

SOUTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL



MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 22nd January 2025
10.00 a.m.

Tunnack Hall
2147 Tunnack Main Road, Tunnack

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OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2025 AT THE TUNNACK HALL,
2147 TUNNACK MAIN ROAD TUNNACK, COMMENCING AT 10.00 A.M.**

1. PRAYERS

Reverend Dennis Cousens recited prayers.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor E Batt recited Acknowledgement of Country.

3. ATTENDANCE

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

Mr T Kirkwood (General Manager), Mr G Finn (Manager Development and Environmental Services), Mr D Richardson (Manager Infrastructure and Works), Mrs A Burbury (Finance Officer), Ms W Young (Manager Community & Corporate Development) and Mrs J Thomas (Executive Assistant).

4. APOLOGIES

Mr A Benson (Deputy General Manager)

5. MINUTES

5.1 Ordinary Council Meeting

The Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the previous meeting of Council held on 11th December 2024, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 11th December 2024 be confirmed.

DECISION

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

THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 11th December 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

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

5.2 Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 11th December 2024, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 11th December 2024 be confirmed.

DECISION

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

THAT the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 11th December 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

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

5.3 Special Committees of Council Minutes

5.3.1 Special Committees of Council - Receipt of Minutes

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

- Woodsdale Community Memorial Hall General Committee Meeting – 1st December 2024
- Oatlands Community Shed Management Committee Minutes – 20th November 2024

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

Moved by Cllr D Fish, seconded by Cllr B Campbell

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

CARRIED

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

5.3.2 Special Committees of Council - Endorsement of Recommendations

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

- Woodsdale Community Memorial Hall General Committee Meeting – 1st December 2024
- Oatlands Community Shed Management Committee Minutes – 20th November 2024

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

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

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

CARRIED

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

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

5.4.1 Joint Authorities - Receipt of Minutes

Nil.

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

Nil.

6. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Agenda is to include details of any Council workshop held since the last meeting.

It is reported that no workshops have been held since the last Ordinary Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

Moved by Cllr B Campbell, seconded by Cllr D Blackwell

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

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

7. COUNCILLORS – QUESTION TIME

7.1 Questions (On Notice)

Regulation 30 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* 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 2015* 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 – Local Government Reform – made reference to the future Council reform process highlighted by the Minister for Local Government and questioned what information was available?

General Manager advised that the Local Government Reform issue would be the main topic for discussion at the Council Workshop scheduled for Monday 10th February 2025. Detail to be provided at the workshop. This would include a review and consideration of the Councillor Expenses Policy, the need for which has been highlighted due to the recent Northern Midlands Council experience.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Oatlands Aquatic Centre – requested that Council consider the placement of a ‘stand-alone’ sign (large) on the Midland Highway promoting the Oatlands Aquatic Centre.

To be investigated and report provided.

Clr F Miller – Car Park (opposite Campania Tavern) – Rubbish Bin – Bin requires replacement as the base has rusted out.

To be actioned.

Clr F Miller – Development (adjoining Colebrook Main Road) – made reference to the significant development that is taking place (vicinity of the Colebrook Golf Club) and emphasised the need to consider the positioning of buildings; aesthetics; and setbacks etc. for future developments adjoining Colebrook Main Road.

Comment noted.

Clr B Campbell – Weed Declaration – questioned the process to have a plant to be declared as a weed (i.e. yarrow)?

To be investigated and detail to be provided in the next NRM Program Managers Report.

Clr B Campbell – Southern Waste Authority – Council Representative - questioned who was Council’s representative and secondly, what the Southern Waste Authority was doing in relation to managing single-use plastics and micro plastics?

Advised that the Manager Infrastructure & Works (David Richardson) was Council’s appointed represented. Information to be sought from the Authority in relation to the issue of the plastics.

Clr B Campbell – Mount Seymour Hall – Access to Hall - questioned how interested persons could gain access to the Mount Seymour Hall?

Advised that the property is owned by the Crown, and the first point of contact for those persons interested in the Hall facility would be Property Services (Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service - Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania).

Clr D Fish – Horses (Parattah property) - questioned whether there was any update in relation to this property?

Manager Development & Environmental Services advised that there has been no further update or developments. Council has not received any complaints in relation to the property. It is evident that the horses were being well cared for.

Clr A Bisdee OAM – Oatlands Aquatic Centre - questioned whether the final Contract payment has been negotiated and finalised with VOS Construction?

General Manager advised that the final settlement has yet to be completed.

Mayor E Batt – Woodsdale Recreation Ground – questioned whether there has been any progress in relation to this matter?

General Manager confirmed that a Development Application has recently been submitted and is in the early stages of being assessed by an independent consultant.

Mayor E Batt – Kempton ‘Village’ township – retention of the ‘village’ atmosphere – requested that this issue be listed for discussion at a forthcoming Council Workshop.

Noted.

8. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, 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 2015*.

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 2015*, 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 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the agenda is to make provision for public question time.

In particular, Regulation 31 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* states:

- (1) *Members of the public may give written notice to the General Manager 7 days before an ordinary meeting of Council of a question to be asked at the meeting.*
- (2) *The chairperson may –*
 - (a) *address questions on notice submitted by members of the public; and*
 - (b) *invite any member of the public present at an ordinary meeting to ask questions relating to the activities of the Council.*
- (3) *The chairperson at an ordinary meeting of a council must ensure that, if required, at least 15 minutes of that meeting is made available for questions by members of the public.*
- (4) *A question by any member of the public under this regulation and an answer to that question are not to be debated.*
- (5) *The chairperson may –*
 - (a) *refuse to accept a question; or*
 - (b) *require a question to be put on notice and in writing to be answered at a later meeting.*
- (6) *If the chairperson refuses to accept a question, the chairperson is to give reasons for doing so.*

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

Mrs Dare – raised the issue of a kerbside waste and recycling collection being provided to Tunnack.

General Manager advised the process normally undertaken by Council to expand the collection district involved the conduct of a Community Survey (due to the additional costs levied) and that previous surveys had concluded that a service was not desired. It was confirmed that a further Survey could be undertaken. As requested the timeframe for survey response would be increased to six weeks. This would provide additional time for the Community Club to consider etc.

Mrs Dare – Tunnack township – Upgrade of footpaths - raised the need to improve the standard of footpaths(s) within Tunnack. In particular, the need to provide an improved standard for wheelchair access.

Comments noted. To be investigated with the intent of preparing an upgrade program that can be undertaken over a period of time. Tunnack Main Road being the priority.

Mr Grant Lodge – Tunnack Community Club – Raised the need to improve the kerb and gutter; including access points, at the Tunnack Community Club. The road seal should also be extended to cover the access off River Road.

Comments noted. To be investigated noting that sealing works have already been scheduled. The issue of accesses to be discussed with the Tunnack Community Club.

Mrs Sue Scott - Junction – Eldon Road & Tunnack Square Road - Raised safety issues that need to be assessed at this location.

Manager Infrastructure & Works advised that works are already planned for this location which will commence in the next two weeks.

Mr Grant Lodge – Junction – Tunnack Main Road and Fairhaven Road – asked whether it is possible to install a ‘Mirror’ at this junction to improve sight distance for heavy vehicles entering Tunnack Main Road.

Manager Infrastructure & Works to investigate and inform Mr Lodge in relation to what options may be available.

Mr Grant Lodge – Tunbridge Nature Reserve – Availability of clean fill (private property)?

Manager Infrastructure & Works to discuss with Mr Lodge

Mr Grant Lodge – New Country Marsh Road – drainage issues.

Manager Infrastructure & Works confirmed that drain clearing works are planned in this location.

DECISION

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

THAT Council adjourn for Morning Tea at 11.03 a.m.

CARRIED

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

DECISION

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

THAT Council reconvene at 11.24 a.m.

CARRIED

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

10.1 Permission to Address Council

Nil.

**11. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDER
REGULATION 16 (5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING
PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2015**

Nil.

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

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

12.1 Development Applications

Nil.

12.2 Subdivisions

Nil.

12.3 Municipal Seal (Planning Authority)

Nil.

12.4 Planning (Other)

12.4.1 Petition to Amend Sealed Plan 179101 – Removal of Restrictive Covenant – Lots 201 And 202, Owens Hill Road, Bagdad

Author: MANAGER – DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (GRANT FINN)

Date: 13 JANUARY 2025

Attachments:

1. *Instrument Form – Application to Amend Sealed Plan 179101*
2. *Title Documents - Folio Plan 19101 Folio 201 & 202*

INTRODUCTION

Council is in receipt of correspondence from Butler McIntyre & Butler dated 11 October 2024 requesting an amendment to Sealed Plan 179101.

This report seeks to amend a Sealed Plan at Owens Hill Road, Bagdad.

The amendment seeks the following:

- Remove the restrictive covenant on Lots 201 and 202 '*not to erect or permit to be erected on the lot or any part thereof more than one (1) dwelling.*'
- Delete the corresponding covenant from the Schedule of Easements

This application is made pursuant to Division 5 of Part 3 of the *Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993*.

Under the Act, the decision is to be made by the Council, rather than the Council as a Planning Authority.

BACKGROUND

The correspondence dated 11 October 2024 advises that the petition seeks to remove the covenant to not to erect or permit to be erected on the Lots more than one dwelling which was '*inadvertently created over the lots when the Sealed Plan was registered.*'

The planning permit (DA2021-00010) dated 24 November 2021 was approved under the *Southern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2015* ("the Planning Scheme") which is no longer in effect.

I concur with the applicants solicitor as no conditions were imposed restricting the development of more than one (1) dwelling on Lots 201 and 202.

Instead the intention of the covenant was only to apply to Lots 1-9, 11-14 and 16.

The land is Lot 201 on the Sealed Plan, was created under planning approval SA2100010 and is likely to be further subdivided pursuant to the provisions of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

TENURE

The Act requires that the petitioners serve a copy of the petition on all persons appearing by the registers under the *Land Titles Act 1980* and the *Registration of Deeds Act 1935* to have an estate or interest at law affected by the proposed amendment.

The sites are currently vacant and are held within the following ownership:

- ED Booth & JM Booth – Lots 201 and 202 on the Sealed Plan
- SB Coppleman & EL Atkinson – Lot 1 on the Sealed Plan
- GE Van Lierop & RN Carnes – Lot 2 on the Sealed Plan
- CJ Wright & ZD Vega – Lot 3 on the Sealed Plan
- DC & AR Scott – Lot 4 on the Sealed Plan
- LM & CD Lawson – Lot 5 on the Sealed Plan
- NJ Russell & TG Heyward – Lot 6 on the Sealed Plan
- AG Burns – Lot 7 on the Sealed Plan
- SE & KE Berry – Lot 8 on the Sealed Plan
- RH Booth – Lot 9 on the Sealed Plan
- CL Simpson – Lot 11 on the Sealed Plan
- NM Shaw & CM Hevey – Lot 12 on the Sealed Plan
- BL Woodland & KD Wilson – Lot 13 on the Sealed Plan
- KLJ Weeding & SI Hughes – Lot 14 on the Sealed Plan
- NK Booth – Lot 16 on the Sealed Plan
- Southern Midlands Council - Lot 100 (road lot) on the Sealed Plan

No other lot owner on the plan is considered to have an interest in the covenant as the benefit is only in favour of ED & JM Booth as sole covenantee.

