



# **MINUTES**

## **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

---

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
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 ON WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 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, Cllr A E Bisdee OAM, Cllr D Blackwell (entered the meeting at 10.05 a.m.), Cllr B Campbell and Cllr D Fish.

Mr T Kirkwood (General Manager), Mr A Benson (Deputy General Manager), Mr D Richardson (Manager Infrastructure and Works), Mr G Finn (Manager Development and Environmental Services), Ms W Young (Manager, Community and Corporate Development), Mr A Briggs (Oatlands Aquatic Centre Coordinator), Mr A Townsend (Heritage Projects Officer) and Ms J Crosswell (Executive Assistant).

### 4. APOLOGIES

Cllr F Miller

### DECISION

*Moved by Cllr D Fish, seconded by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon*

**THAT the apology from Cllr F Miller be received and a leave of absence granted for the Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## 5. MINUTES

### 5.1 Ordinary Council Meeting

The Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the previous meeting of Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 be confirmed.**

#### DECISION

*Moved by Cllr B Campbell, seconded by Cllr D Fish*

**THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 be confirmed.**

#### CARRIED

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

### 5.2 Special Committees of Council Minutes

#### 5.2.1 Special Committees of Council - Receipt of Minutes

The Minutes of the following Special Committee of Council, as circulated, are submitted for receipt:

- Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary Management Committee Meeting Minutes – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the minutes of the Special Committee of Council be received.**

## DECISION

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

**THAT the minutes of the Special Committee of Council be received.**

**CARRIED**

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

### 5.2.2 Special Committees of Council - Endorsement of Recommendations

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

- Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary Management Committee Meeting Minutes – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## RECOMMENDATION

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

## DECISION

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

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

**CARRIED**

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

*Cllr D Blackwell entered the meeting at 10.05 a.m.*

### **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)**

Report prepared by the following Joint Authority, as circulated, are submitted for receipt:

- TasWaste South – September 2025 Quarterly Report.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the quarterly report prepared by the above Joint Authority be received.**

#### **DECISION**

*Moved by Cllr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Cllr D Fish*

**THAT the quarterly report prepared by the above Joint Authority be received.**

#### **CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr D Blackwell	✓	
Cllr B Campbell	✓	
Cllr D Fish	✓	

## **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<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at the Council Chambers, Oatlands commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Attendance: Mayor E Batt, Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, Cllrs A E Bisdee OAM, D Blackwell, B Campbell, D Fish and F Miller (remotely).

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

Apologies: Nil.

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

### **1. Kempton Community Health Centre – Old Hunting Ground Road, Kempton**

Preliminary discussion of issues relating to the future of the Kempton Community Health Centre at Kempton, including a proposal to terminate the lease agreement and transfer control back to the Department of Education. Refer Council Agenda Item for detail.

### **2. Council Visit - Year 2/3 Students from Oatlands District High School**

Miss Bernadette Tomac (Teacher) accompanied approximately 16 students from year 2/3 at ODHS to assist with their studies in Local Government. Students were introduced to Councillors and provided with basic information on the duties of Councillors.

An opportunity was provided for students to ask questions and responses were provided.

### **3. Tunbridge Community Hall**

General Manager reported an incident of vandalism at the Toilets located at the rear of the Tunbridge Community Hall. Estimated cost of repair approximately \$2,000.

There is not a Building/Contents insurance policy in place for the Hall which is a community owned facility (trustees Tunbridge Hall). If not repaired, there is no publicly accessible toilet within Tunbridge and the Hall cannot be used for any purpose. Tunbridge Hall Management Committee may have limited funds to contribute but amount unknown.

In recognition that the Toilets are publicly accessible, Council will fund the immediate repairs. In the short-term, and in response to concerns regarding the future sustainability and viability of the Hall, Council will facilitate a community meeting to ascertain the level of community support.



A discussion will also be arranged with representatives of the Tunbridge Community Club to consider an option of possibly incorporating a publicly accessible toilet facility within the Club property.

#### **4. Oatlands Medical Practice – Tender for Rural Medical Services**

Verbal update provided by the General Manager. The Oatlands Medical Practice will be finalising its tender submission by 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (i.e. the extended timeframe) and Council has provided a letter of support to include with the 'request for tender'.

#### **5. Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2025 – Exposure Draft Consultation**

Copy of the presentation provided to General Managers by the Office of Local Government circulated for information. The presentation includes the reform development timelines; the proposed targeted amendments and related comments.

#### **6. Office Closure During the Christmas New Year Period**

Council offices to close at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and re-open on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 at 9.00 a.m.

#### **7. Other Matters:**

- 7.1 Confirmed December 2025 Ordinary Meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 commencing at 2.00 p.m. at the Kempton Council Chambers. The Annual General Meeting will follow and commence at 5.00 p.m.
- 7.2 Cllr D Blackwell informed Council that Alan Townsend (Council's Heritage Officer) will be interviewing Lucy Blackwell (an aged Broadmarsh resident) for the purpose of capturing and recording history of the area and its people. This can potentially form part of a broader tourism opportunity within that locality.
- 7.3 Cllr D Blackwell informed Council that ABC Radio (Tony Briscoe) will be broadcasting the 'Tasmanian Country Hour' show live from the Broadmarsh Community Hall – date to be confirmed.
- 7.4 Woodsdale Remembrance Day Ceremony (11/11/2025) – confirmed Mayor Batt will attend the Woodsdale event representing the Southern Midlands Council.
- 7.5 Services Australia – Information Bus – visit to Oatlands.  
Concerns / complaints received relating to the location where the Information Bus set up in High Street, Oatlands (i.e. outside High School).  
The Manager Infrastructure & Works advised that this site was identified due to a number of factors mainly the road camber (accessibility) and being a high profile location.
- 7.6 Alan Townsend (Senior Heritage Projects Officer) will be interviewing Lucy Blackwell (an elderly Broadmarsh resident) for the purpose of capturing and recording history of the area and its people. This can potentially form part of a broader tourism opportunity within that locality.

The workshop concluded at approximately 11.30 a.m.

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the information be received.**

## DECISION

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

**THAT the information be received, noting that a report relating to the Kempton Community Health Centre will be submitted to a later meeting.**

## CARRIED

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

## **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.

**Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Defibrillator (Colebrook)** – referred to an Email received from Ms Olivia Jones requesting any assistance or advice to place a Defibrillator in Colebrook.

*The meeting was informed that two Defibrillators have been stolen in the past (i.e. Colebrook Post Office and Colebrook Shop). It was acknowledged that the most appropriate service location would be the Colebrook Fire Brigade as this can be accessed 24 hours per day via the emergency activation (pager) system.*

**Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Tunbridge Community Hall – Update sought**

*General Manager advised that the community meeting to discuss the future of the Tunbridge Community Hall would be held in January 2026. The Tunbridge Community Club has been contacted (re: the proposal of possibly constructing a toilet facility that would be accessible from outside the Club premises) and this will be considered in December following the Annual General Meeting scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025.*

**Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Woodsdale Recreation Ground – Update sought**

*General Manager advised that the Contract for Sale of Real Estate has now been executed and is with the solicitors who will proceed to finalise the transfer of ownership.*

**Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Jericho Memorial Avenue – Plaques – Update sought**

*Report on current status and expected completion date to be obtained from the Manager Heritage Projects.*

**Clr A Bisdee – Melton Mowbray Trough** – acknowledged the return of the historic Sandstone Trough and commended the works team.

**Clr A Bisdee – Tasmania Fire Service – Transfer of Properties – Update sought**

*General Manager advised that he and the Manager Infrastructure & Works had recently met with the TFS District Officer to discuss the current status of the proposal(s). Awaiting correspondence from the TFS which will be referred to Council for consideration – likely at the next scheduled workshop.*

**Clr A Bisdee – Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Sign (South Parade Entrance) – needs to be relocated to improve visibility of the sign.**

*Manager Infrastructure & Works informed the meeting that an additional directional sign would be installed opposite the entrance as opposed to relocating the existing sign.*

**Clr A Bisdee – Kempton Council Offices – Repair Works – Update sought**

*Deputy General Manager advised that the works are basically completed. A final inspection is scheduled for the first week in December 2025.*

**CI B Campbell – Jericho Probation Station – commented re: the condition of the property.**

*Actual ownership of the property to be researched and confirmed.*

**CI B Campbell – former Levendale School Property – Current status?**

*The meeting was informed that the property is being sold by auction on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025.*

**Clr B Campbell – Radio Station – 97.1 MidFM – Update sought**

*The General Manager indicated that he has spoken to a representation from the Radio Station and it is apparent that there are some operational issues. The Radio Station personnel are due to meet and provide an update to Council. It was confirmed that Council does meet the Aurora costs associated with the Radio Station transmitter. Actual cost to be confirmed.*

**Clr D Fish – Property Owners – ‘No Spray’ requirement**

*Manager Infrastructure & Works referred to Council’s ‘No Spray’ Register whereby a property can be included to avoid spraying the verge outside the property. The property owner generally has to advise what measures they will take to manage the roadside vegetation.*

**Mayor E Batt – Ballyhooly Road, Mangalore - contact from property owner re: roadside vegetation.**

*Manager Infrastructure & Works to assess and take appropriate action.*

**Mayor E Batt – Kempton Memorial Hall (2 Issues) – Loose Paver and Line marking at Junction.**

*Manager Infrastructure & Works to assess and take appropriate action.*

**Mayor E Batt – Junior Mayor Proposal**

*To be discussed at the next scheduled workshop.*

**Mayor E Batt – Melton Mowbray Park – Seating (offer by ratepayer).**

*Manager Infrastructure & Works to follow-up.*

**Mayor E Batt – Kempton Post Office – Community Noticeboard**

*Generally agreed to support the installation of a Community Noticeboard at the Post Office. Mayor to provide additional detail in relation to possible design.*

## **8. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the chairman of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest in any item on the Agenda.

Accordingly, Councillors are requested to advise of a pecuniary interest they may have in respect to any matter on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which Council has resolved to deal with, in accordance with Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

Nil.

## **9. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA**

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Council, by absolute majority may decide at an ordinary meeting to deal with a matter that is not on the agenda if the General Manager has reported –

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

Nil.



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

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

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

### **36. Questions by member of the public**

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

### **37. Questions without notice by member of the public**

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

### **38. Questions on notice by member of the public**

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

Councillors are advised that, at the time of issuing the Agenda, no Questions on Notice had been received from members of the Public.

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

### **Julia Jabour – Lake Dulverton – Control of Dogs**

Lake Dulverton – sought clarification regarding the new rules relating to the management of dogs on the foreshore and use of the walking track.

*Detail provided and follow-up confirmation will be provided.*

### **10.1 Permission to Address Council**

Nil.

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

Nil.

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

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

### **12.1 Development Applications**

Nil.

### **12.2 Subdivisions**

Nil.

### **12.3 Municipal Seal (Planning Authority)**

Nil.

### **12.4 Planning (Other)**

Nil.

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

## **13. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – INFRASTRUCTURE)**

### **13.1 Roads**

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.1**

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

Nil.

### **13.2 Bridges**

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.2**

*Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of bridges in the municipality.*

Nil.

### **13.3 Walkways, Cycle Ways and Trails**

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.3**

*Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of walkways, cycle ways and pedestrian areas to provide consistent accessibility.*

Nil.

### **13.4 Lighting**

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.4**

*Ensure adequate lighting based on demonstrated need / Contestability of energy supply.*

Nil.

### **13.5 Buildings**

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.5**

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

Nil.

### **13.6 Sewer / Water and Energy**

**Strategic Plan Reference(s) 1.6**

*Increase the capacity of access to reticulated sewerage services / Increase the capacity and ability to access water to satisfy development and Community to have access to reticulated water.*

Nil.

## 13.7 Drainage

### Strategic Plan Reference 1.7

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

### 13.7.1 Campania and Kempton Stormwater Modelling Reports

**Author:** MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS (DAVID RICHARDSON)

**Date:** 18 NOVEMBER 2025

**Attachment(s):**

*Campania Stormwater Modelling Report – October 2025 (Flussig Engineers)*

*Kempton Stormwater Modelling Report – November 2025 (Flussig Engineers)*

### ISSUE

Council to receive and endorse the *Campania Stormwater Modelling Report* and the *Kempton Stormwater Modelling Report* prepared by Flussig Engineers.

### BACKGROUND

The *Urban Drainage Act 2013* requires a Council to develop a stormwater system management plan for the urban area of its municipal area.

A stormwater system management plan is to specify –

- (a) plans for the management of any assets used for the delivery of a stormwater service; and
- (b) the level of risk from flooding for each urban stormwater catchment in the public stormwater system; and
- (c) any other matters prescribed in the regulations or that the council considers appropriate.

For the purposes of the Act, Bagdad, Campania, Kempton and Oatlands have been identified as the urban areas.

