4.5m and side boundary setbacks are 3.0m and allowable under the Code.

The rear setback is achievable but the oval side of 3.0m would severely affect the use of the training area available given we are already restricted due to bare TasNetworks cabling existing on the shared boundary of number 61 which do not benefit any of numbers 61, 63 or SMC.

I am advised to vary the side setback will require a Planning Permit application under 'Discretionary Approval".

The prevailing strongest destructive winds blow across the oval and this is demonstrated by the damage to the boundary fence along the 61 – 63 common boundary with the fence on a severe lean towards No. 61.

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The proposed logical positioning of the container alongside the oval fence is designed to create a windbreak for the proposed BBQ area which will enhance the enjoyment and retention to our volunteer members.

Having undertaken soil testing for future station works, the soil classification report classified this property as H2 - reactive soils.

Advice from a consulting civil engineer, has suggested that 450(dia) bored concrete footings (min 1.5m depth) and a squared extension cap with galvanised holding down base plates, will be required to allow the container and other columns to be welded into place to assure structural efficiency.

The BBQ area will require a 130mm thick SL81 reinforced slab over a minimum of 120mm thick of FCR20 consolidated base, due again to the H2 soil classification.

The roofed area of the container will be corrugated colorbond and the BBQ area nominally a mix of corrugated colorbond and pvc sheeting.

Our East Coast A/District Officer (Aaron Blizzard) has agreed to provide the container and its footings as a contribution to this proposal with the remaining construction and costs being provided by our members as we move forward to our 60th Anniversary in 2028.

Volunteers are very hard to recruit and maintain continuity in today's lifestyles and we believe the establishment of this storage and BBQ area will greatly assist in the enhancement of our members.

Should you require further information, please contact me on 0418 124 637.

Yours faithfully

(Laurie Smythe)

Colebrook Brigade Chief

(Attachments x 6)

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION
Moved by Clr B Campbell, seconded by Clr 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	***Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* Reference**
Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation	*17(2)*
Applications for Leave of Absence	*17(2)(h)(i)*
Sale of Property for Unpaid Rates & Charges	*17(2)(g)*
Property Development Matter	*17(2)(e)*
Mount Seymour Hall	*17(3)(c)*
Building Order Enforcement Update	*17(2)(g)*

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	✓	

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 Clr B Campbell, seconded by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon

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

CLOSED COUNCIL MINUTES

20. BUSINESS IN "CLOSED SESSION"

20.1 Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council.
Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 17(2) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

20.2 Applications for Leave of Absence

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council.
Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 17(2)(i) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

20.3 Sale of Property for Unpaid Rates and Charges

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)(g) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

20.4 Property Development Matter

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council.
Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 17(2)(e) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

20.5 Mount Seymour Hall

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)(c) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

20.6 Building Order Enforcement Update

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)(g) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council move out of "Closed Session".

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 12.44 p.m.