TASMANIAN PLANNING SCHEME

The future development on the subject land will be controlled under the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme* (Southern Midlands) and associated planning code overlays.

The subject land is zoned Village and the provisions of Rule 12.5.1 prescribe a '*minimum lot size of no less than 600m²*.'

Lot 201 has a land area of 5.319ha.

Lot 202 has a land area of 1.26ha.

It is evident both lots have the potential for further development.

In addition both Lots are affected by the Bushfire-prone areas overlay and Lot 201 is affected by the Waterway & Coastal Protection Area under the Natural Assets Code.

The development of a single dwelling is afforded a NPR status, however this is contingent on compliance with all relevant development standards and Codes.
It should be noted that the purpose of the Natural Assets Code is:

C7.0 Natural Assets Code

C7.1 Code Purpose

The purpose of the Natural Assets Code is:

- C7.1.1 To minimise impacts on water quality, natural assets including native riparian vegetation, river condition and the natural function of watercourses, wetlands and lakes.
- C7.1.2 To minimise impacts on coastal and foreshore assets, native littoral vegetation, natural coastal processes and the natural ecological function of the coast.

- C7.1.3 To protect vulnerable coastal areas to enable natural processes to continue to occur, including the landward transgression of sand dunes, wetlands, saltmarshes and other sensitive coastal habitats due to sea-level rise.
- C7.1.4 To minimise impacts on identified priority vegetation.
- C7.1.5 To manage impacts on threatened fauna species by minimising clearance of significant habitat.

ASSESSMENT

In addition to the requirements of the Bushfire-prone area code overlay, any future development of Lot 201 will be required to address the above-mentioned criteria.

If approved by Council the 'Instrument Form' with instructions to make the necessary changes, signed and sealed by Council will be lodged at the Land Titles Office alongside the Final Sealed Plan for the proposed amendment removing the burden of the restrictive covenant on lots 201 and 202 '*not to erect or permit to be erected on the Lot or any part thereof more than one (1) dwelling.*'

It is recommended Council sign and seal the Instrument Form in accordance with the Solicitor's advice for lodgement at the Lands Titles Office.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT in accordance with Section 103 of the Local Government (Building & Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 Council Sign and Seal an 'Instrument Form' to be lodged at the Land Titles Office with a Request to Amend Sealed Plan 179101 to remove the restrictive covenant on Lots 201 and 202 'not to erect or permit to be erected on the Lot or any part thereof more than one (1) dwelling' and delete the relevant wording from the Schedule of Easements.

DECISION

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

THAT in accordance with Section 103 of the Local Government (Building & Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 Council Sign and Seal an 'Instrument Form' to be lodged at the Land Titles Office with a Request to Amend Sealed Plan 179101 to remove the restrictive covenant on Lots 201 and 202 'not to erect or permit to be erected on the Lot or any part thereof more than one (1) dwelling' and delete the relevant wording from the Schedule of Easements.

CARRIED

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

**[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 Sewers / Water

Strategic Plan Reference(s) 1.6

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

Nil.

13.7 Drainage

Strategic Plan Reference 1.7

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

Nil.

13.8 Waste

Strategic Plan Reference 1.8

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

Nil.

13.9 Information, Communication Technology

Strategic Plan Reference 1.9

Improve access to modern communications infrastructure.

Nil.

13.10 Officer Reports – Infrastructure & Works

13.10.1 Manager – Infrastructure & Works Report

Author: MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS (DAVID RICHARDSON)

Date: 17 JANUARY 2025

Enclosure:

Capital Works Program 2024-2025 Projected Timelines

Roads Program

Maintenance grading works will continue throughout the municipality.

Pot holes in both sealed and unsealed roads are being addressed as resources allow.

Culvert cleaning and drainage works are underway in various areas and will continue as weather permits.

A number of sealed roads have been identified that require edge break repairs to be undertaken, these works have commenced approx. 50% of Woodsdale Road edge breaks have been completed and will continue.

Inglewood Road is programmed to have edge break repairs completed soon as well as asphaltting the junction of Nala Road and Inglewood Road.

Advanced warning signage has been installed on the approach to a corner on Stonehouse Road to mitigate against a road safety concern raised, further works at the site are planned in the coming weeks including improving the road camber and surface area.

Current Capital Works

Interlaken Road upgrade works are progressing well, AWC are currently working around the 11-12km area from the Midlands Highway with sealing works now completed. The project is expected to be completed by February 2025.

Road reseal works are scheduled to commence mid-February on various roads.

Bagdad shared walkway works have commenced starting at the Bagdad Community Centre heading north and progressing well. These works will continue towards Iden Road from Chauncey Vale Road.

Callington Park new toilet works are almost completed.

Council's annual road stabilization programme has been completed with the exception of a section on Eldon Road which is planned for the coming weeks.

A new BBQ and shelter has been completed at the Oatlands Aquatic Centre.

Parks and Reserves

Maintenance of recreation grounds, parks and playgrounds ongoing as required.

Grass growth is keeping mowing crews busy as well as weed growth.

Annual sports grounds maintenance works will be commencing shortly –top dressing, verti-draining and fertilizing as required.

Bridge Works

Minor works on some bridges to be scheduled as resources permits.

Tunbridge Bridge is now open contractors are on site finalising the works.

Building Services Unit

Maintenance works have been carried out on various council buildings and will continue.

Construction of toilets at Callington Park is almost completed.

BBQ and shelter completed at Oatlands Aquatic Centre.

Demolition of old swimming pool building has commenced.

Planned Works

- Drainage and pavement repairs various roads;
- Undertake various bridge maintenance repairs;
- Continue Interlaken Road upgrade works (nearing completion);
- Continue footbridge/pathway works Bagdad;
- Commence planning of works for Kempton-Mood Food Pathway;
- Commence Tunbridge kerb replacement works Main Road Tunbridge;
- Edge break repairs on various roads;
- Continue roadside slashing programme;
- Building maintenance works will continue;

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS

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Mayor E Batt – Junction – Buckland Road / Woodsdale Road

Manager Infrastructure & Works advised that he has inspected the junction and considers that no change to the signage (i.e. give-way arrangements) is required. Any alternative view would need to be sourced from a Traffic Engineer.

Clr A Bisdee OAM – Old Swimming Pool – has demolition commenced?

Manager Infrastructure & Works advised that building demolition has commenced. The major earthworks being planned following the installation of the vibration monitoring equipment.

Clr B Campbell – Ponsonby Vale Road – investigation outcome?

Manager Infrastructure & Works confirmed that the circumstances have been investigated and the limited maintenance work undertaken in the past has been due to limited access (i.e. gates installed across the road). Issues have been resolved.

Clr B Campbell – Road Maintenance issues – Inglewood Road – sections require re-sheeting; edge breaks and should re-sheeting in general.

Clr D Blackwell - Road Maintenance – Broadmarsh Township – edge breaks in certain areas require attention.

Clr D Fish – Interlaken Road – mentioned a narrow section of the Road (between the two bridges below ‘Mungala’).

Manager Infrastructure & Works confirmed that theses bridges are to be signposted as ‘Single Lane Bridge’.

Mayor E Batt – Midland Highway, Bagdad – Pathway

Manager Infrastructure & Works advised that the new pathway will be continued through to the Iden Road intersection as the existing budget would enable completion of this stage (i.e. from Chauncy Vale Road to Iden Road).

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Clr B Campbell

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

CARRIED

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

Capital Works Program 2024-2025 Projected Timelines
as at 31 Dec 2024

Project	Total Project Cost (\$)	2024						2025					
		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Road Resheeting													
Clifton Vale Road Resheeting	113,893												
Road Resealing - Sealed Roads													
Various Projects	596,787												
Road Reconstruction & Seal													
Elderslie - Pelham Road (1km)	160,000												
York Plains - Vicinity of 'Handroyd' - 800 metres	130,000												
Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road (2.4 klms) Cricket Ground towards Quarry	370,000												
Colebrook - Station Street (includes drainage)	25,000												
Construct & Seal (Unsealed Roads)													
Oatlands - Bentwick Street	20,000	Deferred pending development application											
Oatlands - Interlaken Road	5,746,180												
Junction / Road Realignment / Other													
Sealed Road Edge Breaks - Woodsdale Road & York Plains Road	300,000												
Andover - Nala Road Junction with Inglewood Road (Asphalt junction)	30,000												
Campania - Car Park Improvements	67,600												
Campania - Estate Road (vicinity Mallow property)	49,000												
Elderslie - Cliftonvale Road (Guard Rail) - 600 metres	90,000												
Oatlands - Hasting Street Junction	15,000												
Oatlands - Stanley Street (from Midland Highway junction to Nelson Street)	35,000												
Oatlands - William Street (from Wellington Street towards Stanley Street)	13,500												
Tunbridge - Main Street (Kerb & Gutter Renewal)	40,000												
Tunnack - Link Road Landslip	25,000												
York Plains Road (vicinity of Rooney's Road) - Guard Rail - approx. 50 metres	7,250												
Footpaths													
Footpaths - General Streetscapes	40,000												
Bagdad - Midland Highway Pathway (Primary School north to Community Club)	240,000												
Bagdad - Midland Highway Pathway (north of Bagdad Community Club)	645,840												
Campania - Climie Street (Across Railway)	41,250												
Campania - Reeve Street (West - adjacent to Flour Mill Park)	100,209												
Campania - Reeve Street (East - Rec Ground entrance to Villeneuve Street)	51,158												
Campania - Reeve Street - Footpath through to Hall	30,000												
Campania - Reeve Street Bus Stop - All Access All Weather Bus Stop Upgrade Program	40,696												
Kempton - Burnett Street to Mood Food	425,565												
Oatlands - High Street Bus Stop - All Access All Weather Bus Stop Upgrade Program	28,300												
Oatlands - Stanley Street (High Street to Nelson - 280 metres - kerb & footpath)	75,000												
Oatlands - Campbell Street (scope of works expanded to include kerb/gutter)	85,000												
Oatlands - Church Street (Sth Parade to William St - north. side - Footpath - 130 m)	30,000	Deferred until completion of ambulance bay											

Capital Works Program 2024-2025 Projected Timelines
as at 31 Dec 2024

Project	Total Project Cost (\$)	2024						2025					
		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Public Toilets													
Oatlands - Callington Park	203,000												
Stormwater Drainage													
Stormwater System Management Plans (Urban Drainage Act 2013)	50,000												
Bagdad / Mangalore - Hydraulic Assessment (Flood Mapping)	221,460												
Tourism													
Oatlands - Heritage Interpretation Panel renewal	2,000												
Heritage													
Jericho - Memorial Avenue - Plaques	20,000												
Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park - Interps	19,545												
Melton Mowbray - Recognition plaque JH Bisdee VC OBE (DVA Grant)	8,480												
Oatlands - Callington Mill - Structural Repair & External painting	40,000												
Oatlands - Council Chambers - Internal Toilets & Access Upgrade	100,000												
Oatlands - Court House (Wall Stabilisation)	15,000												
Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Chimney Capping & Fireplace Repairs)	5,000												
Oatlands Gaolers Residence (Wingwall)	23,000												
Oatlands - Heritage Buildings (Security Upgrades)	10,000												
Oatlands - Heritage Collections Store	10,000												
Oatlands - Roche Hall (Building Improvements)	90,000												
Oatlands - Roche Hall Forecourt (Interps - Planning Condition of Approval)	40,000												
Parattah - Railway Station -Shed for Gangers Trolley	2,000												
Natural													
Campania - Bush Reserve / Cemetery	300,000												
Chauncy Vale - Day Dawn Cottage Improvements	12,000												
Chauncy Vale - Toilet & Interps Upgrade (Election Commitment)	80,000												
Cultural													
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Forecourt - Art Installation)	20,000												
Regulatory - Development													
Master / Structure Plans (Bagdad / Mangalore / Campania)	50,000												
Property Purchase - 10 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	530,000												
Oatlands - Stanley Street Master Plan	20,000												
Regulatory - Public Health													
Oatlands - GP Accommodation Units	500,000												