### DETAIL

The purpose of this Stormwater Modelling Report is to:

- a) assess the hydraulic inflow and outflow characteristics of the township catchment(s) and to identify locations where stormwater performance issues occur; and
- b) ensure compliance with the *Urban Drainage Act 2013*.

The findings of these reports will assist Southern Midlands Council in better understanding, managing, and planning improvements for both the current and future stormwater systems within the study areas.

In understanding the importance of the need for a comprehensive storm water, or drainage strategy, the determination of the impact of rainfall intensity requires some clarification for those not of an Engineering background - Rainfall intensities are determined from statistical data. They relate to a storm that occurs at a certain frequency and lasts for a certain time. For design purposes, Councils dictate what they consider to be an acceptable risk of flooding. Councils would normally opt for a one in 20 year flood frequency design scope. Further Engineers have adopted the term Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP). A 1 in 100 year storm (equates to one time in 100), is 1% AEP, a 1 in 20 year storm (equates to 5 times in 100), ie 5% AEP. So a 5% AEP (Average Exceedance Probability) means there is a 5% chance of a 1 in 20 year storm occurring every year. A 1% AEP means there is a 1% chance of a 1 in 100 year storm occurring every year.

### **Campania Stormwater Modelling Report**

In reference to the Campania report, the results show that, under the 5% AEP design storm, the majority of the stormwater network has adequate capacity to convey flows without causing unacceptable impacts to adjoin properties or creating risks to public safety. The network generally directs flows through the intended drainage paths, with ponding limited to areas where it does not pose significant hazard.

Three areas of concern were identified and investigated for mitigation options, with the level of investigation varying according to feasibility and potential benefit to the community.

1. **Area 1** – Install detention basin behind 45 Reeve Street and channelise overland flow path through Flour Mill Park Reserve.
2. **Area 2** - Upgrade stormwater piped infrastructure draining the sag points on Villeneuve Street and Cockatoo Place.
3. **Area 3** – Channelise and line outflow from stormwater network to Plummers Creek.

Note:

The possible development of the Council owned land off Native Corners Road / Water Lane, and the issues around stormwater disposal and treatment from that subdivision, will require an amendment to this Plan if it proceeds.

### **Kempton Stormwater Modelling Report**

In reference to the Kempton report, the results show that, under the 5% AEP design storm, the majority of the stormwater network has adequate capacity to convey flows without causing unacceptable impacts to adjoining properties or creating risks to public safety. The network generally directs flows through the intended drainage paths, with ponding limited to areas where it does not pose significant hazard.

Two areas of concern were identified and investigated for mitigation options, with the level of investigation varying according to feasibility and potential benefit to the community.

1. **Area 1** – Channelise Glenfern Creek and the unnamed watercourse to the east of the Midland Highway. Construct a table drain linking the two culvert inlets on the eastern side of the Highway.

Rehabilitate and restore hydraulic capacity of Glenfern Creek running between Midland Highway and Main Street by removing built up weeds and debris.

**2. Area 2 – Maintenance work along Green Ponds Rivulet**

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – Council allocated \$50,000 in the 2025/26 Capital Works Program to prepare these reports for the four areas referred to above.

Cost estimates are yet to be determined for the recommended mitigation works.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – Not applicable.

**Policy Implications** – N/A

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – N/A

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT Council**

1. Receive and note the *Campania Stormwater Modelling Report (October 2025)* and the *Kempton Stormwater Modelling Report (November 2025)*, prepared by Flussig Engineers; and
2. Endorse the *Campania Stormwater Modelling Report (October 2025)* and the *Kempton Stormwater Modelling Report (November 2025)*, prepared by Flussig Engineers.

**DECISION**

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

**THAT Council:**

1. Receive and note the *Campania Stormwater Modelling Report (October 2025)* and the *Kempton Stormwater Modelling Report (November 2025)*, prepared by Flussig Engineers; and
2. Endorse the *Campania Stormwater Modelling Report (October 2025)* and the *Kempton Stormwater Modelling Report (November 2025)*, prepared by Flussig Engineers.

**CARRIED**

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

## 13.8 Waste

<b>Strategic Plan Reference 1.8</b>
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<i>Maintenance and improvement of the provision of waste management services to the Community.</i>
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Nil.

## 13.9 Information, Communication Technology

<b>Strategic Plan Reference 1.9</b>
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<i>Improve access to modern communications infrastructure.</i>
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Nil.



## 13.10 Officer Reports – Infrastructure & Works

### 13.10.1 Manager – Infrastructure & Works Report

**Author:** MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS (DAVID RICHARDSON)

**Date:** 19 NOVEMBER 2025

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. **Annual Resealing & Stabilization Program:** The annual road stabilization programme of works is underway, sections of Rhyndaston road, Black gate road, Eldon road and Black brush road have been completed.
5. **Roads Gravel Re-sheeting** works will continue where required.
6. **Inglewood road closure:** Tasrail is undertaking essential level crossing works at the junction of Inglewood and Nala road on the 6<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Current Capital Works

1. **Melton Mowbray Park Development:** Development works continue at Melton Mowbray Park. The trough has been placed at the park and some further tree planting will be completed shortly.
2. **Mood food to Kempton walkway** has commenced construction.
3. **Bagdad Primary school to Bagdad Community club** walkway is almost completed.
4. **Campania Football club change rooms** are underway. Works are progressing well.
5. **Kempton Recreation Ground:**
  - Construction of a new pickle ball/basketball court is completed.
  - Work on new cricket nets is completed.



*Trough returning to Melton Mowbray*

### **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. **Spring grass growth:** Grass growth will be a focus over the coming period.

### **Bridge Works**

1. **Bridge Maintenance:** Minor works on several bridges are currently in progress and will continue as required.

### **Building Services Unit**

1. **Council Building Maintenance:** Ongoing maintenance works have been carried out on various council buildings and will continue.
2. **Construction of Campania Football Club Change Room Additions:** Construction work is well underway.
3. **Ceiling Repair at Roche Hall:** Repair works are in progress and will continue as resources allow.
4. **Tunbridge toilet repairs:** repairs have been completed to toilets due to recent vandalism.

### **Planned Works**

1. **Road Maintenance:**
  - Drainage and pavement repairs on various roads.
  - Edge break repairs across various roads.
2. **Bridge Maintenance:** Ongoing and planned bridge maintenance repairs.
3. **Kempton-Mood Food Pathway:** Construction works continues.
4. **Building Maintenance:** Continued maintenance on various council buildings.
5. **Continued Development at Melton Mowbray Open Space Area:** Tree planting to be completed.
6. **Continued Works at Kempton Recreation Ground:** Ongoing development of recreational facilities at Kempton.
7. **Clean up of block opposite Bagdad community club:** General tidy up of the property has been completed.



**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESIDENTS**  
**Level Crossing works - Inglewood Road, Andover**

With funding support from the Australian and Tasmanian Governments, TasRail is working to improve the safety and reliability of the railway network.

Shaw Contracting has been contracted by TasRail to undertake infrastructure work on the South Line of the Tasmanian Rail Network. The works involve the renewal and resurfacing of the level crossing at Inglewood Road, Andover.

This essential infrastructure work will require **the temporary closure of the level crossing. Motorists are advised that a detour will be in place during this time and extra time should be factored into planned activities.**

Expected hours of operation are:  
**From 6am to 6pm on Saturday 6th of December 2025.**

TasRail is committed to protecting the safety of its employees, contractors, and the public. Residents are asked to be particularly vigilant for vehicle and equipment movements in the area and to always obey traffic management signage and directions given by staff on site.

**Need More Information?**

Should you have any questions or concerns during the working period, please contact TasRail's project representative on 0477 559 660. For community questions or enquiries about this project please also use this contact number.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work to upgrade rail infrastructure around Tasmania.

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 [onlineenquiries@tasrail.com.au](mailto:onlineenquiries@tasrail.com.au)  

## QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS

**Clr D Blackwell** – Pelham Road (Illegal dumping site) – Fire Risk

*Manager Infrastructure & Works to investigate and take appropriate action.*

**Clr B Campbell** – Roadside slashing program – when is it due to commence?

*Manager Infrastructure & Works confirmed that the Contractor has been engaged and will early December 2025.*

**Clr B Campbell** – Junction – Tunnack Road & Blackgate Road, Mount Seymour – unsafe sight distance.

*Manager Infrastructure & Works advised that this issue has been raised with the Department of State Growth as the responsible road authority.*

## RECOMMENDATION

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

## DECISION

*Moved by Cllr D Fish, seconded by Cllr B Campbell*

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

## CARRIED

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

## **14. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – GROWTH)**

### **14.1 Residential**

**Strategic Plan Reference 2.1**

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

Nil.

### **14.2 Tourism**

**Strategic Plan Reference 2.2**

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

Nil.

### **14.3 Business**

**Strategic Plan Reference 2.3**

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

Nil.

### **14.4 Industry**

**Strategic Plan Reference 2.4**

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

Nil.

## 15. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – LANDSCAPES)

### 15.1 Heritage

#### Strategic Plan Reference – Page 22

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

#### 15.1.1 Heritage Project Program Report

**Author:** HERITAGE PROJECTS OFFICER (BRAD WILLIAMS)

**Date:** 26 NOVEMBER 2025

#### 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:

- Staging the *Southern Midlands Open House* weekend on 1-2 November in collaboration with the Institute of Architects (Tasmanian Chapter) and the community. 6,685 people attended the event with 40 places open across the weekend.
- The Melton Mowbray trough has been reinstalled on-site, with the Tasmanian Heritage Register entry finalised. Interpretation panels are currently underway.
- This month's Artist in Residence has been Deirdre Robb, a textile artist from Western Australia.
- Progressing Roche Hall works and the conservation management plan.
- Researching and conservation planning for Eddington's Cottage, Bagdad with preliminary stripout work underway. It appears that the original (possibly c1815-18) timber slab hut was extended c1880 to become an apple packing shed, then converted to a larger house in the 1940s. Once research is finalised, an options paper will be prepared for a Council workshop to discuss the project going-forward. The core of the building being the early slab hut is thought to be one of only three examples of such a building remaining in Tasmania from that early period.
- Michelle and Deb attended the Australasian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural materials conference in Brisbane. *More than materials: Collaborative approaches in cultural heritage conservation.*
- Council's Heritage Collections Database is now live, with a link from Council's website.
- Hosting a Hobart Town First Settlers Association tour of the Broadmarsh area.
- Oral history interviews in conjunction with ABC Radio.
- Preparation and research for an ABC article on Mudwalls Road.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

## DECISION

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

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

## CARRIED

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

## 5.2 Natural

### Strategic Plan Reference – page 23/24

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

### 15.2.1 NRM Unit – General Report

**Author:** NRM UNIT MANAGER (MARIA WEEDING)

**Date:** 18 NOVEMBER 2025

#### DETAIL

- Maria returned to work on 3<sup>rd</sup> November from a four week break. Work has continued on Lake Dulverton matters. Two workshop / informal meetings have been held with the Lake Dulverton Committee to work through the first stages of compiling a Management Statement for Lake Dulverton. This follows on from a meeting with senior management officers from Parks in early October, whereby it was agreed that a new Management Statement for Lake Dulverton be undertaken. Once this was completed, then Parks had identified a process to cancel out the 1980 Lake Dulverton Wildlife Sanctuary Management Plan, which currently remains the main guiding document for the management prescriptions for the Lake, given the 1980 Plan's Statutory level status.
- Helen has been involved with Maria working on the draft Management Statement for Lake Dulverton.
- Helen and Mary have been working together on some difficult access locations at Chauncy Vale to control a number of outbreaks of thistles that are establishing in the bush reserve area.
- Helen continues to do work for the Infrastructure & Works Department in respect of risk management with an emphasis on roadside work jobs. Documentation outlining workplace procedures and development of forms for use by the outdoor workforce has been a focus of her time.

#### Weeds Officer Report, Mary Smyth

14<sup>th</sup> October – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025

#### Enquiries/feedback

A local resident called in to get a grass identified: it was Prairie grass, something that is enjoying the drier conditions this year.

Information sought and provided on contractors for woody weed control on a 4Ha site in Oatlands.

A local resident asked that a couple of localised infestations of Whiteweed be controlled. Site visit imminent.



## **Site visits**

Visited a local property with the owner to scope out their plans for a new shelter belt in 2026. Information has been researched and sent to the landowner, and they are very happy with the support.

Replanted 8 vacant spots on the southern row of the Pound plantings.

Completed the final couple of property visits in our efforts to eradicate boneseed from the Southern Midlands. The number of plants found and destroyed this year totals 27 plants. This is down 16 on last year, and 186 compared with 2023's efforts.

Checked out a couple of historical Chilean needle grass sites: nothing seen at either site. Whilst driving between these sites, a single clump of roadside gazania dug out on Blackbrush Road. This plant was kilometres away from the nearest garden...