Capital Works Program 2024-2025 Projected Timelines
as at 31 Dec 2024

Project	Total Project Cost (\$)	2024						2025					
		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Animal Control													
Oatlands - Off-Lead Dog Park	35,000	Deferred											
Recreation													
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Precinct Plan)	25,000												
Bagdad - Iden Road Park Development	75,000	Deferred											
Broadmarsh - Broadmarsh Hall "The Haven"	1,747,054												
Campania - Justitia Court POS - Shelter Hut	16,000												
Campania - War Memorial Hall (External Repainting)	10,600												
Campania - Hall (External Repainting)	36,800												
Campania - Recreation Ground (Electronic Scoreboard)	47,875												
Campania - Recreation Ground (All abilities Car Parking)	26,750												
Campania - Recreation Ground (Ground Improvements - Landscaping & Tiered Seating)	270,000												
Campania - Recreation Ground (Upgrade Change rooms)	1,100,000												
Colebrook - Hall Improvements (Resurface Timber Flooring)	1,800												
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Irrigation)	60,000												
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Site Dev and Play Equipment)	24,250												
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Cricket Net, Basketball, Pickleball) Election Commit.	80,000												
Mangalore - Recreation Ground (Dust Remediation - Tree planting etc.)	5,000												
Melton Mowbray - Streetscape Works (Trough / Shelter etc)	60,000												
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Courtyard Development -Shelter / BBQ)	30,000												
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Reception - Sliding Counter Window)	6,000												
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Gymnasium - Mirror & Equipment)	16,400												
Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Air Lock & Heating)	30,000												
Oatlands - Midlands Community Centre (External Painting - Front of Building)	8,000												
Oatlands - Old Swimming Pool (Staged demolition)	200,000												
Woodsdale Recreation Ground	45,000												
Legend													
		Scheduled		Infrastructure & Works				Heritage Projects					
		Completed		Infrastructure & Works				Heritage Projects					

14. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – GROWTH)

14.1 Residential

Strategic Plan Reference 2.1

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

Nil.

14.2 Tourism

Strategic Plan Reference 2.2

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

Nil.

14.3 Business

Strategic Plan Reference 2.3

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

Nil.

14.4 Industry

Strategic Plan Reference 2.4

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

Nil.

15. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – LANDSCAPES)

15.1 Heritage

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 22

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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 (ALAN TOWNSEND)

Date: 16 JANUARY 2025

ISSUE

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

DETAIL

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

- Ongoing collaboration with the Royal Society for the upcoming exhibition to be held in Oatlands mid 2025;
- Research into early colonial Oatlands for Tasmanian Historic Research Association for publication and presentation later this year;
- Ongoing communication with Edge Film on their proposal for audiovisual interpretations in Oatlands heritage buildings, pending grant funding opportunity being identified;
- Preliminary planning for upgrade of Roche Hall facilities to enable the Performing Artist in Residence Space (PRISM);
- Continuing appearances on ABC 936 regarding the history of the Southern Midlands;
- Participation in the Oatlands Art Retreat via presentations on southern midlands history;
- Ongoing projects with volunteers Ruby Dano and Linda Clarke;
- Creating material for YouTube series 'True Crime Oatlands 1829'.

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

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

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

CARRIED

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

15.2 Natural

Strategic Plan Reference – page 23/24

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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 PROGRAMS MANAGER (MARIA WEEDING)

Date: 14 JANUARY 2025

ISSUE: Southern Midlands NRM Unit Monthly Report.

DETAIL

- The toilet block build at Callington Park continues. Over the last 5 weeks the tiles have been laid, doors installed, baby change table fixed into position. Presently all the plumbing fixtures are being fitted including the railings for the accessible toilet requirements. The pathway to the toilet block is underway. The exterior screens will be fitted last to avoid the possibility of any damage during the construction phase. Completion of the project is subject to the arrival of a couple of items to be fitted and one metal cover plate being made. The fitting items are on back order, however it is expected that the facility should be completed within two weeks.
- Maria has been working on a few Lake Dulverton and other Callington Park matters, including weed related queries on plants found growing in the Lake, which are actually native plants.
- Maria has been away from the office for some of the December to January period.
- Helen has been on long service leave since mid December. Helen will return to work on Monday 20th January.

Weeds Officer Report, Mary Smyth

3rd December 2024 – 13th January 2025

Please note, weeds officer on annual leave 16th December 2024 until 7th January 2025.

Enquiries/feedback

Discussions regarding Paterson's curse and Chilean needle grass infestations from various people.

A new resident in Oatlands is keen to identify weeds in her garden (she is from Queensland and so isn't familiar with local weeds); I am planning to visit this month.

A report of Californian thistle in a drain under the Dulverton track is on the list to be actioned. This perennial weed needs a two-pronged attack: spray in January, and follow up any regrowth in March.

Site Visits

Total = 8

At the request of a weeds expert and contractor, I visited a property on the upper reaches of the Coal River to look at a thick Chilean Needle Grass infestation along the reserve land

between the property owner's land and the river. NPWS Property Services emailed (with supporting photographs).

A sighting by Council's weed spray contractor lead to the discovery of a brand new infestation of serrated tussock in the Council. A total of 42 plants (7 along the roadside, 2 under the fence and 33 in the adjacent paddock) were de-seeded and sprayed. The owner of the land happened to stop to chat and it turns out that he used to work at a property that had serrated tussock on it. Another 4 plants were discovered further along the road, but these had been slashed (they were all dug out anyway). This site is now a very high priority for eradication works this year, and landowners adjoining every roadside plant will be contacted to "keep an eye out" for incursions onto their land.

Re-visited a couple of sites where Chilean needle grass needed to be dug out/de-seeded/sprayed. Follow-up 'keep a look out' letters required for a number of landowners adjacent the roadside infestations controlled last season, and two letters required for landowners who have not controlled CNG on their land.

Antil Ponds Road St John's wort spraying was completed on one side of the u-turn bay, and missed plants mopped up on the other side of the u-turn bay. No plants found at the York Plains Road site, and Little Plains Rd and Rhyndaston still to be checked.

Communication

Advice regarding 3 separate Paterson's curse paddock infestations resulted in 3 letters being sent to the offending landowners.

Research

Did some background research for a small article submitted to the Ratepayers' newsletter about cumbungi infestations and platypus.

Trialling a couple of different herbicides for a carrot weed infestation on the banks of Lake Dulverton. The results are very pleasing. I also sprayed some Californian thistles nearby with leftover mix and they have died off well too. Follow-up required to finish off this patch of thistles.

Undertook some quick research on the various wetting agents recommended for the main herbicides we use: Pulse and BS1000 will cover all of them.

Related and extra-curricular activities

A personal locator beacon has been purchased, (and registration completed) for use by landcare office staff. With the weeds officer taking over the thistle eradication work at Chauncy Vale (notoriously patchy phone signals and plenty of snakes), and in case of accident in areas elsewhere in the Council that are out of phone signal range, this beacon will be a real safety asset for staff.

On the last day of my leave, I needed to go to Hobart. On the way, I called in to check and water the new plants at the rear of Kempton Oval.

A couple of days later, on the way home from having a molar extracted (!) I managed to spray all the regrowth of weeds in the newly planted area at the end of the horse arena at Mangalore Recreation Ground. This was paid work, but it was on a day I am not usually at work...

Attended Graham Green's farewell at Kempton. I will miss my in-person mapping sessions with Graham!

Attended the Midlands Tree Committee AGM (I am a member and enthusiastic supporter).

Submitted an article to the Southern Midlands Regional News all about Californian thistles.

Weeds Action Fund – Serrated tussock.

Maria was able to correct some administrative anomalies with the payment due to the contractor who undertook the survey work in the extended area beyond the serrated tussock core zone at Spring Hill. The contractor is now paid and the final report submitted to NRM North (administrators of the Weeds Action Fund grant monies).

Weed of the Week

St John's wort, Blackberry flowers and green fruit, and Lucerne displayed at the Oatlands front office this month.

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

Moved by Cllr D Fish, seconded by Cllr B Campbell

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	✓	
Cllr F Miller	✓	

15.3 Cultural

Strategic Plan Reference 3.3

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

Nil.

15.4 Regulatory (Development)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.4

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

Nil.

15.5 Regulatory (Public Health)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.5

Monitor and maintain a safe and healthy public environment.

Nil.

15.6 Regulatory (Animals)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.6

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

15.6.1 Animal Management Report

Author: ANIMAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER (RACHEL COLLIS)

Date: 17 JANUARY 2025

ISSUE

Consideration of the Animal Management/Compliance Officer's report for January 2024

The purpose of the report is twofold:

1. To inform Council and the Community of infringements issued by Council Officers in relation to Animal Management for the period January; *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 the relevant legislation. This reminds Council and the community of the importance of responsible ownership of animals.

The infringements detailed in this report were all 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.

INFRINGEMENT DETAILS:

ATTACK DETAILS:

Dog fight Campania area– still investigating

**YTD ANIMAL MANAGEMENT STATEMENT
2025**

DOG IMPOUNDS	RECLAIMED	ADOPTED/DOGS HOME	EUTHANISED	OTHER IMPOUNDS
1		1		

**JOBS ATTENDED
January 2025**

DOGS AT LARGE	DOG ATTACKS	DOG BARKING	DOG GENERAL
	1	1	3
NEW KENNEL LICENCES	WELFARE	STOCK	Central Highlands
1 pending			1

REGISTERED DOGS: 1724
KENNEL LICENCES: 67
INFRINGEMENTS ISSUED: 0

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	✓	
Cllr F Miller	✓	

15.7 Environmental Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 3.7

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

Nil.

16. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – COMMUNITY)

16.1 Community Health and Wellbeing

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

Strategic Plan Reference 4.2 <i>Provide a range of recreational activities and services that meet the reasonable needs of the community.</i>
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16.2.1 Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinators Report

Author: OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE COORDINATOR (ADAM BRIGGS)

Date: 8 JANUARY 2025

ISSUE

Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinator's Report for the month of December 2024.

BACKGROUND

The Oatlands Aquatic Centre opened to the public on Monday 14th November 2022.

DETAIL

The purpose of the report is twofold:

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

Financial Reporting:**OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE - OPERATING BUDGET**

INCOME		Annual Budget 2024/25	Dec 2024	Dec 2023	2024/25 Year to Date	2023/24 Year to Date	% of Budget 2024/25
Admission Fees		\$237,500	\$10,490	\$14,643	\$95,546	\$88,751	40.2%
Sale of Goods		\$12,500	\$1,427	\$1,113	\$7,746	\$5,952	62.0%
Charging Station Energy Use Reimbursement		\$14,000	\$0	\$3,278	\$9,028	\$3,278	64.5%
Sub-Total		\$264,000	\$11,916	\$19,034	\$112,320	\$97,981	42.5%

EXPENDITURE		Annual Budget 2024/25	Dec 2024	Dec 2023	2024/25 Year to Date	2023/24 Year to Date	% of Budget 2024/25
Salaries (incl. On-Costs)		\$473,945	\$61,887	\$38,444	\$242,881	\$209,823	51.2%
Operating Costs - Other		\$260,395	\$25,731	\$24,074	\$173,737	\$133,475	66.7%
Total Expenditure		\$734,340	\$87,619	\$62,518	\$416,618	\$343,298	56.7%

Budgeted Deficit		-\$470,340	-\$75,703	-\$43,484	-\$304,298	-\$245,317	64.7%
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Group Bookings & Programs – December (4/12/24 - 8/1/25):

Event / Booking	School / Group	Participation Numbers
Physio Rehab Sessions	Annabel Butler – Physiotherapist	15 individual bookings
Lane Hire	Midlands Swimming Club	2 individual bookings
Centre Hire	Kempton Primary School “Splash Day”	50 participants
Centre Hire	Oatlands District School “Splash Day”	180 participants
Centre Visits	Fitness Passport Program	16 participants
Centre Hire	Bagdad Primary School “Splash Day”	160 participants
Student Visits	Kempton Primary School “LIL Program”	4 participants

USAGE FOR THE PERIOD 4/12/2024 – 8/1/2025

PAID UPFRONT

Type	Units
Gym	
Gym Pass 10 Sessions (17 years)	0
Gym Pass 10 Sessions (Concession)	0
PAYG – Gym (17 years)	27
PAYG – Gym (Concession)	19
Gym/Pool Combo	
Gym/Pool Pass 10 Sessions (17 years)	4
Gym/Pool Pass 10 Sessions (Concession)	4
PAYG – Gym/Pool Combo (17 years)	4
PAYG – Gym/Pool Combo (Concession)	6
Learn to Swim (Total Numbers)	
January, 2025 Private Program Enrolments (Currently)	26
Pool	
Pool Passes 10 Sessions (Child/Concession)	15
Pool Pass 10 Session (17 years)	0
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (17 +)	2
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Concession)	0
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Family)	0
PAYG – Pool (4 years and under)	268
PAYG – Pool (5-16)	466
PAYG – Pool (17)	135
PAYG – Pool (Concession)	282
PAYG – (Family)	69

DIRECT DEBITS – Current Numbers

Type	Units
DD Pool/Gym	15
DD Gym	5
DD 6 Months Pool – 17 years +	0
DD 6 Months Pool – Child/Concession	21
DD 6 Months Centre – Family	1

Grant Applications & General Information

See below an update on new programs implemented during November:

- **Ticket to Wellbeing Program for 2025:**

Oatlands Aquatic Centre has signed up to be a provider for a new State Government Program called “Ticket to Wellbeing”. This program allows eligible participants over the age of 65 years to access 2x \$100.00 vouchers to be put towards Club/Centre Membership costs over a financial year period. These vouchers will be suitable for GYM/Pool 10 Visit Cards or memberships. This program is now LIVE and the Community can now access the vouchers through “Ticket to Wellbeing” website.

- **Corumbene “Health & Wellbeing Program” for 2025:**

We have been working closely with Corumbene over the past couple of months to have a new Health & Wellbeing program offered at the Oatlands Aquatic Centre. This program has been confirmed to commence on Wednesday 5th February, 2025 and operate over a 9 week period. The program will offer an Aqua Class and a GYM class to participants each week with a qualified Allied Health Assistant, Nurse and Physio.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Refer above detail.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Not applicable.

Policy Implications – N/A

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received and noted.

DECISION

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

THAT the information be received and noted.

CARRIED

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

16.3 Access

Strategic Plan Reference 4.3

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

Nil.

16.4 Volunteers

Strategic Plan Reference 4.4

Encourage community members to volunteer.

Nil.

16.5 Families

Strategic Plan Reference 4.5

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

Nil.

16.6 Education

Strategic Plan Reference 4.6

Increase the educational and employment opportunities available within the Southern Midlands

Nil.

16.7 Capacity & Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 4.7

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

Nil.

16.8 Safety

Strategic Plan Reference 4.8

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

Nil.

16.9 Consultation & Communication

Strategic Plan Reference 4.8

Improve the effectiveness of consultation & communication with the community.

Nil.

17. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – ORGANISATION)

17.1 Improvement

Strategic Plan Reference 5.1

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

17.1.2 Review of Existing Policy – Rates and Charges Policy

Author: FINANCE OFFICER (MANDY BURBURY)

Date: 14 JANUARY 2025

Attachment(s):

Draft revision – Rates and Charges Policy – Version 1.2

ISSUE

Council are required to review and update its various policies. Audit identified that the Rates and Charges policy had not been reviewed since its scheduled review in June 2021. The Rates and Charges Policy Version 1.1 (June 2017) has been reviewed, amendments made, and now requires consideration, then adoption by Council.

BACKGROUND

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 policy. The policy is finally considered for adoption at the following meeting, subject to any amendments agreed by Council.

The Draft revision of the Rates and Charges Policy is attached and shows some minor changes to the document. There are no major changes required by legislation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report; and**
- 2. Consider the revised version of the Rates and Charges Policy in preparation for the adoption of the revised policy, at the February 2025 Council meeting, subject to any Council amendments.**

DECISION

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

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report; and**
- 2. Consider the revised version of the Rates and Charges Policy in preparation for the adoption of the revised policy, at the February 2025 Council meeting, subject to any Council amendments.**

CARRIED

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

17.2 Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 5.2

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

17.2.1 Tabling of Documents

Tunnack Community Hall - Refer letter dated 17th January 2024 from Susan Scott regarding ownership of Tunnack Hall.

Comments: This letter was received following issue of the Agenda.

The following detail and preliminary comments were provided by the General Manager:

Tunnack Public Hall
2147 Tunnack Road, Tunnack
Total Area: 3,369 m2
Capital Value: \$235,000
Land Value: \$82,500

Two Titles 9(refer copies attached):

1. CT 231763 / 1

Owners: 10 listed owners

2. 61967 / 1

Owners: 13 listed owners (none of which are included in the above list of owners)
Property is treated as 'Rates Exempt' and as such no rates and charges are levied.

Issues to Consider:

- Complexity (and cost) of any formal transfer of ownership
- Financial implications - recognition and accounting for depreciation of the asset
- Insurance liability
- Stamp Duty payable on valuation of property (estimate - \$7,500 but likely to be higher following valuation)
- Any proposal to take on ownership of Community Halls was not raised (or considered) as part of the process of preparing the '*Southern Midlands Community Infrastructure Plan*'

- In the absence of any criteria to make a sound decision, there is potential to create a precedent with the Parattah and Tunbridge Community owned Halls being examples where there are similar circumstances
- Future management and operation of the facility (in the absence of a Management Committee) at any stage in the future
- Ongoing maintenance responsibilities (offset by any fundraising activities by Management Committee)

TUNNACK HALL AND PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

2147 Tunnack Main Road
TUNNACK 7120

18 January 2025

Southern Midlands Councillors

Re: ownership of Tunnack Hall

I am writing on behalf of the current committee of volunteers who manage the running of the Tunnack Victoria Hall. We are a small and aging band, who care enough to keep the hall running, to provide a venue for all kinds of activities, from pickle ball to birthday parties to a training venue for a state indoor hockey team member who recently competed interstate, election polling booths, markets and council meetings.

Some decades ago, the operating committee at that time were approached by council, and asked if they would like council to take over the ownership and upkeep of the hall. The offer was declined. We are now in a different era, with a different committee, who all lead busy lives. We are finding that the upkeep of the hall and surrounds is really beyond us, and our constant requests of more locals to come on board have fallen on deaf ears.

We are requesting council to consider once again, taking on the ownership and maintenance of our hall. We would still act as a sub-committee, organising markets and other events. We cannot afford to insure the building. It is our feeling that Tunnack as a township does not ask for much, in the way of infrastructure improvements (think: footpaths), and streetscaping (until recent planting of trees). Colebrook and Campania, for instance, look a bit smarter than our town.

We are fortunate to have great support from the Blue Gum Rovers, a campervan group who use the recreation ground regularly for gatherings, and support the Community Club. Without local football and cricket teams now, we need to ensure that the hall is still seen as a viable gathering place.

It is our hope that you will give our request your serious consideration at the council meeting to be held at Tunnack this coming week.

Yours Sincerely
Susan G Scott
Secretary, Tunnack Victoria Hall and Progress Association
0429 858 498
susanscotteditor@gmail.com

17.2.2 Elected Member Statements

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

Nil.

17.2.3 Local Government Shared Services – Quarterly Update – Information Only

Author: FINANCE OFFICER (MANDY BURBURY)

Date: 17 JANUARY 2025

Enclosure(s):

2024/25 Shared Services Report to 31st December 2024

ISSUE

To inform Council of the Common Services Joint Venture activities for the period October - December 2024.

BACKGROUND

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

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

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

DETAIL

Refer enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

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

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

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

2024/25 Shared Services Report
to 31 December 2024

PROVIDED BY SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL					Total Hours Dec 2024 Quarter	Total Hours Sep 2024 Quarter	Total Hours 2024/25
Council	Fortnight Ending	Officer	Service Provided	Hours			
Central Highlands	6/10/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	7.00			
		G Finn	Regulatory	10.00			
		R Collis	Animal Management	5.50			
	20/10/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	24.50			
		G Finn	Regulatory	6.00			
		R Collis	Animal Management	3.00			
	3/11/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	15.00			
		G Finn	Regulatory	13.50			
		R Collis	Animal Management	2.50			
	17/11/2024	D Dwyer	Animal Management	2.50			
		D Mackey	Regulatory	6.50			
		G Finn	Regulatory	17.50			
	1/12/2024	R Collis	Animal Management	12.50			
		D Dwyer	Animal Management	8.00			
		D Mackey	Regulatory	27.50			
	15/12/2024	R Collis	Animal Management	11.00			
		D Dwyer	Animal Management	3.00			
		D Mackey	Regulatory	14.00			
	29/12/2024	L Brown	Regulatory	4.00			
		R Collis	Animal Management	5.50			
		D Dwyer	Animal Management	3.00			
		D Mackey	Regulatory	7.00			
		L Brown	Regulatory	4.00			
		R Collis	Animal Management	3.00			
					216.00	180.00	396.00
Derwent Valley	6/10/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	1.00			
	3/11/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	5.00			
		B Williams	Heritage	2.00			
	17/11/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	1.00			
	1/12/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	20.00			
	29/12/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	2.00			
					31.00	2.00	33.00
Tasman	6/10/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	4.00			
		P Krause	Plumbing Surveying	12.25			
	20/10/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	3.00			
		P Krause	Plumbing Surveying	8.50			
	3/11/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	1.50			
		P Krause	Plumbing Surveying	8.25			
	17/11/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	6.00			
		P Krause	Plumbing Surveying	16.50			
	1/12/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	0.50			
		P Krause	Plumbing Surveying	16.75			
	15/12/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	10.00			
		P Krause	Plumbing Surveying	15.00			
	29/12/2024	D Mackey	Regulatory	15.25			
					117.50	99.50	217.00
Total Hours Provided by Southern Midlands					364.50	281.50	646.00
PROVIDED TO SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL					Total Hours Dec 2024 Quarter	Total Hours Sep 2024 Quarter	Total Hours 2023/24
Council	Period Ending	Officer	Service Provided	Hours			
Brighton	13/10/2024	L Wighton	Development Engineering	2.75			
	27/10/2024	L Wighton	Development Engineering	3.75			
	10/11/2024	L Wighton	Development Engineering	0.25			
	24/11/2024	L Wighton	Development Engineering	3.25			
	8/12/2024	L Wighton	Development Engineering	2.75			
	29/09/2024	L Wighton	Development Engineering	0.75			
					13.50	14.50	28.00
Glenorchy	22/09/2024		EHO Services	8.50			
	29/09/2024		EHO Services	3.50			
	6/10/2024		EHO Services	7.50			
	13/10/2024		EHO Services	7.50			
	27/10/2024		EHO Services	4.00			
	3/11/2024		EHO Services	8.00			
	10/11/2024		EHO Services	5.00			
	17/11/2024		EHO Services	12.00			
	24/11/2024		EHO Services	6.50			
					62.50	134.00	196.50
Total Hours Provided to Southern Midlands					76.00	148.50	224.50