Called in briefly to peruse the plantings at Mangalore Recreation Ground: sawfly larvae had almost completely defoliated a couple of the large Swamp gum seedlings, and were rapidly defoliating some of the others. To ensure the seedlings survive, all larvae were squished. Despite the damp conditions underfoot, the cypress are growing well, and the banksias, melaleucas and tea-trees are hanging in there.

Whilst passing, drove in to check on serrated tussock at Spring Hill, but new fencing has been put up along the farm track, so I will organise access at a later date.

## **Communication**

Article on "Creeping menaces" published in the November edition of Southern Midlands Regional News.

Commented on a post on Tasmanian Weeds facebook page. Someone had suggested that a large milk thistle may have been a stemless thistle: I replied with some pointers on how to accurately identify stemless thistle.

Article on tips for woody weed spraying submitted for the next Ratepayers' newsletter.

After many discussions within the NRM unit, a reply sent to LB regarding weed management at the new Youth Justice Facility.

## **Weeds Action Fund Stage 3**

Project 6 Emerging Priority Weed Threats (Tas. wide).

Some back-and-forth with the co-ordinator Steph at Enviro-dynamics, the lessee, and myself. The stemless thistle core zone visited briefly, in dreadful weather, on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November, to photograph the growth stage of the largest remaining thistles. This was to communicate to Steph a deadline for contractor spraying to occur this year. Deadline set for 21.11.25.

Project 4 Invasive Perennial Grasses: Southern and Eastern Tasmania.

Initial communication from Jacob, Island Regen, regarding their intent to survey and possibly control roadside Chilean needle grass in the Coal Valley area. Correspondence continuing.

## **Roadside Woody Weeds**

Elderslie and Jericho are the only areas left to re-visit. Whilst doing these surveys in Woodbury, I spotted and grubbed out 6 cotton thistles and a number of rough poppies. I also discovered common bartsia, amsinckia and wild sage in spots where I hadn't seen them before.

## Research

Compiled up-to-date product lists, price lists, and stockists of various landcare materials, plus updated local weed contractors. This is invaluable information for local land carers, and is regularly sought.

Contributing data on weeds around Lake Dulverton for the revised Lake Dulverton Management Statement.

## Related and extra-curricular activities

Attended the Australian Plants Society northern group's plant sales in Launceston, which theoretically went from 10am – 1pm. Sold out at 11.30am; I arrived at 11.40am...

With the landowner's permission, took a couple of samples of garden plants that could potentially become weedy. They were a *Corydalis*, and a type of comfrey. Species names pending.

Attended the Midlands Tree Committee AGM at Kempton. Landcare Tasmania and Nipaluna Nursery representatives also contributed to the meeting.

Spread a ute-load of mulch on various planted beds around Lake Dulverton, and watered the new plants.

Attended a walk-around led by Graham Green at Tunbridge Lagoon. The lagoon has now been fenced off, but the orchids are struggling, possibly due to the very dry conditions, competition from grasses, and lack of recent patch burning.

## Weed of the Week

Cleavers, Tree mallow, Brome & Prairie grasses, Gazania and Red valerian displayed at Oatlands front office this month.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

## DECISION

*Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, seconded by Cllr D Fish*

**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	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr D Blackwell	✓	
Cllr B Campbell	✓	
Cllr D Fish	✓	

## DECISION

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

**THAT Council break for morning tea at 11.05 a.m.**

**CARRIED**

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

## DECISION

*Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, seconded by Cllr D Fish*

**THAT the meeting reconvene at 11.29 a.m.**

**CARRIED**

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

## 15.3 Cultural

### Strategic Plan Reference 3.3

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

Nil.

## 15.4 Regulatory (Development)

### Strategic Plan Reference 3.4

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

#### 15.4.1 Flour Mill Park Redevelopment Project

**Author:** DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

**Date:** 20 NOVEMBER 2025

**Attachment(s):**

*Flour Mill Park Concept Design Report*

### ISSUE

Further Consideration of the final report on the Flour Mill Park Concept Design Project, at Campania, including the Department of Education, Children & Young People (DECYP) feedback, on the former Flour Mill building and also the feedback on the notion of an Off-Lead Dog Park within Flour Mill Park.

### BACKGROUND

**[EXTRACT]** October 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

*In September 2024, Recreation/Landscape Architects, Inspiring Place were contracted to undertake the following tasks as part of the re-development of Flour Mill Park in Campania;*

- 1. Undertake Community and Stakeholder engagement, including with the Campania District School;*
- 2. Undertake a Consultation Survey;*
- 3. Consider the Opportunities along with Constraints emanating from 1 and 2 above;*
- 4. Consideration of the design principals of the site, whilst understanding the current and future uses of the site;*
- 5. Develop a draft Concept Plan for the site; and*
- 6. Following feedback from Council and the Community deliver a Final Concept Report.*

*At the May 2025 Council Workshop a review of the draft Concept Design Plan prepared by Inspiring Place was undertaken. There was wide ranging discussion about the site and the recommendations that Inspiring Place had put forward. Discussion also covered the Mill building which is owned by the Department of Education, Children and Young People (DECYP), and how that could be used in conjunction with the Park. Following investigation with DECYP it was noted that the building is used every day for school activities and therefore would not be available to provide any ancillary uses in respect of the Flour Mill Park.*

### DETAIL

*Council were supportive of the draft Concept Design and requested Community feedback. That feedback has been included below.*

Community feedback schedule		
Project: Flour Mill Park		
Date: 24.07.25		
Item	Community feedback 22.07.25	Inspiring Place feedback 24.07.25
<b>Beven Family</b>		
Implementation Plan: stage 6; upgrade path network, lighting and fencing	A. Are there any more details available regarding the style of fencing, how it will be fenced, parameters around the park, certain play zones and car park? Just wondering for a security, safety and access perspective.	Flour Mill Park is currently at the concept design stage where further details will be provided at the next stage on fencing, playspace, carparking etc. All details will be conscious of the security, safety and access needs for this site in accordance to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles
"Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) has been addressed for Flour Mill Park to address previous incidents of serious vandalism, misconduct and misuse. Natural surveillance has been adopted to maximise visibility throughout Flour Mill Park. This is through minimising obstructions and clear sightlines through the proposed park facilities for crime prevention."	B. Can this paragraph please be explained more plainly - how will the landscape change and does this involve lighting for safety and security and assume it does not involve the use of cameras, but rather ensuring the trees and shrubs are manicured and maintained for better vision across the park space.	Lighting is proposed to primary pathways with controlled and limited operational hours during the evening. Use of cameras are not proposed at this stage. Existing trees and mass planting within Flour Mill Park will be reviewed for safety and surveillance. This includes pruning lower tree branches and tall shrubs to provide clear surveillance for users throughout the park. New planting will be considerate of safety and security
	C. With x2 turf kick around spaces (number 24 on the map), is there consideration to have one of these areas zoned off for a dog run, or are there any other proposals to have a space in Campania for one? If this were to be considered, perhaps the space where the current tennis court is would be better than the space near the Flour Mill/ pump track.	The dog park wasn't referenced as a priority during the consultation phase, however can potentially be addressed in Flour Mill Park. However, there should be consideration as to existing dog facilities within Council LGA as well as the needs within the park for the community.
	D. Are there details available that disclose the size of the area that the combined space of junior and youth play spaces, adventure and nature play and fitness equipment take up? It appears on the map to be quite close together, with a lot of "green" natural parkland with trees between this zone and the half basketball court. Is there a reason as to why this might be tightly consolidated to this one area? I note the reference to the scale at the bottom of page 13, although would be interested in more details.	The playspace has 2 main areas being junior and youth. These zones are located adjacent to each other for families and groups of people who may have children of varying ages. The playspace has been located amongst existing trees providing natural shade and integrating existing nature play opportunities. It is also located adjacent to the junior pump track, for ease of supervision for families. Area size can be confirmed in the following project stages after further design development. The fitness equipment is retained in place and nominated to be upgraded in the future. The half basketball court is creating a distinct youth precinct with supporting facilities, occupying the existing hardstand space of the existing tennis courts with upgraded surfacing materials.

<b>Kobi Rybak – for the Campania Community Group</b>		
	<b>A.</b> Overall, the plans are a welcome addition to the Campania community. The design includes a broad range of ideas for individuals and groups who may access the park, including younger children and adolescents. It would be good to ensure that any design includes access for those with disabilities and the elderly population	Inclusivity and accessibility has been considered during the concept design with a considered approach to access and circulation, disabled parking and the provision of accessible amenities for people of all abilities. Further design development will be undertaken at a later stage of the project
	<b>B.</b> - The park and grounds need to be well lit for security purposes and have structures which prevent vehicles from entering which may cause potential damage to property (ie fence or bollards). A gated fence would also ensure young children do not venture onto the road.	Primary access paths are proposed with controlled lighting with timed operational hours during the evening. Vehicle entry control will be detailed in the following project stage, for example retention of the large existing boulders along the car park edge. A playground fence and gate could be considered in the next project phase, particularly for the junior play area
	<b>C.</b> - Please ensure there are plenty of rubbish/ recycling bins and dog waste bags and bins	Noted, locations and quantities to be addressed at the next project phase
	<b>D.</b> - Sun safety is important so please ensure plenty of areas available with covering (for bad weather also)	3x picnic facilities are provided in the park with an all weather shelter The playspace location is proposed amongst existing mature trees providing natural shade
	<b>E.</b> - Consider incorporating 'train/railway' themed play equipment to link with Campania heritage; also link some of the town's history in with the park (eg 'history walk' around the perimeter of the park)- ties in with the heritage interpretation aspect of the design.	Flour Mill Park presents a great opportunity for heritage interpretation, with many ideas listed on page 11 of the Concept Design Report. Further design development on heritage will be undertaken at a later stage of the project
	<b>F.</b> - As the park will be a staged project, please consider seeking feedback along the way from primary stakeholders.	Noted, for Council to address during the project staging.
<b>Campania District School</b>		
	<b>A.</b> The concept designs for the Flour Mill look all good with the school.	Noted
<b>Campania Community Hall Committee</b>		
	<b>A.</b> President Robin Howlett and his Committee are very happy with the design	Noted

*From the four sets of feedback, it is noted that two groups, ie the Campania District School and the Campania Committee Hall Committee (immediate neighbours to the Park) are happy and supportive of the design.*

*Design Consultants, Inspiring Place have commented on the Community Feedback and observed that most of the matters raised by the Community Feedback were matters that will be able to be addressed as Council travel the implementation / construction phases over the next few years. However, one of the matters that was raised by the Beven Family was that of an Off-Lead Dog Park and it is considered that Council could turn its mind to that matter now, if it had a mind to do so. If Council did wish to progress this matter, a Community Survey could be undertaken in Campania to seek interest in the concept of an Off-Lead Dog Park. There is a viable location on the site that could fit at the southernmost end of the park.*

## **CONCLUSION**

*There has been a comprehensive process of Community Consultation, from the very beginning of the project, through to the final Concept Design Plans. The end product is a design that has merit and can meet the Community needs for a number of years to come, with a regular commitment by Council through an annual budget allocation.*

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – Funds included in the 2025/2026 budget for the old tennis court removal, plus the construction of a half basketball court, overlaid with a pickle ball court.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – Extensive Community Consultation has been undertaken throughout the project.

**Policy Implications** - Nil.

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – Implementation from the 2025/26.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Adopt the Concept Design Report as prepared by Inspiring Place;**
- 2. Proceed with the implementation of the Concept Design;**
- 3. Note the Community Feedback; and**
- 4. Implement a Community Consultation process to explore the notion of an Off-Lead Dog Park in Flour Mill Park.**

## **DECISION**

*Moved by Cllr F Miller, seconded by Cllr D Fish*

**THAT:**

- 1. Council defer a decision on the Flour Mill Park Redevelopment Plan pending advice or a response from the Department of Education regarding the Flour Mill Park building, and the possibility that Council could fund the construction of an alternate facility within the School property that could accommodate the current uses; and**
- 2. Such an approach could enable the subsequent purchase of this Flour Mill Park building by Council, noting that this concept would be subject to the preparation and consideration of a Business Plan.**

**CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr D Blackwell	✓	
Cllr B Campbell		✓
Cllr D Fish	✓	
Cllr F Miller	✓	

[END OF EXTRACT]

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## DETAIL

From that October 2025 Council two matters were flagged for further investigation, namely.

- A. The option to acquire the former Flour Mill building from DECYP; and
- B. Flagging with the Community, the option of having an Off-Lead Dog Park as part of the redevelopment of Flour Mill Park.

### A. Former Flour Mill Building

In the Final Report of the Flour Mill Park Concept Design Plans stated on page 13, *Item 26, 'Repurpose Old Flour Mill Building and surrounds for community use and benefit such as cafe, community and function space, art space, markets, outdoor food vendors'*, flags the opportunity for future use of the former Flour Building, if the opportunity presented itself, at some time in the future. However Council were interested to explore that option prior to Council starting on the redevelopment of the Park.