17.2.4 SMC External Grant Projects - Quarterly Update

Author: DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

Date: 17 JANUARY 2025

Enclosure:

Report to Council on Various SMC Grant Projects as at 31st December 2024

ISSUE

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

DETAIL

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

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

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

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

Report to Council on Grant Funded Projects as at 31st December 2024

Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
Bagdad Shareway	Construction of a 2.5m wide shareway between Bagdad School and Hall Lane	Active Transport (DSG)	\$150,000	\$90,000	Andrew Benson (Project Grant) David Richardson (Project Delivery)	1%	2 nd March 2026	Awaiting Grant Deed from DSG
Chauncy Vale Interps & Infrastructure	Construction of an accessible toilet and signage at Chauncy Vale Sanctuary	Active Tasmania (DSG)	\$80,000	\$20,000	Phil Krause	1%	June 2026	Letter of approval from the Premier
Annabel Butler's Healthy Grant – Healthy Focus	To engage local seniors in safe and accessible exercise that promotes healthy lifestyles and consistent habits.	Healthy Tasmania Healthy Focus Grant	\$30,000	\$0	Annabel Butler (SMC holding funds A Benson)			Application submitted, awaiting results. SMC auspicings the project if it is successful
Annabel Butler's Healthy Grant – Step Forward	Seniors group exercise and education.	Healthy Tasmania - Step Forward Grant	\$5,000	\$0	Annabel Butler (SMC holding funds A Benson)	1%	June 2025	Letter of confirmation from the Minister. SMC auspicings the project
Sporting Infrastructure Upgrades Campania Rec Grd	Retaining wall/seating, Scoreboard and all weather access	Active Tasmania (DSG)	\$253,000	\$91,625	David Richardson	1%	June 2026	Awaiting Grant Deed from Active Tas
Sporting Infrastructure Upgrades Kempton Rec Grd	Half-court basketball / Pickle Ball court plus new cricket practice nets	Active Tasmania (DSG)	\$80,000	\$0	Andrew Benson	5%	June 2026	Grant Deed signed, design completed, pricing in progress
Bagdad Recreation	New Pavilion New Club Rooms Oval Reconstructed	Growing Regions Program Round 2	\$ 10,624,973	\$4,478,561	Tim Kirkwood (Project Financials)	Application submitted and as the project is required to be shovel	Submission date 10.10.24	Awaiting funding application results

Report to Council on Grant Funded Projects as at 31st December 2024

Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
Precinct Redevelopment	New Waste Water management system	(Australian Government)		Bagdad Community Club Inc. \$75,000	Andrew Benson (Project Delivery)	ready at the signing of the Grant Deed. BA/PA and Tender documentation is underway		
Oatlands Regional Sports & Wellbeing Centre	At Oatlands Rec Grd major refurbishment of existing clubrooms. New change rooms and amenities building	Growing Regions Program Round 2 (Australian Government)	\$2,000,000	\$800,000	Tim Kirkwood (Project Financials) Andrew Benson (Project Delivery)	Application submitted and as the project is required to be shovel ready at the signing of the Grant Deed. BA/PA and Tender documentation is underway	Submission date 10.10.24	Awaiting funding application results
Oatlands Aquatic Centre	Development of the proposed Aquatic Centre in Oatlands	1. Australian Government 2. Tasmanian Government 3. Station Child Care Centre 4. Loan Funds by SMC	\$2,000,000 \$2,000,000 \$80,350	\$5,920,000	Tim Kirkwood (Project Financials) Andrew Benson (Project Delivery)	99% Vos Constructions are yet to complete the sandstone	Changed	A couple of minor other issues. Negotiating with Vos on costs from Extension of Time
South Central Sub-region – Workforce Development Coordinator Project	The submission of grant for a workforce coordinator for the Southern Midlands, Central Highlands, Brighton and Derwent Valley to (three year contract).	Tasmanian Community Fund	\$400,000 over three years	\$15,000	Andrew Benson	100%	July 2023	Contract targets of people to be employed were significantly exceeded, plus working with schools and employers on a range of activities
	The State Government through Jobs Tas to operate a Jobs Hub for the Sub Region.	Jobs Tasmania	\$1,625,000	\$0		Triannual funding depending on Annual reviews 70%	Nov 2024	The project is currently exceeding expectations
		Jobs Tasmania	\$2,100,000	\$0			Dec 2024	

Report to Council on Grant Funded Projects as at 31st December 2024

Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
	This is a partnership with the three other Councils.			Plus In-kind		Extension of Funding Agreement	to Nov 2027	Deed of Agreement to be executed following the budget passing Parliament.
Southern Midlands Drought Weeds Grant 2020 – Support for Farmers	\$30,000 for on ground works, \$25,000 for wages.	State Government of Tasmania	\$55,000	\$0	Mary Smyth Weeds Officer and Maria Weeding	80%	Ongoing- until funds run out.	Limited funds remaining – may use for some Stemless Thistle follow up works. (High Priority for SMC)
Wombat Woodland Walk	Nature interpretation and adventure trail for children at Chauncy Vale	Healthy Tasmania Fund	\$29,250	\$10,000	Graham Green	100%	April 2023	All work completed
Road Infrastructure Upgrade	Reconstruction of Interlaken Road from Oatlands to Central Highlands Council boundary	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, communities and the Arts	\$5,346,180	\$300,000	David Richardson / Craig Whatley	85% AWC appointed as Contractor	Dec 2024	Progressing well
Natural Disaster Risk Reduction Grant Program	Bagdad/Mangalore hydraulic assessment	Australian Government Attorney General's Department	\$80,830	\$80,830	Andrew Benson	100% original 100% revised Consultants/Engineers Report received, reviewed, & <i>shape</i> files loaded on Planning Scheme maps	April 2024 Revised to Dec 2024	Submitted Final Report and Acquittal
Better Active Transport in Tasmania Rd 1	Bagdad Concrete Shareway/Walkway	Department of State Growth	\$370,000	\$270,000	David Richardson / Andrew Benson	60%	December 2024	Progressing footpath with the footbridges construction completed
Better Active Transport in Tasmania Rd 2	Footpath connection between Mood Food and Kempton	Department of State Growth	\$278,000	\$146,310 cash	David Richardson / Andrew Benson	Project Planning ready for construction 5%	June 2025	Deed of Agreement signed. Waiting for dry weather as part of the site is saturated.

Report to Council on Grant Funded Projects as at 31st December 2024

Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
Bus Stops Program	Upgrade Campania Bus Stop outside the War Memorial Hall	Department of State Growth	\$26,246	\$14,450	Andrew Benson (Project Grant) David Richardson (Project Delivery)	Grant Deed signed 0%	June 2025	Approved
Bus Stops Program	New Bus Stop High Street Oatlands (north bound)	Department of State Growth	\$13,000	\$15,300	Andrew Benson (Project Grant) David Richardson (Project Delivery)	Grant Deed signed 0%	June 2025	Approved
Active Tas Development Grant	Funding support for Lifeguards Project	Active Tasmania	\$30,000	\$0	Andrew Benson	26%	June 2026	Project partnership with the Jobs Hub to train and support 40 lifeguards over two years. Training through the Oatlands Aquatic Centre
Saluting Their Service	Recognition (sign, plaque & sandstone) of JH Bisdee VC OBE	Department of Veterans Affairs	\$7,480	\$1,00 in-kind	Andrew Benson	Grant Deed Signed	April 2025	Approved
Vulnerable Road User Program 2024	RC Footpath along Reeve St adjacent to Flour Mill Park, from Opposite Lee St (TasRail entrance) to Community Hall at Campania	Department of State Growth	\$58,616	\$41,593 cash \$10,000 in-kind	Andrew Benson (Project Grant) David Richardson (Project Delivery)	Grant Deed Signed	June 2025	Approved
Vulnerable Road User Program 2024	RC Footpath along Reeve St, adjacent to Rec Grd from entrance to Campania Rec Grd to Villeneuve St	Department of State Growth	\$36,258	\$14,900 cash \$5,000 in-kind	Andrew Benson (Project Grant) David Richardson (Project Delivery)	Grant Deed Signed	June 2025	Approved

Report to Council on Grant Funded Projects as at 31st December 2024

Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
Vulnerable Road User Program 2024	Pedestrian Crossing of railway line at Climie St Campania	Department of State Growth	\$35,250	Design \$6,429 (paid) Cash \$6,000 In kind \$1,000	Andrew Benson	Works completed and Final Report is being prepared	June 2025	
LGAT Open Space Program (Rd 2)	Campania Rec Grd Change Rooms	LGAT/DPaC	\$400,000	\$700,000	Andrew Benson (Project Grant) David Richardson (Project Delivery)	Application Submitted		Approved via letter from LGAT but some challenges based on their funding allocation. LG Div. is facilitating the raising of the additional funds in line with SMC's application.
UNSUCCESSFUL GRANTS APPLICATIONS								
RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECT(S)								

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 December 2024)

Author: FINANCE OFFICER (MANDY BURBURY)

Date: 9 JANUARY 2025

ISSUE

Provide the Financial Report for the period ending 31st December 2024.

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 Dec 2024.
- Operating Expenditure Report – 1 July 2024 to 31 Dec 2024.
- Capital Expenditure Report – 1 July 2024 to 31 Dec 2024.
- Cash Flow Statement – 1 July 2024 to 31 Dec 2024.

OPERATING EXPENDITURE (OPERATING BUDGET)

Overall operating expenditure to end of December was \$4,969,581 which represents 92.1% of the Year to Date Budget.

The December Report expenditure includes the wage increase back pay to July 2024, and the operating budget has been adjusted to include the additional \$35,000 approved by Council at the November meeting to meet the expense of the wage increase.

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

Strategic Theme - Infrastructure

Sub-Program – Public Toilets - expenditure to date (\$55,224 – 111.63%). Employee and contractor expenses are higher than anticipated due to an increase in vandalism and associated maintenance required.

Strategic Theme – Growth
Nil.

Strategic Theme – Landscapes

Sub-Program – Regulatory (Animals) - expenditure to date (\$68,781 – 116.24%). Additional expenditure relates to increased resources required to address non-compliance issues.

Strategic Theme – Community
Nil.

Strategic Theme – Organisation

Sub-Program – Sustainability - expenditure to date (\$1,470,773 – 113.89%). The year to date variance is not related to over expenditure in any particular budget item within Sustainability, but due to the timing of payments. We will continue to monitor expenditure against this Sub-Program.

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
Local Road and Community Infrastructure (LRCI)	Phase 4 – 30 June 2025 (use or lose)
Other Specific Purpose Grants	Completion date as per grant deed or approved extension date

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Financial Report be received and the information noted.

DECISION

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

THAT the Financial Report be received and the information noted.

CARRIED

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

Clr D Fish departed the meeting at 12.04 p.m.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
Income				
Rates	7,375,148	7,411,331	100.5%	Includes Interest & Penalties on rates
User Fees (refer Note 1)	1,304,313	691,183	53.0%	Includes Private Works
Interest	486,000	279,849	57.6%	
Government Subsidies	11,700	0	0.0%	Heavy Vehicle Licence Fees
Other (refer Note 2)	232,400	380,168	163.6%	Includes TasWater Distributions
Sub-Total	9,409,561	8,762,531	93.1%	
Grants - Operating	4,562,388	396,369	8.7%	
Total Income	13,971,949	9,158,901	65.6%	
Expenses				
Employee benefits	-5,770,244	-2,513,935	43.6%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised) / inc. \$35K increase to Budget 12/2024
Materials and contracts	-3,996,965	-2,271,210	56.8%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised), Includes Land Tax & Private Works
Depreciation and amortisation	-4,120,000	-2,076,932	50.4%	Percentage Calculation (based on year-to-date)
Finance costs	-4,979	-2,577	51.8%	Interest
Contributions	-287,371	-71,843	25.0%	Fire Service Levies
Other	-173,993	-99,055	56.9%	Audit Fees and Councillor Allowances
Total expenses	-14,353,552	-7,035,552	49.0%	
Surplus (deficit) from operations	-381,603	2,123,349	-556.4%	
Grants - Capital (refer Note 3)	4,219,950	773,680.00	18.3%	
Capital Contributions - Campania Halls Committee	15,000	0.00	0.0%	
Sale Proceeds (Plant & Machinery)	0	62,045		
Sale Proceeds (Land & Buildings)	145,000	145,000		Formal amendment to Budget 12/2024 - \$145,000 Church Street Oatlands
Sale Proceeds (Other Assets)	0	614		
Net gain / (loss on disposal of non-current assets)	0	0		
Surplus / (Deficit)	3,998,347	3,104,688	77.6%	

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
NOTES				
1. Income - User Fees				
- All other Programs	919,613	551,233	59.9%	
- Private Works	384,700	139,950	36.4%	
	<u>1,304,313</u>	<u>691,183</u>	53.0%	
2. Income - Other				
- Tas Water Distributions	182,400	76,000	41.67%	
- Public Open Space Contributions	50,000	25,500	51.00%	
- Landholder contributions to White Kargaroo Rivulet Road	0	7,273		
- Regional Community Learning Centre Levendale Contribution	0	776		
- Insurance Recoveries	0	9,348		Includes Premium Recoveries and JLB Trust Interest Distribution
- MMPHC Community Advisory Committee Cont. to GP Units	0	50,000		
- MMPHC Auxiliary Contribution to GP Units	0	49,999		
- TasWater Contribution to OAC Sculpture	0	5,000		
- Blue Gum Rovers donation to Tunnack Rec. Ground	0	185		
- Committee Contribution for Broadmarsh Hall Variations	0	85,708		
- Broadmarsh Hall Loan - as approved by Council	0	70,000		Included in assets as a Sundry Debtor
- Transfer from HBS	0	379		
	<u>232,400</u>	<u>380,168</u>	163.6%	

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
3. Grants - Capital				
- Roads To Recovery	819,906	304,000	37.08%	Formal amendment to Budget 12/2024 - \$154,375 increase
- Rural & Remote Roads Program	2,673,090	0	0.00%	Interlaken Road Project (\$1,069,236 in 2022-23 budget)
- LRCI - Phase 4	397,584	0	0.00%	
- Vulnerable Road User Program	130,124	0	0.00%	Included in 2022-23 budget
- Tas Govt (Bus Stop Program) - Oatlands & Campania	39,246	0	0.00%	1st Instalment - Total of grants \$39,246
- Tas Govt (Election Commitment) - Kempton Rec. Ground	80,000	80,000	100.00%	Formal amendment to Budget 12/2024
- Tas Govt (Election Commitment) - Chauncy Vale	80,000	0	0.00%	Formal amendment to Budget 12/2024
- Tas Govt (Better Active Transport) - Kempton Pathway	0	278,000		
- Tas Govt (Better Active Transport) - Bagdad Shared Walkway	0	0		
- Aust Govt - BS Bushfire Recovery Grant - The Haven	0	0		Broadmarsh/Elderslie Progress Association Inc Grant
- Tas Govt (Dept Health) - Oatlands Medical Accommodation	0	50,000		
- Tas Govt (State Growth) - VRUP Round 1 1st Instalment	0	0		2024-25 budget items - 2 Projects Reeve St & 1 Project Climie St. Campania
- Tas Govt (State Growth) - Safer Rural Roads	0	55,000		2023-24 Projects - Woodsdale & Green Valley Rds Guard Rail
- Aust Govt - DVA Saluting their Service	0	6,680		
	<u>4,219,950</u>	<u>773,680</u>	18.33%	
4. Grants - Operating				
- FAGS 2024/25	4,562,388	389,097	8.53%	Formal amendment to Budget 12/2024 - \$135,588 increase
- Navigate Family Services (School Holiday Program)	0	2,559		
- Australia Day Grant	0	364		
- NRM - Serrated Tussock Suvey	0	4,350		
	<u>4,562,388</u>	<u>396,369</u>	8.7%	

**SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL : OPERATING EXPENDITURE 2024/25
SUMMARY SHEET**

PROGRAM	ACTUAL (to 31 Dec 24)	BUDGET (to 31 Dec 24)	YTD VARIANCE	YTD %	FULL YEAR BUDGET - INC. GRANTS & OTHER
INFRASTRUCTURE					
Roads	683,394	741,658	58,264	92.14%	3,856,649
Bridges	5,427	36,866	31,439	14.72%	543,731
Walkways	134,225	122,064	-12,161	109.96%	261,470
Lighting	28,528	46,968	18,440	60.74%	93,936
Public Toilets	55,224	49,472	-5,751	111.63%	98,945
Sewer/Water	-	-	-	-	-
Stormwater	7,364	14,925	7,561	49.34%	87,850
Waste	652,313	749,724	97,411	87.01%	1,526,949
Information, Communication	-	10,000	10,000	0.00%	20,000
INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:	1,566,475	1,771,677	205,202	88.42%	6,489,530
GROWTH					
Residential	-	-	-	-	-
Tourism	20,939	30,393	9,454	68.89%	41,102
Business	175,295	168,844	-6,450	103.82%	337,689
Industry	-	-	-	-	-
GROWTH TOTAL:	196,233	199,237	3,004	98.49%	378,790
LANDSCAPES					
Heritage	140,851	259,008	118,157	54.38%	503,706
Natural	110,712	124,037	13,326	89.26%	251,075
Cultural	464	10,000	9,536	4.64%	20,000
Regulatory - Development	426,568	549,052	122,485	77.69%	1,098,105
Regulatory - Public Health	10,107	10,140	33	99.68%	20,280
Regulatory - Animals	68,781	59,170	-9,611	116.24%	118,340
Environmental Sustainability	152	2,500	2,348	6.09%	5,000
LANDSCAPES TOTAL:	757,634	1,013,908	256,274	74.72%	2,016,506
COMMUNITY					
Community Health & Wellbeing	151,370	175,936	24,566	86.04%	351,872
Recreation	618,710	664,617	45,907	93.09%	1,185,900
Access	-	-	-	-	-
Volunteers	19,621	32,500	12,879	60.37%	40,000
Families	908	3,000	2,092	30.26%	6,000
Education	-	-	-	-	-
Capacity & Sustainability	36,411	33,572	-2,839	108.46%	51,645
Safety	4,663	17,032	12,370	27.38%	34,064
Consultation & Communication	4,557	18,650	14,093	24.43%	37,300
LIFESTYLE TOTAL:	836,239	945,307	109,069	88.46%	1,706,781
ORGANISATION					
Improvement	1,961	41,501	39,541	4.72%	83,002
Sustainability	1,470,773	1,291,375	-179,398	113.89%	3,295,271
Finances	140,266	134,526	-5,740	104.27%	383,671
ORGANISATION TOTAL:	1,613,000	1,467,403	-145,597	109.92%	3,761,944
TOTALS	\$4,969,581	\$5,397,533	\$427,952	92.1%	\$14,353,552

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2024-25

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		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
INFRASTRUCTURE						
ROAD ASSETS						
Resheeting Program	Roads Resheeting	586,107	226,139	359,968		
	Dysart - Clifton Vale Road Resheeting	113,893	40,835		LRCI - \$113,893	30 June 2025
Reseal Program	Roads Reseal Program (as below)	456,787	-	383,140		
	Bagdad - Green Valley Road (towards Huntingdon Tier Rd Jnct) - 2200m2		10,583			
	Campania - Estate Road (370m from Reeve St to bridge) - 7000m2		18,766			
	Colebrook - Station Street - 400m2 - 2 Coat Seal				Originally Reconstruct & Seal	
	Kempton - Sugarloaf Road (Main Street to Bridge) - 8800m2 (150m)		7,131		Originally Reconstruct & Seal	
	Kempton - Council Office (Rear Carpark) - 470m2 - 2 Coat Seal					
	Oatlands - High Street (Wellington Street to Barrack Street) - 9400m2		8,281			
	Oatlands - Stanley Street (Midland Hway to Marlborough Street) - 6000m2		28,886			
	Orielton - Aldridge Road (off Tasman Highway) - 3300m2	80,000	12,372	67,628	Roads to Recovery - \$70,000	30 June 2025
	Pontville - Brighton Road - 6000m2	60,000	-	60,000	Roads to Recovery - \$56,687	30 June 2025
	Sealed Roads - Edge Breaks (as below)	300,000		233,330		
	Woodsdale Road		66,670			
	York Plains Road		-			
Minor Seals (New)	Oatlands - Bentwick Street	20,000	-	20,000	Budget c/f	
Reconstruct & Seal	Elderslie - Pelham Road (1km)	160,000	186,976	- 26,976	Funded from Projects moved to Reseal / RTR	30 June 2025
	York Plains - Vicinity of 'Handroyd' - 800 metres	130,000	135,029	- 5,029	Roads to Recovery - \$130,000 (originally \$168K)	30 June 2025
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road (2.4 kms) Cricket Ground towards Quarry	370,000	395,399	- 25,399	Roads to Recovery - \$370,000 (originally \$288,750)	30 June 2025
	Tunnack - Eldon Road	100,000	-	100,000	LRCI P4 (funding previously Campana Rec.)	30 June 2025
	Colebrook - Station Street (includes drainage)	25,000	21,564	3,436	Seal component moved to Reseal Program	
Construct & Seal	Oatlands - Interlaken Road	5,746,180	5,177,371	568,809	23/24 WIP - \$2,983,324	31 December 2024
Junction / Road Realignment	Andover - Nala Road Junction with Inglewood Road (Asphalt junction)	30,000	-	30,000		
Other	Campania - Car Park Improvements	67,600	171	67,429	LRCI - \$65,816	30 June 2025
	Campania - Estate Road (vicinity Mallow property)	49,000	14,974	34,026	Budget c/f - WIP \$14,974	
	Campania - Structure Plan - Town Gateway and Streetscape	40,000	-	40,000		
	Campania - White Kangaroo Rvt Road (Construct)	-	16,705	- 16,705	Partially offset land owner contributions \$7272.72	
	Elderslie - Cliftonvale Road (Guard Rail) - 600 metres	90,000	-	90,000	Roads to Recovery - \$78,506	30 June 2025
	Oatlands - Hasting Street Junction	15,000	959	14,041	Budget c/f - WIP \$959	
	Oatlands - Stanley Street (from Midland Highway junction to Nelson Street)	35,000	32,354	2,646	Shoulder Repairs & Drainage (i.e. piping)	
	Oatlands - William Street (from Wellington Street towards Stanley Street)	13,500	16,475	- 2,975	Approx. 100 metres - Shoulder Repairs & Drainage (i.e. piping)	
	Tunbridge - Main Street (Kerb & Gutter Renewal)	40,000	-	40,000		
	Tunnack - Link Road Landslip	25,000	107	24,893	Budget c/f - WIP \$107	
	York Plains Road (vicinity of Rooney's Road) - Guard Rail - approx. 50 metres	7,250	-	7,250		
		8,560,317	6,417,747	2,069,512		
BRIDGE ASSETS						
	Nil	-	-	-		
		-	-	-		