The Deputy General Manager contacted DECYP's Todd Williams, Director Facility Services

*Todd*

*We have had Inspiring Place undertake a Concept Design Report (the Report) in respect of Flour Mill Park, copy attached and I presented it today to the Council meeting for adoption, following extensive Community Consultation throughout the process, also acknowledging that a considerable part of the site is indeed in the ownership of DECYP, as shown on page 4.*

*Some months ago I did contact the School and talked about the usage of the Old Mill Building, given it does feature in the Report, where the Consultants have suggested that Council negotiate the reuse of the building along with a transfer of land from DECYP to SMC. I was advised that the Old Mill Building is used every day by the School and is certainly not surplus to School requirements. I did convey that to the Council, however things do change from time to time and it was worthwhile leaving it in the Report as a future option if the requirements of the School changed.*

*Council formerly resolved to defer the adoption of the Report until the November Council meeting. As part of the extension of that SMC/DECYP discussion, I have been asked to contact you and seek a preliminary view from you about any options that DECYP may consider in transferring the building to Council.*

*I would be happy to chat to you about your thoughts in relation to this matter before the Council meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025.*

*Regards*

*AB*

Todd's response dated 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025

*Hi Andrew,*

*I will discuss with my team, obtain a view from the school and advise further by mid-November.*

*Regards.*

*Todd Williams | Director Facility Services*



Todd's further email date 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025

*Hi Andrew,*

*Apologies for the delay in responding. As you are aware the school regularly uses the old mill building. The only way that the school and department would consider transferring the site to Council would be if Council would fund the construction of a MDT facility on the school site. Based on our experience, I suggest the cost to construct such a facility would be approximately \$2.5 million.*

*I trust this is sufficient for your purposes and welcome further discussion as required.*

*Regards.*

*Todd Williams | Director Facility Services*

DGM's further email date 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025

*Thanks Todd*

*I appreciate your response.*

*Are you saying that if Council did fund the new MDT facility, that you would transfer the Old Flour Mill building to Council and the land it sits on for \$1?*

*Regards*

*AB*

Todd's further email date 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025

*Yes potentially subject to the relevant Ministers approvals – Education and Crown Land. A bit to work through with that process.*

This correspondence informs Council's decision from the October Council meeting, however, it is only an indication of an officer's view, with a considerable amount work to precede any business case.

## **B. Community Feedback on an Off-Lead Dog Park as part of the redevelopment of Flour Mill Park.**

The Deputy General Manager provided an article for Council's website and Facebook page, asking for feedback about the notion of an Off-Lead Dog Park, in Flour Mill Park, Campania, to be received before the November Council meeting. A number of responses were received, namely.

### **1. Campania Community Group**

*Subject: Response to Proposal for Off-Lead Dog Park at Flour Mill Park*

*On behalf of the Campania Community Group, I would like to express our appreciation for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal for an Off-Lead Dog Park at Flour Mill Park. We commend the*

*Council's commitment to engaging with the community and stakeholders, as evidenced by the work done by Inspiring Place and the consideration of community feedback.*

*We wholeheartedly support the addition of an Off-Lead Dog Park within the Concept Design for Flour Mill Park. This facility would not only enhance the recreational options available to our community but also promote responsible pet ownership and a sense of community among dog owners. Many residents have voiced their desire for a dedicated space where dogs can exercise freely and socialize with other dogs, contributing positively to both pet health and community interactions.*

*Additionally, the incorporation of an Off-Lead Dog Park aligns with broader goals of fostering an inclusive and active community. It offers families, individuals, and dog lovers a safe environment, encouraging them to spend more time outdoors and engage with nature and each other.*

*We believe that careful consideration should be given to the design and placement of the Off-Lead Dog Park to ensure it complements the overall vision for Flour Mill Park. We would welcome the opportunity to engage in further discussions regarding design elements that address concerns such as noise, safety, and accessibility, ensuring that the park meets the needs of all community members.*

*Thank you once again for your dedication to involving the community in this important project. We look forward to seeing Flour Mill Park transform into a vibrant space that serves all of Campania, including our cherished pets.*

## **2. A Scott**

*Good morning,*

*Firstly, I love the proposed redevelopment for the flour mill park and can see the possibilities it offers as far as encouraging family days out where everyone can participate in something they enjoy.*

*As far as an off-lead dog park, I do believe this is something desperately missing. We have only lived here for 10 months and after living in Woodsdale for the past 20+ years, I have been amazed by the number of people with dogs walking the streets, not to mention the number of dogs that potentially don't get taken for walks. Having an off-lead dog park would also help further build a sense of community as owners will talk to each other.*

*I see the benefit of the off-lead area being at the flour mill park as it promotes whole of family engagement and I know it is something my family would certainly enjoy. An alternative, or better yet, additional space would potentially be the small park between Justitia Court and the football ground. This small park is already fenced and rarely used. The equipment could remain for use, or be relocated to the football ground/flour mill.*

*I did also wonder, has any consideration been given to pipes/jumps etc being incorporated somehow into the offerings for skateboard/scooter users. The pump track being resurfaced will certainly add more options and the ability for the above users to engage, however, for scooters/skateboards it is often the tricks that these people like to be able to practise/do that engages them the most.*

## **3. D Ashton**

*I am writing to express my strong support for the inclusion of both an [off-lead dog walking area](#) and a [purpose-built pickleball court](#) as part of the Flour Mill Park redevelopment. As a local resident and regular user of community parks, I believe these additions would significantly enhance the park's appeal, accessibility, and long-term value to the community.*

*An off-lead dog area would promote community wellbeing by providing a safe and designated space for dogs to exercise freely. This encourages physical activity for both pets and their owners and fosters social interaction among residents, helping to build stronger community connections. It would also enhance responsible pet ownership by reducing conflicts between dog owners, other park users, while encouraging compliance with leash regulations in other areas such as the footy oval. Concentrating off-lead activity in a controlled space would further help protect sensitive landscapes and wildlife, balancing recreation with environmental preservation.*

*In addition to the off-lead area, a purpose-built pickleball court would be a highly valuable and forward-thinking inclusion. Pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports globally, appealing to a wide range of ages and abilities due to its accessibility and social nature. Currently, there are no dedicated pickleball courts in Hobart, meaning the addition of one at Flour Mill Park would attract players from across the region, increasing visitation and supporting local businesses.*

*A pickleball court would also encourage active lifestyles and provide a low-impact sporting option suitable for families, older adults, and those seeking recreational exercise. It would foster social engagement and community cohesion, as pickleball is often played in doubles and promotes inclusive participation. The court could also host local tournaments, social competitions, and community events, further activating the park and generating economic benefits through increased foot traffic and tourism.*

*The Flour Mill Park redevelopment presents a unique opportunity to create a multifunctional, inclusive public space that reflects the evolving needs of the community. Incorporating both an off-lead dog area and a pickleball court, alongside thoughtful landscaping, seating, and amenities would align with contemporary urban design principles and the Council's commitment to fostering active, connected, and vibrant communities*

*Thank you for considering this proposal.*

#### **4. N Smith**

*I would like to offer a suggestion for the above proposal. I note the space allocated for a possible off-lead dog area.*

*It would be ground-breaking if Council would consider making it possible to hire this space for exclusive use from time to time. This would allow private space for reactive dogs, small group meetings for breed groups, limited participation "play dates". None of those facilities are available elsewhere at present. A modest charge - \$5-10/hour - could be applied, with funds raised going back into cleaning the park, providing some type of weather shelter and timer-operated lights for use after dark.*

*If Council is interested in leading the way on innovation, another inclusion could be an incineration system for rapid, hygienic disposal of dog waste.*

*I look forward to seeing further information on these plans.*

#### **5. N Wood**

*I would be very interested in having a dog park at Campania, it would definitely benefit many people*

*And maybe people might learn to pick up the dog poo around the place*

#### **6. E Bygrave**

*I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for the development of an off-lead dog park as part of the proposed upgrades at Flour Mill Park. As a local resident and responsible dog owner, I have observed a significant need for such a facility in our community.*

*Currently, there are no off-lead dog areas in Campania, which forces us to travel to neighbouring communities like Richmond and Sorell to give our dogs the opportunity to exercise off-lead. The absence of a dedicated dog park in Campania not only limits our pets' freedom but also poses safety concerns. The reserve, the only dog-friendly area, becomes a hazard during warmer months due to increased snake activity, resulting in more frequent trips to other areas.*

*With the growing number of dogs in our community, it is evident that many residents would benefit from a designated off-lead area. Such a space would not only promote better pet health but also encourage positive interactions between dogs, contributing to a safer community.*

*I sincerely hope the council will give serious consideration to providing greater access to community facilities for our dogs. Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective.*

## **CONCLUSION**

### **A. Former Flour Mill Building**

The purchase and adaption of this building by Council is not identified within the Strategic Plan 2024/34. Comprehensive research and a thorough business case would be crucial, prior to any formal decision making in respect of this possible purchase/development. Given the current frequency of use of this building by DECYP, there is no urgent decision required.

The motivation for this discussion was initially a coffee shop being established as part of the Flour Mill Park redevelopment. Now that we have this location available for Mobile Food Vendors that could certainly provide an opportunity for the gauging of the need for this area to be serviced.

It is noted that the Campania Tavern is a very short walk from the Park (approximately 150m), and it would be inappropriate for Council to establish/facilitate a competitor business in Campania.

The Campania Community Hall could 'provide a service' for the Park, if they wished to generate some funds, given it is a facility within the Park precinct.

### **B. Community Feedback on an Off-Lead Dog Park as part of the redevelopment of Flour Mill Park.**

Based on the feedback there certain appears to be support for the development of an Off-Lead Dog Park as part of the redevelopment of Flour Mill Park. Council Officers will be able to progress an Off-Lead Dog Park Concept Plan, along with further, more detailed Community Consultation, following the determination of some stormwater issues that are required to be dealt with in Flour Mill Park, which will influence the location of a Dog Park.

The establishment of an Off-Lead Dog Park is identified within the Strategic Plan 2024/34, as detailed on the next page.

3.6 REGULATORY - ANIMALS		LANDSCAPES
<i>What we are aiming to achieve:</i>		
3.6.1	Create an environment where animals are treated with respect and do not create a nuisance for the community	
<b>Key actions to achieve our aims:</b>		<b>Responsible Business Unit(s)</b>
3.6.1.1	Continue dog control, regulatory, licensing and educational programs	DES
3.6.1.2	Continue to conduct a public awareness/education program that informs the community of the need to contain livestock and the associated legal requirements within available resources	DES
3.6.1.3	Investigate the establishment of Off-Lead Dog Parks in Oatlands and Campania.	CCD

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**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – Funds have been included in the 2025/2026 budget for the old tennis court removal, plus the construction of a half basketball court, overlaid with a pickle ball court.

The consideration of the purchase of the former Old Flour Mill building would be extensive and requires a detailed business case if Council were to proceed.

A proposed Off-Lead Dog Park would be a budget submission in the normal budget cycle

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – Extensive Community Consultation has been undertaken throughout the development of the Concept Plan prepared by Consultants, Inspiring Place.

An engagement strategy will need to be developed in respect of the potential purchase of the Old Flour Mill building

An engagement strategy will be developed in respect of progressing the Off-Lead Dg Park.

**Policy Implications** – There could be considerable policy implications for the purchase of the former Old Flour Mill building.

There would be no policy implications in respect of the Dog Park.

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – Commence implementation of the Plan from the 2025/26.

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Council:**

1. Receive and note the report;
2. Adopt the Flour Mill Park Concept Design Report as prepared by Inspiring Place;
3. Proceed with the implementation of the Concept Design;
4. Acknowledge the Community Feedback on the Concept Design as well as the feedback on a possible Off-Lead Dog Park; and
5. Further investigate the acquisition of the DECYP site and building in Flour Mill Park.

## DECISION

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

**THAT consideration of this Item be deferred until the December Council Meeting at the request of Cllr F Miller.**

## CARRIED

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

## 15.5 Regulatory (Public Health)

### Strategic Plan Reference 3.5

*Monitor and maintain a safe and healthy public environment.*

Nil.