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		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
WALKWAYS	Footpaths - General Streetscapes	40,000	-	40,000		
	Bagdad - Midland Highway Pathway (Primary School north to Community Club)	240,000	377	239,623	Election Commitment - \$150,000	
	Bagdad - Midland Highway Pathway (north of Bagdad Community Club)	645,840	506,913	138,927	Better Active Transport in Tas - \$370K; LRCI - \$145	31 December 2024
	Campania - Climie Street (Across Railway)	41,250	44,754	3,504	VRUP Grant - \$35,250	30 June 2025
	Campania - Reeve Street (West - adjacent to Flour Mill Park)	100,209	475	99,734	VRUP Grant - \$58,616	30 June 2025
	Campania - Reeve Street (East - Rec Ground entrance to Villeneuve Street)	51,158	-	51,158	VRUP Grant - \$36,258	30 June 2025
	Campania - Reeve Street - Footpath through to Hall	30,000	432	29,568	Budget c/f	
	Campania - Reeve Street Bus Stop - All Access All Weather Bus Stop Upgrade Progn	40,696	120	40,576	Bus Stops Grant - \$26,246	30 June 2025
	Kempton - Burnett Street to Mood Food	425,565	4,177	421,388	\$147,565 Budget c/f Better Active Transport \$278K	30 June 2025
	Oatlands - High Street Bus Stop - All Access All Weather Bus Stop Upgrade Program	28,300	243	28,057	2024-25 budget project	30 June 2025
	Oatlands - Stanley Street (High Street to Nelson - 280 metres - kerb & footpath)	75,000	114,945	39,945	LRCI P4 - \$75,000	30 June 2025
	Oatlands - Campbell Street (scope of works expanded to include kerb/gutter)	85,000	85,074	74	LRCI P4 - \$85,000	30 June 2025
	Oatlands - Church Street (Sth Parade to William St - north. side - Footpath - 130 m)	30,000	-	30,000		
		1,833,018	757,509	1,075,509		
PUBLIC TOILETS	Oatlands - Callington Park Toilet	203,000	147,297	55,703	Election Commitment - \$45,000 & 23/24 Budget c/f of \$158,000	
	General Public Toilets - Upgrade Program	20,000	-	20,000	Budget c/f	
	Oatlands Public Toilets - rear of Town Hall		1,056	1,056		
		223,000	148,353	74,647		
DRAINAGE	Stormwater System Management Plans (<i>Urban Drainage Act 2013</i>)	50,000	456	49,544		
	Bagdad / Mangalore - Hydraulic Assessment (Flood Mapping)	221,460	159,396	62,064	Grant Funding \$80,830 WIP \$127,285	31 December 2024
		271,460	159,852	111,608		
WASTE	Wheelie Bins and Crates	5,000	10,270	5,270		
	WTS Safety & Operational Improvements	25,000	-	25,000		
		30,000	10,270	19,730		
GROWTH TOURISM	Oatlands - Heritage Interpretation Panel renewal	2,000	-	2,000		
	Oatlands Accommodation Facility	-	42,283	42,283	WIP \$42,283 (Offset by Barrack Street Property)	
		2,000	42,283	40,283		

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		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
LANDSCAPES						
HERITAGE	Jericho - Memorial Avenue - Plaques	20,000	4,300	15,700	Budget c/f WIP \$4,300	
	Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park - Interps	19,545	374	19,171	Budget c/f WIP \$155	
	Melton Mowbray - Recognition plaque JH Bisdee VC OBE (DVA Grant)	8,480	240	8,240	Saluting Their Service Grant \$7,480	30 April 2025
	Oatlands - Callington Mill - Structural Repair & External painting	40,000	-	40,000		
	Oatlands - Council Chambers - Internal Toilets & Access Upgrade	100,000	9,357	90,643	Budget c/f WIP \$9,357	
	Oatlands - Court House (Wall Stabilisation)	15,000	4,764	10,236	WIP \$1,187	
	Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Chimney Capping & Fireplace Repairs)	5,000	-	5,000		
	Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Wingwall)	23,000	-	23,000	Budget \$15K c/f	
	Oatlands - Heritage Buildings (Security Upgrades)	10,000	-	10,000		
	Oatlands - Heritage Collections Store	10,000	3,700	6,300	Budget c/f WIP \$3,700	
	Oatlands - Roche Hall (Building Improvements)	90,000	-	90,000		
	Oatlands - Roche Hall Forecourt (Interps - Planning Condition of Approval)	40,000	7,820	32,180	Budget c/f WIP \$7,820	
	Parattah - Railway Station - Shed for Gangers Trolley	2,000	11,771	-	9,771 Budget c/f	
		383,025	42,326	340,699		
NATURAL	Campania - Bush Reserve / Cemetery	300,000	96,403	203,597	WIP \$93,346	
	Chauncy Vale - Day Dawn Cottage Improvements	12,000	8,557	3,443	WIP \$8,557	
	Chauncy Vale - Toilet & Interps Upgrade	80,000	-	80,000	Election Commitment \$80,000	
		392,000	104,960	287,040		
CULTURAL	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Forecourt - Art Installation)	20,000	24,083	-	4,083 TasWater Contribution \$5,000	
		20,000	24,083	-	4,083	
LANDSCAPES						
REGULATORY	Master / Structure Plans (Bagdad / Mangalore / Campania)	50,000	31,284	18,716		
- DEVELOPMENT	Kempton Council Chambers - Office Furniture & Equipment	7,500	2,958	4,542		
	Property Purchase - 10 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	530,000	-	530,000		
	Oatlands - Stanley Street Master Plan	20,000	172	19,828	Budget c/f WIP \$172	
	Oatlands - MMPC Church Street Sub-Division	-	7,307	-	7,307 WIP \$4,988 Offset by sale of property	
		607,500	41,721	565,779		
REGULATORY	Oatlands - GP Accommodation Units	500,000	462,437	37,563	Council Commitment \$100K (grant funded)	
- PUBLIC HEALTH	Woodsdale - Cemetery	-	3,264	-	3,264	
		500,000	465,701	34,299		
ANIMAL CONTROL	Oatlands - Off-Lead Dog Park	35,000	-	35,000	Previously LRCI P4, now SMC funded	
		35,000	-	35,000		

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	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION
	\$	\$	\$		DEADLINE
COMMUNITY RECREATION					
Facilities & Recreation Committee	44,600	-	44,600	Includes \$6400 previously allocated to Mangalore Rec (Horse Arena) \$1800 to Colebrook Hall - Stage Flooring Budget c/f WIP \$17,416.55	
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Precinct Plan)	25,000	17,417	7,583		
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Redevelopment)	-	41,135	41,135		
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Sports Pavilion)	-	29,400	29,400	WIP \$6400 Grant Application Pending	
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Multi-purpose Sports Hall)	-	71,500	71,500	Grant Application Pending	
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Oval Relocation)	-	5,800	5,800	Grant Application Pending	
Bagdad - Iden Road Park Development	75,000	-	75,000		
Broadmarsh - Broadmarsh Hall "The Haven"	1,737,247	1,737,247	-	Administration of Progress Assoc. Grant (Incl SMC Cont \$30K)	
Campania - Justitia Court POS - Shelter Hut	16,000	15,516	484	LRCI P4 - WIP \$15,516	30 June 2025
Campania - War Memorial Hall (External Repainting)	10,600	10,867	267		
Campania - Hall (External Painting)	36,800	-	36,800	LRCI P4 \$15K, Committee 15K, SMC \$6,800	30 June 2025
Campania - Recreation Ground (Electronic Scoreboard)	47,875	-	47,875	Election Commitment - \$35,000 & LRCI - \$12,875	30 June 2025
Campania - Recreation Ground (Landscaping & Tiered Seating)	270,000	249	269,751	Election Commitment - \$200,00 & LRCI - \$70,000	30 June 2025
Campania - Recreation Ground (All abilities Car Parking)	26,750	-	26,750	Election Commitment - \$18,000	
Campania - Recreation Ground (Upgrade Change rooms)	1,100,000	3,850	1,096,150	SMC - \$100,000 - Bal. Subject to Grant Funding	
Colebrook - Hall Improvements (Resurface Timber Flooring)	1,800	9,000	7,200	\$7,200 reimb by Tas Electoral Commission	
Kempton - Acquisition 160 Main Street	187,900	187,907	7	Off-set by sale of land - Erskine Street	
Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park (Land Acquisition Fees)	-	3,552	3,552		
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Irrigation)	80,000	1,637	78,363		30 June 2025
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Site Dev and Play Equipment)	24,250	14,118	10,132	Budget c/f	
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Cricket Net, basket ball / pickle ball court)	80,000	249	79,751	Active Tasmania - Election Commitment	30 June 2026
Melton Mowbray - Streetscape Works (Trough / Shelter etc)	60,000	19,523	40,477		
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Courtyard Development -Shelter / BBQ)	30,000	30,158	158		
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Gymnasium - Mirror & Equipment)	16,400	8,020	8,380		
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Replace pump)	-	2,360	2,360		
Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Air Lock & Heating)	30,000	-	30,000		
Oatlands - Midlands Community Centre (External Painting - Front of Building)	8,000	-	8,000		
Oatlands - Old Swimming Pool (Staged demolition)	200,000	40,907	159,093	WIP \$26,081.22	
Oatlands Recreation Ground (Redevelopment)	-	54,575	54,575	Subject to Grant Funding	
Woodsdale Recreation Ground	45,000	-	45,000		
Water Bottle Refill Stations	7,980	-	7,980	Budget c/f	
	4,161,202	2,304,985	1,856,217		
CAPACITY & SUSTAINABILITY					
Property Purchase - 9 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	73,248	49,683	23,565	Budget \$519,490 less \$446K spent in 22/23	
Levendale Community Centre - Dept. Natural Resources & Env. Trf Fees	45,000	40,826		Formal amendment to Budget 12/2024	
	118,248	90,508	23,565		

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ORGANISATION
SUSTAINABILITY

Monitors; PC's; Keyboards & UPS's
Communications Link (possible transfer to Tasmanet)
WiFi Equipment
Asset Management Software
Council Website - Upgrade
New Phone System
Oatlands - Town Hall (General - Incl. Office Equip/Furniture)
Oatlands - Town Hall (Replacement Heat Pumps x2)
Oatlands - Town Hall (External Painting Doors & Window Frames)

BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
\$	\$	\$		
7,500	-	7,500		
16,000	-	16,000		
7,000	-	7,000		
-	2,680	2,680		
25,000	-	25,000		
-	10,836	10,836		
7,500	2,495	5,005		
-	4,909	4,909		
7,600	7,605	5	Formal amendment to Budget 12/2024	
70,600	28,525	42,075		

WORKS

Minor Plant Purchases
Survey Equipment (Road Layout & Stormwater Projects)
Variable Message Board
Radio System

Plant Replacement Program

Heavy Vehicles - Refer separate Schedule
(Trade Allowance - \$227)
Light Vehicles (Net Changeover)
(Trade Allowance - \$178)

12,000	3,089	8,911		
25,000	21,342	3,658		
20,000	-	20,000		
5,000	-	5,000		
1,044,800	47,390	997,410		
340,257	54,196	286,061		
1,447,057	126,017	1,321,040		
18,654,427	10,764,842	7,812,353		

GRAND TOTALS

CASH FLOW 2024/2025	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) July 2024 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Aug 2024 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Sep 2024 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Oct 2024 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Nov 2024 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Dec 2024 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Jan 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Feb 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Mar 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Apr 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) May 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Jun 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (Total 2024/25) \$
Cash flows from operating activities													
Payments													
Employee costs	(407,267)	(381,825)	(373,541)	(379,639)	(366,412)	(623,132)							(2,531,815)
Materials and contracts	(1,634,717)	(331,633)	(234,312)	(258,485)	(697,068)	(422,275)							(3,578,490)
Interest	(2,577)	0	0	0	0	0							(2,577)
Other	(23,300)	(43,531)	(152,853)	(79,383)	(29,523)	(40,910)							(369,500)
	(2,067,861)	(756,988)	(760,706)	(717,507)	(1,093,003)	(1,086,317)	0	0	0	0	0	0	(6,482,383)
Receipts													
Rates	387,766	855,775	2,038,182	705,240	766,534	355,488							5,108,985
User charges	67,092	198,531	47,643	159,883	(14,486)	30,612							489,275
Interest received	53,664	54,327	15,409	67,608	43,991	44,851							279,849
Subsidies	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Other revenue grants	0	197,107	0	364	194,549	308,350							700,369
Other	86,726	112,946	232,743	41,435	(176,485)	309,782							607,147
	595,249	1,418,685	2,333,976	974,531	814,102	1,049,082	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,185,625
Net cash from operating activities	(1,472,612)	661,698	1,573,270	257,023	(278,901)	(37,235)	0	0	0	0	0	0	703,242
Cash flows from investing activities													
Payments for property, plant & equipment	(211,844)	(830,072)	(956,248)	(463,891)	(1,071,099)	(1,363,791)							(4,896,946)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	159	0	0	36,000	300,000	26,500							362,659
Proceeds from Capital grants	61,680	0	0	0	328,000	80,000							469,680
Proceeds from Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Payment for Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Net cash used in investing activities	(150,005)	(830,072)	(956,248)	(427,891)	(443,099)	(1,257,291)	0	0	0	0	0	0	(4,064,607)
Cash flows from financing activities													
Repayment of borrowings	(8,632)	0	0	0	0	0							(8,632)
Proceeds from borrowings	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	(8,632)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(8,632)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(1,631,248)	(168,375)	617,021	(170,868)	(722,000)	(1,294,526)	0	0	0	0	0	0	(3,369,996)
Cash at beginning of reporting month	14,547,299	12,916,051	12,747,676	13,364,697	13,193,829	12,471,829	11,177,303	11,177,303	11,177,303	11,177,303	11,177,303	11,177,303	14,547,299
Cash at end of reporting period	12,916,051	12,747,676	13,364,697	13,193,829	12,471,829	11,177,303	11,177,303	11,177,303	11,177,303	11,177,303	11,177,303	11,177,303	11,177,303

18. MUNICIPAL SEAL

18.1 Signing & Sealing Grant Deed – Active Tasmania 2024-2025 Specific Purpose Funding SPF24-25-09 Kempton Recreation Ground

Author: DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

Date: 3 JANUARY 2025

Attachments:

1. *Grant Deed – Active Tasmania 2024-2025 Specific Purpose Funding SPF 24-25-09*
2. *Kempton Recreation Ground Master Plan – Jan 2025*

ISSUE

Signing and Sealing the Grant Deed for the establishment of a new half-court basketball and pickle ball facility, plus a set of new cricket practice nets at the Kempton Recreation Ground. This suite of projects is being funded through the Department of State Growth – Active Tasmania (former Sport and Recreation Tasmania).

BACKGROUND

These projects see the realisation of the ongoing development of the Kempton Recreation Ground as a regional, community sport and recreation facility. The *Kempton Recreation Ground Master Plan – AB January 2025*, shows the integration of a range of elements that comprise the site. The updated version shows the;

1. Recent acquisition of the parcel of land alongside the children's playground, which will allow for the revitalisation of that particular young person's space;
2. Removal of the existing cricket practice nets adjacent to the public toilets;
3. New single cricket practice nets on the eastern side of the Recreation Ground; and
4. Basketball half court, overlaid by a pickle ball, full court.

DETAIL

The Approved Purpose of this Grant is to provide support to Council in delivering sporting infrastructure upgrades, including a half-court basketball court at the Kempton Recreation Ground. The Grant Deed provides \$80,000 ex GST, with the completion date no later than the 30th June 2026.

The Department of State Growth (Active Tasmania) has required a very short turnaround time in the signing of the Grant Deed and that has meant that this Report is seeking the endorsement of the Deed that has had to be signed, sealed and returned before the Council meeting which authorises the Sealing of the Deed.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – The value of the Grant is \$80,000 with no Council contribution. The projects fit within the Kempton Recreation Ground Master Plan (copy attached).

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Currently nil, as this is a gentrification of the originally approved 2020 Kempton Recreation Ground Master Plan when the Dog Park was the focus of attention. Then in 2021 the Skate Park went through a discretionary Development Application process. This basketball court project dovetails very

neatly into the existing aforementioned infrastructure, which is consistent with recreation ground activities.

Policy Implications – Nil

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – to be completed no later than June 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse:

- 1. The Signing and Sealing of the Grant Deed for the funding agreement between the Tasmanian Government through the Department of State Growth / Active Tasmania and the Southern Midlands Council for the amount of \$80,000.00 for the Kempton Recreation Ground Specific Purpose Funding; and**
- 2. The amended Kempton Recreation Ground Master Plan 2025.**

DECISION

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

THAT Council endorse:

- 1. The Signing and Sealing of the Grant Deed for the funding agreement between the Tasmanian Government through the Department of State Growth / Active Tasmania and the Southern Midlands Council for the amount of \$80,000.00 for the Kempton Recreation Ground Specific Purpose Funding; and**
- 2. The amended Kempton Recreation Ground Master Plan 2025.**

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 F Miller	✓	

**18.2 Signing & Sealing Grant Deed – Department of State Growth, Active Transport
Shareway between Bagdad School and Hall Lane**

Author: DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

Date: 16 JANUARY 2025

Attachment(s):

1. *Grant Deed – DSG – Active Transport Bagdad Shareway*
2. *Bagdad Shareway Design*

ISSUE

Signing and Sealing a Grant Deed. This project is being funded through the Department of State Growth – Active Transport.

BACKGROUND

The upgrading of high use pathways into a multi-use shareways has been identified in the Southern Midlands Community Infrastructure Plan 2024 and this project is part of that suite of infrastructure upgrades.

DETAIL

The Approved Purpose of this Grant with the State Government is to provide support to Council in the upgrading of the existing 1.5m wide gravel footpath adjacent to the Midland Highway at Bagdad, into a new 2.5m wide concrete shareway between Bagdad School and Hall Lane. The Grant Deed provides \$150,000 ex GST, with the completion date no later than the 2nd March 2026. Council's contribution to this project is \$90,000.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – The value of the Grant is \$150,000 with \$90,000 Council contribution. The projects fit within the objectives of the Southern Midlands Community Infrastructure Plan 2024.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Currently nil, although discussions have been held with the Principal of the Bagdad School.

Policy Implications – Nil

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – to be completed no later than 2nd March 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council Sign and Seal the Grant Deed for the funding agreement between the Tasmanian Government through the Department of State Growth / Active Transport and the Southern Midlands Council for the amount of \$150,000.00 for the construction of the Bagdad Shareway between the Bagdad School and Hall Lane.

DECISION

Moved by Cllr B Campbell, seconded by Cllr D Blackwell

THAT Council sign and Seal the Grant Deed for the funding agreement between the Tasmanian Government through the Department of State Growth / Active Transport and the Southern Midlands Council for the amount of \$150,000.00 for the construction of the Bagdad Shareway between the Bagdad School and Hall Lane.

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 F Miller	✓	

18.3 Signing & Sealing Grant Deed – Isolated Communities Resilience Grants

Author: MANAGER COMMUNITY & CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT (WENDY YOUNG)

Date: 17 JANUARY 2025

Attachment(s):

Grant Deed – Department of Premier & Cabinet – Isolated Communities Resilience Grants

ISSUE

Signing and Sealing a Grant Deed. This project is being funded through the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

BACKGROUND

To have a supply of resources available in case of an emergency.

DETAIL

To provide funding to purchase specific resources and equipment to support the operation of evacuation and recovery centres for community members impacted by emergencies.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – The value of the Grant is \$9,384.00 with no financial contribution made by Southern Midlands Council

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – to be completed no later than 30th June 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council Sign and Seal the Grant Deed for the funding agreement between the Tasmanian Government through the Department of Premier & Cabinet and the Southern Midlands Council for the amount of \$9,384 for the purpose of resources and equipment to support the operation of evacuation and recovery centres for community member impacted by emergencies.

DECISION

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

THAT Council Sign and Seal the Grant Deed for the funding agreement between the Tasmanian Government through the Department of Premier & Cabinet and the Southern Midlands Council for the amount of \$9,384 for the purpose of resources and equipment to support the operation of evacuation and recovery centres for community member impacted by emergencies.

CARRIED

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

19. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT in accordance with Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the following items are to be dealt with in Closed Session.

DECISION

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

THAT in accordance with Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the following items are to be dealt with in Closed Session.

Matter	<i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015</i> Reference
<i>Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation</i>	15(2)(g)
<i>Applications for Leave of Absence</i>	15(2)(h)
<i>Staff Matter</i>	15(2)(a)

CARRIED

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT in accordance with Regulation 15(2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, Council move into Closed Session and the meeting be closed to members of the public.

DECISION

Moved by Cllr D Blackwell, seconded Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon

THAT in accordance with Regulation 15(2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, 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 F Miller	✓	

CLOSED COUNCIL MINUTES

20. BUSINESS IN “CLOSED SESSION”

20.1 Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, 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 15(2)(g) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

20.2 Applications for Leave of Absence

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, 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 15(2)(h) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

20.3 Staff Matter

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, 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 15(2)(a) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council move out of “Closed Session”.

DECISION

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

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 F Miller	✓	

OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

21. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 12.50 p.m.