## 15.6 Regulatory (Animals)

### Strategic Plan & Annual Plan Southern Midlands Strategic Plan (2024-2034)

#### 3.6 Regulatory – Animals

3.6.1 *Create an environment where animals are treated with respect and do not create a nuisance for the Community.*

3.6.1.1 *Continue dog control. Regulatory, licensing and educational programs*

3.6.1.2 *Continue to conduct a public awareness/education program that informs the community of the need to contain livestock and the associated legal requirements within available resources.*

3.6.1.3 *Investigate the establishment of Off-Lead Dog Parks in Oatlands and Campania*

3.6.1.3 *Encourage the State Government to recognise the feral cat problem as distinct from the escaped/released/straying domestic cat problem and contribute to a State wide/regional strategy to meaningfully reduce the number of feral cats that now form a self-sustaining and very large population in rural areas*

3.6.1.4 *Review the endorsed 'Southern Tasmania Regional Cat Management Strategy 2021-2026' recognising that the Strategy is based on an 'opt-in' approach which would be reliant on available resources, and taking into account the extent of the problem within each municipal area*

#### 15.6.1 Animal Management Report

**Author:** ANIMAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER (RACHEL COLLIS)

**Date:** 19 NOVEMBER 2025

Consideration of the Animal Management/Compliance Officer's report for November 2025

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 November; *and*
2. Provide a brief summary of actions and duties undertaken by Council Officers in relation to animal management.

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

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

#### Resource Sharing

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

#### RECOMMENDATION:

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

## DECISION

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

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

**CARRIED**

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



## ENCLOSURE

### Agenda Item 15.6.1

Reporting period: 16 October - 19 November 2025

Category/Area	Andover	Antill Ponds Woodbury	Baden Mt Seymour Whiteford	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	2025-2026
																									0	
Failing to ensure dog is not at large																									0	2
Dog attacking animal causing serious injury or death																									0	1
Dog - Impounded					1					2															3	5
Reclaimed dogs					1					2															3	5
Adopted/Dogs Home																									0	0
Euthanised																									0	0
Lost dogs reported				2																					2	3
Barking complaints																	1								1	7
Animal Welfare																									0	6
Cat complaints received																						1			1	1
Stock on roads																							2		2	11
Impounded livestock										1															1	0
Infringement Notices Issued																									0	1
Written letter - various matters				2																					2	21
Patrolled Areas			1	4		3	1							1		1	1					1	1		14	63
Kennel Licence - Issued						1																			1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>																										

Registered 2025-2026 YTD	1620
Pending 2025-2026	73
Licences	65

## 15.7 Environmental Sustainability

**Strategic Plan Reference 3.7**

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

Nil.

## **16. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – COMMUNITY)**

### **16.1 Community Health and Wellbeing**

<b>Strategic Plan Reference 4.1</b>
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<i>Support and improve the independence, health and wellbeing of the Community.</i>
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Nil.

## 16.2 Recreation

### Strategic Plan Reference 4.2

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

### 16.2.1 Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinators Report

**Author:** OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE COORDINATOR (ADAM BRIGGS)

**Date:** 18 NOVEMBER 2025

#### ISSUE

Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinator's Report for the month of October 2025.

#### 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 – October (15/10/25 - 17/11/25):**

<b>Event / Booking</b>	<b>School / Group</b>	<b>Participation Numbers</b>
Physio Rehab Sessions	Annabel Butler – Physiotherapist	15 individual bookings
GYM / Lane Hire	Centre Fitness Classes – GYM & Pool	9 Aqua Aerobic classes 8 GYM classes 204 participants
GYM / Lane Hire	Corumbene Program – GYM & Pool	5 pool individual bookings 5 GYM individual bookings 18 participants
Centre Hire	Bagdad Primary School – Carnival	65 participants
Lane Hire	Royal Life Saving – Lifeguard Course	15 participants
Centre Visits	Bike Tour – Nova Miller	3 participants
Lane Hire	Campbell Town District School	2 lanes & 20 participants
Centre Visits	Home Care – Ouse Community Group	4 participants
Centre Visits	Fitness Passport	8 participants (October)
Lane Hire	Midlands Swimming Club	4 individual bookings

USAGE FOR THE PERIOD 15/10/2025 – 17/11/2025  
PAID UPFRONT

<b>Type</b>	<b>Units</b>
<b>Gym &amp; Classes</b>	
Gym Class Pass 10 Sessions	9
PAYG – Gym Class	84
PAYG – Gym (16 years)	24
PAYG – Gym (Concession)	20
<b>Gym/Pool Combo</b>	
Gym/Pool Pass 10 Sessions (16 years)	11
Gym/Pool Pass 10 Sessions (Concession)	15
PAYG – Gym/Pool Combo (17 years)	1
PAYG – Gym/Pool Combo (Concession)	6
<b>Learn to Swim</b>	
Term 4, 2025 Program Enrolments (Currently)	174
<b>Pool</b>	
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (17 +)	1
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Concession)	1
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Family)	0
PAYG – Pool (4 years and under)	106
PAYG – Pool (5-16)	260
PAYG – Pool (17)	290
PAYG – Pool (Concession)	211
PAYG – (Family)	32

## DIRECT DEBITS – Current Numbers

Type	Units
DD Pool/Gym	9
DD Gym	11
DD 6 Months Pool – 17 years +	1
DD 6 Months Pool – Child/Concession	21
DD 6 Months Centre – Family	1

## Grant Applications & General Information

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

- Lifeguard Course 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> November:**  
 In conjunction with Royal Life Saving Tasmania and the Southcentral Workforce Network Jobs Hub, the Centre has recently facilitated a Lifeguard course with 15 new participants being put through vital training. The hope is that these new Lifeguards will be able to service local pools not just the Oatlands Aquatic Centre.
- Aqua Aerobics & GYM Fitness Classes:**  
 Our new Aqua Aerobic and Gym Fitness classes on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday have continued to grow each week with Bonnie Headlam during Term 4, 2025. Classes total attendance numbers has been recorded in the Usage Table above for your reference.

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the information be received and noted.**

## DECISION

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

**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	✓	

**FINANCIAL REPORTING**

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

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>Annual Budget 2025/26</b>	<b>Actual Oct 2025</b>	<b>Budget Oct 2025</b>	<b>Actual YTD to 31 Oct 2025</b>	<b>Actual YTD to 31 Oct 2024</b>	<b>% Annual Budget 2025/26</b>
Admission Fees		\$235,000	\$34,493	\$19,583	\$98,381	\$65,983	41.9%
Sale of Goods		\$15,000	\$1,782	\$1,250	\$5,757	\$5,167	38.4%
Charging Station Energy Use Reimbursement		\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,097	\$9,028	25.5%
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$270,000</b>	<b>\$36,275</b>	<b>\$20,833</b>	<b>\$109,235</b>	<b>\$80,177</b>	<b>40.5%</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>Annual Budget 2024/25</b>	<b>Actual Oct 2025</b>	<b>Budget Oct 2025</b>	<b>Actual YTD to 31 Oct 2025</b>	<b>Actual YTD to 31 Oct 2024</b>	<b>% of Budget 2025/26</b>
Salaries (incl. On-Costs)		\$495,348	\$41,132	\$38,104	\$161,120	\$140,280	32.5%
Operating Costs - Other		\$279,563	\$26,367	\$20,880	\$141,984	\$118,040	50.8%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>\$774,911</b>	<b>\$67,499</b>	<b>\$58,984</b>	<b>\$303,103</b>	<b>\$258,321</b>	<b>39.1%</b>

<b>Budgeted Deficit</b>		<b>-\$504,911</b>	<b>-\$31,224</b>	<b>-\$38,151</b>	<b>-\$193,868</b>	<b>-\$178,143</b>	<b>38.4%</b>
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### 16.3 Access

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.3**

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

Nil.

### 16.4 Volunteers

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.4**

*Encourage community members to volunteer.*

Nil.

### 16.5 Families

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.5**

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

Nil.

### 16.6 Education

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.6**

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

Nil.

### 16.7 Capacity & Sustainability

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.7**

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

Nil.

### 16.8 Safety

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.8**

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

Nil.

### 16.9 Consultation & Communication

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.8**

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

Nil.



## **17. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – ORGANISATION)**

### **17.1 Improvement**

#### **Strategic Plan Reference 5.1**

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

#### **17.1.2 Council Policy Review**

**Author:** DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

**Date:** 20 November 2025

#### **Attachment**

*Draft Revision – Bullying, Harassment and Violence Policy*

*Draft Revision – Workplace Health & Safety Policy*

#### **ISSUE**

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

#### **BACKGROUND**

**[EXTRACT]**

Council Meeting Minutes 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025

#### **17.1.2 COUNCIL POLICY REVIEW**

**Author:** DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

**Date:** 16 OCTOBER 2025

#### **Attachment(s)**

*Draft Revision – Bullying, Harassment and Violence Policy*

*Draft Revision – Workplace Health & Safety Policy*

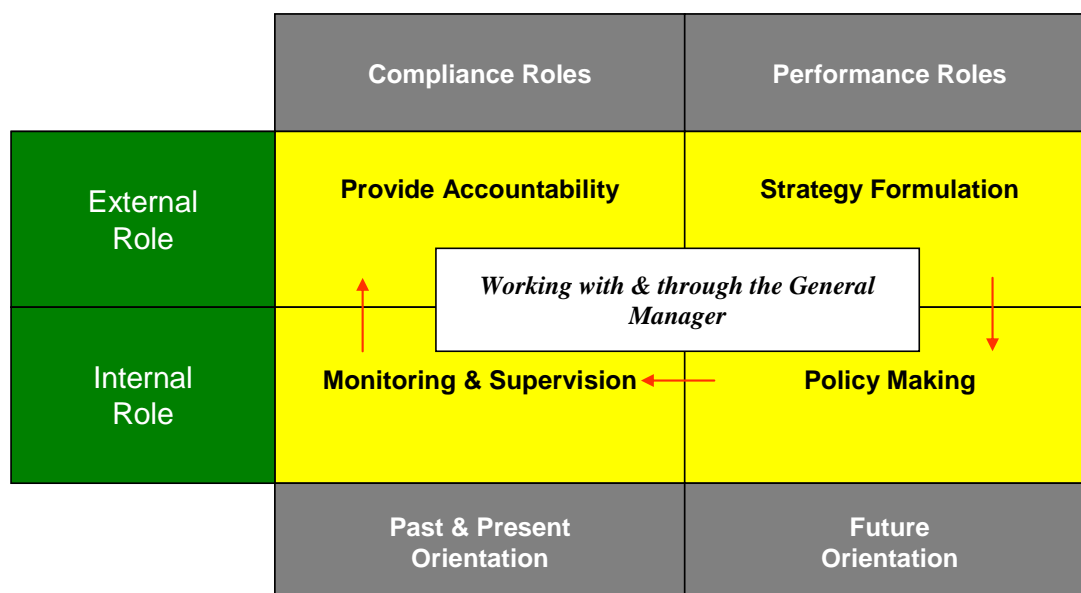
#### **ISSUE**

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

#### **BACKGROUND**

*FRAMEWORK FOR ANALYSING COUNCIL'S GOVERNANCE FUNCTION*

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



### DETAIL

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

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

*The draft revisions of the Bullying, Harassment and Violence Policy as well as the Workplace Health & Safety Policy, are attached and show some minor changes to the documents as discussed above. There are no changes required by legislation.*

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

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – Nil

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

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – Following the November 2025 Council meeting.

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Receive and note the report;**
- 2. Consider draft version 2 of the Bullying, Harassment and Violence Policy in preparation for the adoption of the revised policy, at the November 2025 Council meeting, subject to any Council amendments;**
- 3. Consider draft version 2 of the Workplace Health & Safety Policy in preparation for the adoption of the revised policy, at the November 2025 Council meeting, subject to any Council amendments.**

**DECISION**

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

**THAT Council:**

1. *Receive and note the report;*
2. *Consider draft version 2 of the Bullying, Harassment and Violence Policy in preparation for the adoption of the revised policy, at the November 2025 Council meeting, subject to any Council amendments;*
3. *Consider draft version 2 of the Workplace Health & Safety Policy in preparation for the adoption of the revised policy, at the November 2025 Council meeting, subject to any Council amendments.*

**CARRIED**

[END OF EXTRACT]

**DETAIL**

These two policies have been available for consideration by Council since the October 2025 Council Meeting. The proposed version 2 of the Bullying, Harassment and Violence Policy, plus the proposed version 2 of the Workplace Health & Safety Policy along with the recommendations for change, albeit only minor, are included within the documents.

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

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications –** Nil

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

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame –** as soon as possible.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT Council**

1. **Receive and note the report;**
2. **Adopt version 2 of the Bullying, Harassment and Violence Policy;**
3. **Adopt version 2 of the Workplace Health & Safety Policy.**

## DECISION

*Moved by Cllr B Campbell, seconded by Cllr D Blackwell*

### THAT Council:

1. Receive and note the report;
2. Adopt version 2 of the Bullying, Harassment and Violence Policy; and
3. Adopt version 2 of the Workplace Health & Safety Policy.

## CARRIED

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

## 17.2 Sustainability

### Strategic Plan Reference 5.2

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

### 17.2.1 Tabling of Documents

Nil.

### 17.2.2 Elected Member Statements

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

**Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon** – Local shearer Sam Byers recently competed in the 2025 National Shearing and Woolhandling Championships in South Australia, finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. He will now represent Australia.

**Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon** – 14 year old Mia Barwick has been selected as Tasmanian Captain in the upcoming female Under 19 Cricket Championship team competing in Newcastle.

Mia also recently won player of the match in the Cricket Tasmania Premier League Women's 1st Grade Final on Sunday night and was also included in the Hobart Hurricanes T20 Spring Challenge Squad.

**Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon** – Bailey Barwick has been selected in the upcoming Tasmanian Male Under 19 National Championship Squad competing in Perth.

**Mayor E Batt** – Attended the launch of Steven Figg's book: *Parattah – a 150 Year Pictorial History*. The launch was held at the Parattah Hotel and was highly attended. The book can be purchased at the History Room in Oatlands.

**Mayor E Batt** – Architects Australia held their first Open House Southern Midlands on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025. Various homes and buildings in the Southern Midlands were temporarily open to the public. A well-attended event with around 6,000 plus visitors to sites around the Southern Midlands.

**Clr B Campbell** – Recently attended the LGAT Annual Conference along with Mayor E Batt, Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon and Clr D Blackwell.

**Clr A E Bisdee OAM** – Attended the TasWater Annual General Meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Provided Councillors with a verbal regarding the issues raised.

### **17.2.3 Proposed 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting Schedule**

**Author:** EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JEMMA CROSSWELL)

**Date:** 10 NOVEMBER 2025

**Enclosure:**

*Proposed 2026 Council Meeting Schedule*

#### **ISSUE**

Council to confirm dates and locations for ordinary Council meetings to be held throughout the municipal area in 2026.

#### **DETAIL**

In 2025, Council held meetings from January to April in various community venues throughout the municipality. These meetings included public question time where members of the public are invited to attend and discuss local issues with Council.

In 2025, meetings were held at the following community venues:

January 2025 – Tunnack Hall

February 2025 - Tunbridge Hall

March 2025 – Campania Hall

April 2025 – Levendale Hall

May 2025 – Broadmarsh Hall

A draft Meeting Schedule has been developed for consideration, including the meeting date, venue and commencement time.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT Council endorse the 2026 Council meeting schedule.**

#### **DECISION**

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

**THAT Council endorse the 2026 Council meeting schedule.**

#### **CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr D Blackwell	✓	
Cllr B Campbell	✓	
Cllr D Fish	✓	

**ENCLOSURE(S)**  
*Agenda Item 17.2.3*



## 2026 Council Meeting Schedule

DATE	VENUE	TIME
Wednesday, <b>28<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>Woodsdale Hall</b> 2310 Woodsdale Road, Woodsdale	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Tuesday, <b>24<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Tunbridge Hall</b> 99 Main Road, Tunbridge	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, <b>25<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	<b>Colebrook Hall</b> 45 Richmond Street, Colebrook	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, <b>22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Levendale Community Hall</b> 1325 Woodsdale Road, Levendale	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, <b>27<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>Broadmarsh / Elderslie Hall</b> 1218 Elderslie Road, Broadmarsh	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, <b>24<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	<b>Oatlands Council Chambers</b> 71 High Street, Oatlands	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, <b>22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026</b>	<b>Kempton Council Chambers</b> 85 Main Street, Kempton	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, <b>26<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b>	<b>Oatlands Council Chambers</b> 71 High Street, Oatlands	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, <b>23<sup>rd</sup> September 2026</b>	<b>Kempton Council Chambers</b> 85 Main Street, Kempton	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, <b>28<sup>th</sup> October 2026</b>	<b>Oatlands Council Chambers</b> 71 High Street, Oatlands	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, <b>25<sup>th</sup> November 2026</b>	<b>Kempton Council Chambers</b> 85 Main Street, Kempton	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, <b>9<sup>th</sup> December 2026</b>	<b>Oatlands Council Chambers</b> 71 High Street, Oatlands	2.00 p.m. <i>Public Question Time 2.30 p.m.</i>
<b>Annual General Meeting</b> Wednesday, <b>9<sup>th</sup> December 2026</b>	<b>Oatlands Council Chambers</b> 71 High Street, Oatlands	5.00 p.m.

#### **17.2.4 Christmas and New Year Arrangements – Council Office Closures**

**Author:** EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JEMMA CROSSWELL)

**Date:** 10 NOVEMBER 2025

**Enclosure(s):**

*Proposed Christmas and New Year Arrangements community flyer*

#### **ISSUE**

Council to confirm Christmas and New Year office arrangements, including changes to waste transfer stations and garbage collection.

#### **DETAIL**

Proposed office closures for Oatlands and Kempton are as follows: Offices to close Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 2.00 p.m. and reopen Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 at 9.00 a.m.

Waste Transfer Stations - all closed Christmas Day.

Garbage Collection: The following change has been made:

Oatlands / Tunbridge / Jericho

Collection scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> December will be collected Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December.

All other collections remain as per the normal schedule.

Oatlands Aquatic Centre will be closed Christmas Day.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT Council endorse the 2025-2026 Christmas and New Year Council office closure and waste collection arrangements.**

#### **DECISION**

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

**THAT Council endorse the 2025-2026 Christmas and New Year Council office closure and waste collection arrangements.**

#### **CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr D Blackwell	✓	
Cllr B Campbell	✓	
Cllr D Fish	✓	



**ENCLOSURE(S)**

*Agenda Item 17.2.4*



## **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS**

### **OFFICE CLOSURE (OATLANDS & KEMPTON)**

The Municipal Offices at Oatlands & Kempton will close on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 2.00pm and re-open Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 at 9.00am.

### **WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS**

Campania, Dysart & Oatlands Waste Transfer Stations will be closed on Christmas Day.

### **GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Oatlands / Tunbridge / Jericho areas scheduled for collection 25<sup>th</sup> December will be collected Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December.

All other collections remain as per the normal schedule.

### **OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE**

Closed on Christmas Day.

*The Mayor, Councillors & Staff of Southern Midlands Council  
wish all residents a happy and safe Christmas & New Year!*

### **17.2.5 Tasmanian Government – Pre-Budget Consultation 2026-2027**

**Author:** GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

**Date:** 19 NOVEMBER 2025

#### **ISSUE**

Council to consider programs/projects that could be included in a submission to the Tasmanian Government as part of its 2026-2027 pre-Budget consultation process.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Nil.

#### **DETAIL**

The Government is currently seeking input from Tasmanians to help shape the State Budget.

For 2026-27 the process has been renamed, from State Budget Community Consultation, in line with the Government's *Public Submissions Policy*. The Pre-Budget Consultation process is coordinated by the Department of Treasury and Finance, with submissions considered by the relevant agencies.

A Submission Form template has been provided and includes five guiding questions to help focus feedback:

1. Which programs/projects could be refocused to deliver core outcomes with more streamlined resources or refined focus?
2. Are there initiatives or investments that could be reconsidered helping balance the budget now, without losing sight of long-term goals?
3. Are there programs or services that could be transitioned out as the needs of Tasmanians evolve and priorities shift?
4. Where government activities could be re-calibrated to operate more effectively, while still meeting essential needs?
5. For any new funding ideas (specifying whether operational or capital), what savings or offsets could be identified elsewhere to ensure the overall budget remains balanced?

Submitted for discussion and identification of issues.

**Human Resources & Financial Implications – N/A.**

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – to be considered.**

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Submissions must be received by 7 December 2025.**

## RECOMMENDATION

### THAT:

- a) The information be received; and
- b) Council identify possible issues / projects / programs for inclusion in a submission to the Department of Treasury and Finance who will coordinate the submissions on behalf of the State Government (and referral to the appropriate State Agency).

## DECISION

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

### THAT:

- a) The information be received;
- b) Council's request for the provision of an annual asset renewal subsidy from the State Government (as the property owner) be submitted; and
- c) Councillors advise the General Manager of any other potential budget submission items prior to the deadline.

## CARRIED

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

## 17.3 Finances

### Strategic Plan Reference 5.3

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

### 17.3.1 Monthly Financial Statement (Period ending 31 October 2025)

**Author:** FINANCE OFFICER (MANDY BURBURY)

**Date:** 11 NOVEMBER 2025

#### ISSUE

Provide the Financial Report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

#### BACKGROUND

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

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

#### DETAIL

The enclosed Report incorporates the following: -

- Statement of Comprehensive Income – 1 July 2024 to 31 October 2025.
- Operating Expenditure Report – 1 July 2024 to 31 October 2025.
- Capital Expenditure Report – 1 July 2024 to 31 October 2025.
- Cash Flow Statement – 1 July 2024 to 31 October 2025.

### OPERATING EXPENDITURE (OPERATING BUDGET)

Overall operating expenditure to end of October was \$3,404,475 which represents 88.4% of the Year to Date Budget.

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

#### ***Strategic Theme - Infrastructure***

Nil.

#### ***Strategic Theme – Growth***

**Sub-Program – Business** - expenditure to date (\$140,759 – 133.4%). Additional expenditure relates largely to a higher than anticipated value of private works (offset by an increase in private works income).

### ***Strategic Theme – Landscapes***

Nil.

### ***Strategic Theme – Community***

Nil.

### ***Strategic Theme – Organisation***

Nil.

## **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM**

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

### **Legend – Source and completion deadlines for grant funded projects**

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Financial Report be received and the information noted.**

## **DECISION**

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

**THAT the Financial Report be received and the information noted**

## **CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr D Blackwell	✓	
Cllr B Campbell	✓	
Cllr D Fish	✓	

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**for the period 1 Jul 2025 to 31 Oct 2025**

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
<b>Income</b>				
Rates	7,810,961	7,785,778	99.7%	Includes Interest & Penalties on rates
User Fees (refer Note 1)	1,536,868	819,177	53.3%	Includes Private Works
Interest	520,000	154,953	29.8%	
Government Subsidies	11,700	0	0.0%	Heavy Vehicle Licence Fees
Other (refer Note 2)	332,400	78,577	23.6%	Includes TasWater Distributions
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>10,211,930</b>	<b>8,838,485</b>	<b>86.6%</b>	
Grants - Operating	4,744,884	608,726	12.8%	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14,956,813</b>	<b>9,447,211</b>	<b>63.2%</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
Employee benefits	-6,024,988	-1,594,699	26.5%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised)
Materials and contracts	-4,195,550	-1,654,802	39.4%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised), Includes Land Tax & Private Works
Depreciation and amortisation	-4,738,700	-1,596,877	33.7%	Percentage Calculation (based on year-to-date)
Finance costs	-2,223	-2,223	100.0%	Interest
Contributions	-296,700	-74,175	25.0%	Fire Service Levies
Other	-184,841	-78,576	42.5%	Audit Fees and Councillor Allowances
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>-15,443,002</b>	<b>-5,001,352</b>	<b>32.4%</b>	
<b>Surplus (deficit) from operations</b>	<b>-486,189</b>	<b>4,445,858</b>	<b>-914.4%</b>	
Grants - Capital (refer Note 3)	1,064,853	0	0.0%	
Sale Proceeds (Plant & Machinery)	0	227,359		
Sale Proceeds (Land & Buildings)	0	0		
Sale Proceeds (Other Assets)	0	5,244		
Net gain / (loss on disposal of non-current assets)	0	0		
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>578,664</b>	<b>4,678,462</b>	<b>808.5%</b>	

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**for the period 1 Jul 2025 to 31 Oct 2025**

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
<b>NOTES</b>				
1. Income - User Fees				
- All other Programs	1,176,420	621,036	52.8%	
- Private Works	360,449	198,141	55.0%	
	<u>1,536,868</u>	<u>819,177</u>	53.3%	
2. Income - Other				
- TasWater Distributions	182,400	41,800	22.92%	
- Public Open Space Contributions	150,000	0	0.00%	
- Blue Gum Rovers donation to Tunnack Rec. Ground	0	275.00		
- JLT Group Interest Disbursement	0	1,578		
- Insurance Recoveries	0	8,292		
- Campania Halls Committee Contribution to External Painting	0	15,000		
- Colebrook Hall Committee Closure of Bank Account	0	3,510		
- Woodsdale Cemetery Committee Closure of Bank Account	0	8,121		
	<u>332,400</u>	<u>78,577</u>	23.6%	
3. Grants - Capital				
- Aust Govt (Roads To Recovery)	1,064,853	0	0.00%	
	<u>1,064,853</u>	<u>0</u>	0.00%	
4. Grants - Operating				
- FAGS 2024/25	4,744,884	603,391	12.72%	
- State Govt (Resilience & Recovery Grant)	0	5,335		Southern Midlands Farmers Group Drought Resilience (Establishing Governance)
	<u>4,744,884</u>	<u>608,726</u>	12.8%	

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

PROGRAM	ACTUAL (to 31 Oct 25)	BUDGET (to 31 Oct 25)	YTD VARIANCE	YTD %	FULL YEAR BUDGET - INC. GRANTS & OTHER
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>					
Roads	484,507	535,107	50,600	90.5%	4,410,593
Bridges	17,058	31,932	14,874	53.4%	653,390
Walkways	77,246	83,445	6,199	92.6%	273,165
Lighting	25,258	31,312	6,054	80.7%	93,936
Public Toilets	33,104	45,141	12,037	73.3%	140,739
Sewer/Water	0	0	0	0.0%	0
Stormwater	2,726	10,360	7,635	26.3%	89,081
Waste	402,031	521,613	119,582	77.1%	1,592,340
Information, Communication	0	6,667	6,667	0.0%	20,000
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,041,931</b>	<b>1,265,577</b>	<b>223,646</b>	<b>82.3%</b>	<b>7,273,244</b>
<b>GROWTH</b>					
Residential	0	0	0	-	0
Tourism	7,876	27,009	19,133	29.2%	41,276
Business	140,759	105,519	-35,240	133.4%	316,556
Industry	0	0	0	0.0%	0
<b>GROWTH TOTAL:</b>	<b>148,635</b>	<b>132,528</b>	<b>-16,107</b>	<b>112.2%</b>	<b>357,832</b>
<b>LANDSCAPES</b>					
Heritage	120,436	176,687	56,251	68.2%	501,173
Natural	71,322	79,304	7,982	89.9%	257,515
Cultural	54	5,333	5,279	1.0%	16,000
Regulatory - Development	274,763	343,035	68,272	80.1%	1,101,058
Regulatory - Public Health	6,718	8,727	2,009	77.0%	26,180
Regulatory - Animals	40,544	43,754	3,210	92.7%	140,975
Environmental Sustainability	0	1,667	1,667	0.0%	5,000
<b>LANDSCAPES TOTAL:</b>	<b>513,837.08</b>	<b>658,507.08</b>	<b>144,670.00</b>	<b>78.0%</b>	<b>2,047,901</b>
<b>COMMUNITY</b>					
Community Health & Wellbeing	102,332.99	128,848.38	26,515.39	79.4%	378,545
Recreation	472,621.67	523,654.50	51,032.83	90.3%	1,256,464
Access	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0
Volunteers	18,819.31	20,000.00	1,180.69	94.1%	45,000
Families	0.00	3,333.33	3,333.33	0.0%	10,000
Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0
Capacity & Sustainability	32,930.80	34,001.67	1,070.87	96.9%	55,505
Safety	1,049.24	6,650.00	5,600.76	15.8%	19,950
Consultation & Communication	445.37	8,566.67	8,121.30	5.2%	25,700
<b>LIFESTYLE TOTAL:</b>	<b>628,199.38</b>	<b>725,054.54</b>	<b>96,855.16</b>	<b>86.6%</b>	<b>1,791,164</b>
<b>ORGANISATION</b>					
Improvement	8,565.22	43,798.94	35,233.72	19.6%	131,397
Sustainability	925,371.63	886,628.97	-38,742.66	104.4%	3,445,765
Finances	137,936.22	137,174.90	-761.32	100.6%	395,700
<b>ORGANISATION TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,071,873.07</b>	<b>1,067,602.81</b>	<b>-4,270.26</b>	<b>100.4%</b>	<b>3,972,862</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,404,475</b>	<b>\$3,849,269</b>	<b>\$444,794</b>	<b>88.4%</b>	<b>\$15,443,003</b>



**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2025-26**  
**As at 31 October 2025**

		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>						
<b>ROAD ASSETS</b>						
Resheeting Program	Roads Resheeting	590,000	232,088	357,912		
Reseal Program	Roads Reseal Program	25,000	0	25,000		
	Jericho - Jericho Road (1500m)	45,000	0	45,000	Roads to Recovery \$45,000	30 June 2026
	Kempton - Cliftonvale Road (1500m)	65,000	18,560	46,440	Roads to Recovery \$65,000	30 June 2026
	Oatlands - High Street (500m)	55,000	0	55,000	Roads to Recovery \$55,000	30 June 2026
	Woodbury - Glenmorey Road (Two Sections 1700m)	47,000	0	47,000	Roads to Recovery \$47,000	30 June 2026
	Woodbury - Woodbury Road (500m)	35,000	30,288	4,712		
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road	48,000	0	48,000	Roads to Recovery \$48,000	30 June 2026
	Tunbridge - Scott Street (300m)	40,000	25,920	14,080	Originally in Reconstruct & Seal \$60K	
	Sealed Road Edge Breaks	200,000	as below	167,896		
	Broadmarsh - Elderslie Road		0			
	Campania - Brown Mountain Road		2,167			
	Campania - Native Corners Road		9,473			
	Colebrook - Eldon Road		2,496			
	Colebrook - Franklin Street		1,000			
	Rhyndaston - Rhyndaston Road		0			
	Jericho - Lower Marshes Road		3,552			
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road		13,416			
Reconstruct & Seal	Bagdad - Swan Street (700m)	137,000	213	136,787	Roads to Recovery \$137,000	30 June 2026
	Tunnack - Eldon Road (700m)	110,000	260	109,740	Roads to Recovery \$110,000	30 June 2026
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road (dig-out)	23,000	0	23,000	Roads to Recovery \$23,000	30 June 2026
Construct & Seal	Mangalore - Blackbrush Road (1.3km section starting from seal Mangalore end)	195,000	19,185	175,815	Roads to Recovery \$195,000	30 June 2026
	Rhyndaston - Rhyndaston Road (1.35km of 2.7km starting at railway line)	202,500	0	202,500	Roads to Recovery \$202,500	30 June 2026
Minor Seals (New)	Mt Seymour - Blackgate Road (500m between end of seal & dust suppressant)	85,000	6,429	78,571	Roads to Recovery \$85,000	30 June 2026
	Oatlands - Bentwick Street	20,000	0	20,000	Budget c/f	
Other Works	Bagdad - School Road (Traffic & Safety Improvements)	69,000	545	68,455	VRUP Funding \$34,430	30 April 2026
	Campania - Car Park Improvements	100,000	72,481	27,519	\$60K Budget C/F WIP \$72,112	
	Campania - Reeve Street (Reconstruct Retaining Wall - Union St to Lee St)	40,000	0	40,000		
	Campania - Structure Plan - Town Gateway and Streetscape	40,000	0	40,000	Budget C/F	
	Colebrook - Coalmine Bend Road (Redirect Drainage from Train Line - Piping)	25,000	25,807	-807		
	Oatlands - Hasting Street Junction	15,000	959	14,041	WIP \$959	
	Oatlands - High Street (Traffic Islands)	45,940	384	45,556	VRUP Funding \$22,300 RTR \$23,640	30 June 2026
	Tunbridge - Main Street (Kerb & Gutter Renewal)	40,000	46,290	-6,290	WIP \$4186.12	
		<b>2,297,440</b>	<b>511,512</b>	<b>1,785,928</b>		

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		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
<b>WALKWAYS</b>	Footpaths - General Streetscapes	45,959	0	45,959		
	Bagdad - Midland Highway Pathway (Primary School north to Community Club)	240,000	9,703	230,297	Election Commitment - \$150,000 WIP \$1,130	2 March 2026
	Campania - Reeve Street (Hall St to Lee St)	57,740	128	57,612	VRUP Funding \$28,620	30 June 2026
	Colebrook - Richmond Road (Asphalting)	4,041	4,041	0	Funded from footpaths general budget	
	Kempton - Burnett Street to Mood Food	425,565	58,682	366,883	Better Active Transport \$278K WIP \$5332	30 June 2026
	Kempton - Main Street (Southern End 300m)	75,000	0	75,000		
	Oatlands - Church Street (High St to Esplanade both sides - Design Only)	10,000	0	10,000		
	Oatlands - Church Street (Sth Parade to William St - north. side - Footpath - 130 m)	30,000	1,049	28,951	Budget C/F	
	Parattah - Streetscape (Stage 1)	50,000	417	49,583		
	Tunnack - Streetscape (Year 1 of 3)	100,000	73,251	26,749	WIP \$73,042	
		<b>1,038,305</b>	<b>147,271</b>	<b>891,034</b>		
<b>PUBLIC TOILETS</b>	General Public Toilets - Upgrade Program	14,616	0	14,616	Budget c/f	
	Colebrook - History Room Toilets (Replace Septic Tank)	10,000	6,442	3,558		
		<b>24,616</b>	<b>6,442</b>	<b>18,174</b>		
<b>DRAINAGE</b>	Bagdad / Mangalore - Hydraulic Assessment (Flood Mapping)	61,625	0	61,625	Budget C/F	
	Stormwater System Management Plans ( <i>Urban Drainage Act 2013</i> )	50,000	10,456	39,544	WIP \$456	
	Oatlands - High Street / Church Street Jct (Pipe Replacement)	15,000	166	14,834		
	Oatlands - High Street /Wellington Street Jct (New Pit)	4,000	0	4,000		
	Oatlands - Queen Anne St (Pipe into existing Drain)	35,000	11,908	23,092		
		<b>165,625</b>	<b>22,530</b>	<b>143,094</b>		
<b>WASTE</b>	Wheelie Bins and Crates	10,000	9,799	201		
		<b>10,000</b>	<b>9,799</b>	<b>201</b>		
<b>GROWTH</b>						
<b>TOURISM</b>	Oatlands - Heritage Interpretation Panel renewal	2,000	0	2,000		
	Oatlands Accommodation Facility	0	42,283	-42,283	WIP \$42,283 (Offset by Barrack Street Property)	
		<b>2,000</b>	<b>42,283</b>	<b>-40,283</b>		

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		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
<b>LANDSCAPES</b>						
<b>HERITAGE</b>	Jericho - Memorial Avenue - Plaques	20,500	4,300	16,200	Budget c/f WIP \$4,300. Offset by donation of \$500.	
	Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park - Interps	19,545	0	19,545	Budget C/F	
	Melton Mowbray - Recognition plaque JH Bisdee VC OBE (DVA Grant)	8,480	8,904	-424	Saluting Their Service Grant \$7,480	30 April 2025
	Oatlands - Callington Mill - Structural Repair & External painting	80,000	0	80,000	\$40K Budget C/F	
	Oatlands - Court House (Wall Stabilisation)	15,000	4,764	10,236	WIP \$1,187	
	Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Chimney Capping & Fireplace Repairs)	5,000	866	4,134	Budget C/F	
	Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Lighting & Hanging System Upgrade)	5,000	973	4,027		
	Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Wingwall)	23,000	0	23,000	Budget C/F	
	Oatlands - Heritage Buildings (Security Upgrades)	10,000	108	9,892		
	Oatlands - Heritage Collections Store	10,000	3,700	6,300	WIP \$3,700	
	Oatlands - Roche Hall (Building Improvements for PRISM)	150,000	53,805	96,195	\$90K Budget C/F WIP \$19,644	
	Oatlands - Roche Hall Forecourt (Interps - Planning Condition of Approval)	40,000	7,820	32,180	WIP \$7,820	
		<b>386,525</b>	<b>85,240</b>	<b>301,285</b>		
<b>NATURAL</b>	Campania - Bush Reserve / Cemetery	300,000	100,936	199,064	WIP \$93,346	
	Chauncy Vale - Day Dawn Cottage Improvements	12,000	10,311	1,689	WIP \$8,557	
	Chauncy Vale - Toilet & Interps Upgrade	80,000	42,920	37,080	Election Commitment \$80,000 WIP \$22,570	30 June 2026
		<b>392,000</b>	<b>154,166</b>	<b>237,834</b>		
<b>REGULATORY - DEVELOPMENT</b>	Master / Structure Plans (Bagdad / Mangalore / Campana)	50,000	138,959	-88,959	Includes Flour Mill Park Master Plan	
	Kempton Council Chambers - Structural Damage	0	16,650	-16,650	External Contractor Liable for damage	
	Property Purchase - 10 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	530,000	0	530,000	Budget C/F	
	Oatlands - Stanley Street Master Plan	20,000	172	19,828	Budget c/f WIP \$172	
		<b>600,000</b>	<b>155,781</b>	<b>444,219</b>		
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>	Oatlands - Off-Lead Dog Park	35,000	1,947	33,053	WIP \$1,947	
		<b>35,000</b>	<b>1,947</b>	<b>33,053</b>		

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	BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
<b>COMMUNITY</b>					
<b>RECREATION</b>					
Facilities & Recreation Committee	34,475	0	34,475	Budget \$40,000 (projects funded as below)	
Building Upgrades (Sites determined following inspections)	50,000	0	50,000		
Playground Upgrades ('inspections)	50,000	0	50,000		
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Precinct Plan & Property Transfer)	111,000	95,003	15,997	\$35K Budget c/f WIP \$95,003	
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Redevelopment)	0	49,706	-49,706	WIP \$49,706	
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Sports Pavilion)	0	211,856	-211,856	WIP \$211,856 Subject to Funding	
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Multi-purpose Sports Hall)	0	252,160	-252,160	WIP \$252,160 Subject to Funding	
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Oval Relocation)	0	26,500	-26,500	WIP \$25,500 Subject to Funding	
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Wastewater System)	200,000	0	200,000		
Bagdad - Iden Road Park Development	75,000	0	75,000	Budget C/F	
Bagdad - Acquisition 1689 Midland Highway Bagdad	0	309,870	-309,870	Funding not allocated	
Campania - Flour Mill Park (Redevelopment)	68,000	0	68,000		
Campania - Hall (External Painting)	36,800	41,470	-4,670	WIP \$39,696	
Campania - Recreation Ground (Electronic Scoreboard)	47,875	50,165	-2,290	WIP \$48,043	
Campania - Recreation Ground (Landscaping & Tiered Seating)	270,000	631	269,369	Election Commitment - \$200K WIP \$374	30 June 2026
Campania - Recreation Ground (All abilities Car Parking)	26,750	0	26,750	Election Commitment - \$18K	30 June 2026
Campania - Recreation Ground (Upgrade Change rooms)	1,100,000	320,983	779,017	LGAT Open Space \$40K / SMC - \$700K WIP	
Colebrook - Hall (Windows, Ramps, Double Doors)	10,000	0	10,000		
Kempton - Carriage Shed (External Repair & Repainting)	11,700	0	11,700		
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Site Dev) (Boundary Fence)	24,250	14,118	10,132	Budget c/f WIP \$14,118	
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Cricket Net, basket ball / pickle ball court)	80,000	66,632	13,368	Active Tas - Election Commitment WIP \$2,886	30 June 2026
Melton Mowbray - Streetscape Works (Trough / Shelter etc)	90,000	106,074	-16,074	\$60K Budget C/F WIP \$85,022	
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Outdoor Area Seating)	4,000	0	4,000		
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Learn to Swim Equipment)	2,000	87	1,913		
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Gymnasium Equipment Upgrade)	5,000	0	5,000		
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Female Change Rooms / Shower Cubicles)	10,000	0	10,000		
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Pump Replacement)	10,000	0	10,000		
Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Air Lock & Heating)	40,000	14,432	25,568	\$30K of Budget C/F WIP \$14,432	
Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Kitchen Floor Repairs / Underpinning)	8,000	0	8,000		
Oatlands - Midlands Community Centre (External Painting - Front of Building)	8,000	0	8,000	Budget C/F	
Oatlands - Old Swimming Pool (Staged demolition)	62,889	4,521	58,368	Balance Budget C/F	
Oatlands - Recreation Ground (Redevelopment)	0	174,791	-174,791	Subject to Funding WIP \$172,521	
Parattah - Recreation Ground (Reglaze Windows)	2,724	2,724	0	Funded from Facilities & Rec Committee Budget	
Runnymede - Recreation Ground (Pitch Renewal)	8,000	8,258	-258		
Tunbridge - Tunbridge Park (Tree Planting)	2,802	2,802	0	Funded from Facilities & Rec Committee Budget	
Tunnack - Recreation Ground (Kiosk Removal)	8,000	0	8,000		
Tunnack - Recreation Ground (Toilet Block Painting)	4,000	0	4,000		
Woodsdale Recreation Ground	45,000	0	45,000	Budget C/F	
Water Bottle Refill Stations	7,980	0	7,980	Budget C/F	
	<b>2,514,244</b>	<b>1,752,781</b>	<b>761,464</b>		
<b>CAPACITY &amp; SUSTAINABILITY</b>					
Property Purchase - 9 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	73,248	50,009	23,238	Budget \$519,490 less \$446K spent in 22/23	
	<b>73,248</b>	<b>50,009</b>	<b>23,238</b>		

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		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
<b>ORGANISATION</b>						
<b>SUSTAINABILITY</b>	WiFi Equipment	7,000	0	7,000	Budget C/F	
	Council Website Upgrade	40,000	5,925	34,075	Budget C/F	
	Communications Link Upgrade	5,000	0	5,000		
	Computer / Network Upgrades	18,000	0	18,000		
	Kempton - Council Chambers (Office Furniture & Equipment)	7,500	0	7,500		
	Oatlands - Town Hall (Office Furniture & Equipment)	7,500	0	7,500		
	Oatlands - Town Hall (Replacement Heat Pump)	5,500	0	5,500		
	Oatlands - Town Hall (Toilet Upgrade / Air lock / Lift) Year 1 of 5 \$300K per annum	400,000	17,794	382,206	\$100K Budget C/F WIP \$8,437	
		<b>490,500</b>	<b>23,719</b>	<b>466,781</b>		
<b>WORKS</b>	Kempton - Works Depot (Toilet / Shower Upgrade)	30,000	0	30,000		
	Kempton - Works Depot (Security Cameras)	5,000	0	5,000		
	Minor Plant Purchases	12,000	2,229	9,771		
	Radio System	5,000	220	4,780		
	<b>Plant Replacement Program</b>					
	Heavy Vehicles - Gross Amount	889,370	435,330	454,040		
	(Trade Allowance - \$254K)					
	Light Vehicles - Gross Amount	515,179	185,052	330,127		
	(Trade Allowance - \$299K)					
		<b>1,456,549</b>	<b>622,831</b>	<b>833,718</b>		
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		<b>9,486,051</b>	<b>3,586,313</b>	<b>5,899,739</b>		

<b>CASH FLOW 2025/2026</b>	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) July 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Aug 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Sep 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Oct 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Nov 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Dec 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Jan 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Feb 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Mar 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Apr 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) May 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Jun 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (Total 2024/25) \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>													
<b>Payments</b>													
Employee costs	(654,876)	(424,204)	(370,607)	(391,754)									(1,841,440)
Materials and contracts	(987,152)	(399,774)	(459,970)	(353,322)									(2,200,218)
Interest	(2,223)	0	0	0									(2,223)
Other	(28,004)	(82,892)	(68,686)	(161,851)									(341,434)
	(1,672,254)	(906,870)	(899,264)	(906,927)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(4,385,316)
<b>Receipts</b>													
Rates	722,648	431,037	2,387,961	589,319									4,130,966
User charges	1,376,627	109,039	268,268	172,447									1,926,381
Interest received	33,066	36,362	50,568	34,958									154,953
Subsidies	0	0	0	0									0
Operating Grants	0	603,391	5,335	0									608,726
Other	70,371	159,430	49,262	53,844									332,908
	2,202,712	1,339,260	2,761,394	850,568	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,153,934
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	530,458	432,390	1,862,130	(56,360)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,768,618
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>													
Payments for property, plant & equipment	(197,080)	(549,583)	(616,036)	(368,073)									(1,730,772)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	32,932	35,131	0	164,541									232,604
Proceeds from Capital grants	0	0	0	0									0
Proceeds from Investments	0	0	0	0									0
Payment for Investments	0	0	0	0									0
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	(164,148)	(514,453)	(616,036)	(203,532)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,498,169)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>													
Repayment of borrowings	(109,510)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(109,510)
Proceeds from borrowings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net cash from (used in) financing activities</b>	(109,510)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(109,510)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	256,800	(82,063)	1,246,095	(259,891)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,160,940
Cash at beginning of reporting month	11,895,902	12,152,702	12,070,639	13,316,734	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,895,902
<b>Cash at end of reporting period</b>	<b>12,152,702</b>	<b>12,070,639</b>	<b>13,316,734</b>	<b>13,056,842</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,056,842</b>

### **17.3.2 Request for Rate Remission – Oatlands District Historical Society – 107 High Street, Oatlands (PID 5842354)**

**Author:** SOPHIE BLYTH (PROPERTY & RATES OFFICER)

**Date:** 17 NOVEMBER 2025

**Enclosure(s):**

*Oatlands District Historical Society Inc. Statement of Receipts and Expenditure 2024-26.*

#### **ISSUE**

At the October 2025 Meeting Council was presented with a letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from the Oatlands District Historical Society requesting a remission of rates and charges for the 2025/2026 financial year.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Reference is made to section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. It states:

**129. Remission of rates**

*“(1) A ratepayer may apply to the council for remission of all or part of any rates paid or payable by the ratepayer or any penalty imposed or interest charged under [section 128](#) .*

*(2) An application is to be –  
(a) made in writing; and  
(b) lodged with the general manager.*

*(3) A council, by absolute majority, may grant a remission of all or part of any rates, penalty or interest paid or payable by the ratepayer.*

*(4) A council, by absolute majority, may grant a remission of any rates, penalty or interest paid or payable by a class of ratepayers.*

*(5) The general manager is to keep a record of the details of any remission granted under this section.”*

#### **DETAIL**

The Oatlands District Historical Society has been granted a remission of rates and charges over the last five years.

As part of that decision, it was determined that the Society would need to make application on an annual basis.

A decision was made at the Council Meeting in October 2025 that the request for a remission would be deferred pending the Oatlands Historical Society providing its most recent financial report for Council’s information, with the matter to be reconsidered following receipt of this information.

This information has now been provided as per the enclosed report.

#### **Human Resources & Financial Implications –**

Rates and Charges:

Description	2025/26
General	\$531.07
Garbage	\$272.00
Waste Levy	\$305.00
Fire	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,158.07</b>
<i>Interest &amp; Penalties imposed</i>	<i>\$15.76</i>
<b>Total Outstanding</b>	<b>\$1,173.83</b>

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Nil**

**Policy Implications – Policy position**

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Ongoing.**

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT, in accordance with section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1993*:**

- a) **Council, by absolute majority, grant a remission of rates and charges to the Oatlands District Historical Society for its property at 107 High Street, Oatlands (PID 5842354); and**
- b) **The remission relates to the 2025/2026 financial year, inclusive of penalty and interest.**

### DECISION

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

**THAT::**

- a) **in accordance with section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council, by absolute majority, grant a full remission of rates and charges to the Oatlands District Historical Society for its property at 107 High Street, Oatlands (PID 5842354);**
- b) **The remission relates to the 2025/2026 financial year, inclusive of penalty and interest; and**
- c) **The Society be informed that due to its current financial position, it be indicated that a partial remission may only be considered in future years (any decision to take into account its forward commitments in terms of planned capital works).**

### CARRIED

<b>DECISION (MUST BE BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY)</b>		
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	✓	





OATLANDS DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE  
2024-25

INCOME	\$
BALANCE B/F 30.6.2024	10393:17
Entry Fees	9974:11
Bank Interest	64:36
Research	307:00
SMC Key deposit scheme	348:00
Chronicle Sales	205:00
Donations Mainly Bullock Festival	1785:40
GST Credits	228:00
Bargain Centre	253:95
Bargain Centre Jayne Paterson	3603:60
Book Sales	2794:60
Photos & photocopying	540:50
Chocolates	297:50
Postcards	169:00
Memberships	480:00
Booklets	79:00
Sundries goggles biscuits stickers CD's posters etc.	208:00
	<u>31731:19</u>

EXPENDITURE	
Aurora	695:52
Taswater	1162:17
Austbrokers-all insurance	2205:00
Tyro Fees	135:12
Book Purchases	3951:70
Ink Cartridges	150:80
Paper Statement Fee CBA	47:50
Jim's Test and Tag electrical check	324:50
Tas Fire Equip. new exting. etc.	158:18
Bookcase from Uniting Church	200:00
Signage Lake Dulverton SMC	35:00
Mailbox	64:50
Men's Shed repairs Honour Board	55:00
Fred Baker Oatlands Book	5000:00
Woodsdale Hist Rm Assorted Books	240:00
Labelling Machine	72:00
Sundries- Door closer kitchen items postage, cleaning products etc.	247:14
BALANCE C/F 30.6.25	16987:06
	<u>31731:19</u>

Notes: Term Deposits \$28672

Jayne Paterson has again directed her Bargain Centre Volunteers hours to the Historical Society (\$3603:60)  
Book Sales - we make a small profit on these.

  
MDB. 0455 826 458

C.S. Burbury  
Treasurer  
26.7.25

**18. MUNICIPAL SEAL**

Nil.

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

Nil.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

## DECISION

*Moved by Cllr B Campbell, seconded by Cllr D Fish*

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

Matter	<i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025</i> Reference
<i>Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation</i>	17(2)(g)
<i>Applications for Leave of Absence</i>	17(2)(h)
<i>Financial Underwriting By Council - Book by Alan Townsend and Linda Clark</i>	17(2)(e)

## CARRIED

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

## 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 Cllr D Blackwell, seconded by Cllr B Campbell*

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

## CARRIED

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

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

#### 20.2 Applications for Leave of Absence

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

*Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 17(2)(h) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.*

#### 20.3 Financial Underwriting By Council - Book by Alan Townsend and Linda Clark

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*Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 17(2)(e) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.*

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Council move out of “Closed Session”.**

### DECISION

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

**THAT Council move out of “Closed Session”.**

### CARRIED

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

## **OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **21. CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 12.33 p.m.