

SOUTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL



MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 22nd July 2026
10.00 a.m.

Kempton Municipal Offices
85 Main Street, Kempton

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OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL HELD WEDNESDAY 22nd JULY 2026 AT THE KEMPTON MUNICIPAL OFFICES, 85 MAIN STREET, KEMPTON, COMMENCING AT 10.00 A.M.

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, Mayor Batt advised all attendees that:

- a) this meeting is being recorded;
- b) all persons attending the meeting are to be respectful of, and considerate towards, other persons attending the meeting; and
- c) language and conduct at the meeting that could be perceived as offensive, defamatory or threatening to a person attending the meeting, or listening to the recording, is not acceptable.

1. PRAYERS

Reverend Dennis Cousens recited prayers.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor E Batt recited Acknowledgement of Country.

3. ATTENDANCE

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

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

4. APOLOGIES

Nil.

DECISION

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

THAT, in accordance with Regulation 10(5) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, Item 17.2.6 on the Agenda be brought forward for consideration.

CARRIED

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

17.2.6 Junior Mayor / Junior Deputy Mayor - Appointment

Author: MANAGER COMMUNITY & CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT (WENDY YOUNG)

Date: 14 JULY 2026

ISSUE

The purpose of this report is for Council formally appoint Hayden Scott as the inaugural Southern Midlands Council Junior Mayor for the 2026–2027 term.

BACKGROUND

In March 2026, Council adopted the Junior Mayor/Junior Deputy Mayor Policy to establish a framework for engaging young people in local government and encouraging youth leadership within the Southern Midlands municipality.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Encourage young people to become active citizens and community leaders;
- Provide opportunities for youth voices to be heard on Council matters;
- Promote an understanding of local government processes;
- Develop leadership, communication and civic participation skills; and
- Strengthen collaboration between Council and local schools.

Following the adoption of the policy, Council invited applications from eligible Year 9 and Year 10 students residing within the Southern Midlands municipality.

DETAIL

In accordance with the policy, Hayden attended a Council Workshop on 13 July 2026, where he delivered a presentation outlining his suitability for the role and addressing the selection criteria established within the policy.

Hayden Scott presented to Councillors with confidence, professionalism and maturity, demonstrating a genuine commitment to representing the interests of young people within the municipality.

During his presentation, Hayden highlighted:

- his understanding of the role of local government;
- his leadership qualities and commitment to community service;
- his desire to encourage greater youth participation in Council activities;
- innovative ideas to improve communication and engagement with young people; and
- his commitment to acting as a positive ambassador for both Council and the youth of the Southern Midlands.

Councillors were highly impressed with the calibre of Hayden's presentation, which clearly demonstrated the qualities sought under the Junior Mayor/Junior Deputy Mayor Policy.

The standard of the application and presentation was exceptionally high. Hayden's vision for strengthening youth engagement aligns strongly with the objectives of the program and reflects the values Council wishes to promote.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – The costs associated with the Junior Mayor Program are provided for within Council's existing operational budget.

Policy Implications – The appointment presents a positive opportunity for Council to strengthen youth engagement and leadership within the municipality.

Appropriate supervision and support will be provided in accordance with Council's Junior Mayor/Junior Deputy Mayor Policy and Child Safety requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Appoint Hayden Scott as the inaugural Southern Midlands Council Junior Mayor for the period commencing 22 July, 2026 and concluding in February 2027, in accordance with the Junior Mayor/Junior Deputy Mayor Policy; and
2. Congratulate Hayden Scott on his appointment and acknowledge his commitment to representing the young people of the Southern Midlands Municipality.

DECISION

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

THAT Council:

1. Appoint Hayden Scott as the inaugural Southern Midlands Council Junior Mayor for the period commencing 22 July, 2026 and concluding in February 2027, in accordance with the Junior Mayor/Junior Deputy Mayor Policy; and
2. Congratulate Hayden Scott on his appointment and acknowledge his commitment to representing the young people of the Southern Midlands Municipality.

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. MINUTES

5.1 Ordinary Council Meeting

The Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the previous meeting of Council held on 24th June 2026, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 24th June 2026 be confirmed.

DECISION

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

THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 24th June 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED

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

5.2 Special Committees of Council Minutes

5.2.1 Special Committees of Council - Receipt of Minutes

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

- Woodsdale Hall General Committee Meeting – Meeting held 29 June 2026
- Woodsdale Cemetery Management Committee - Meeting held 15 July 2026

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

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

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

CARRIED

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

5.2.2 Special Committees of Council - Endorsement of Recommendations

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

- Woodsdale Hall General Committee Meeting – Meeting held 29 June 2026
- Woodsdale Cemetery Management Committee - Meeting held 15 July 2026

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

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

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

CARRIED

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

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

5.3.1 Joint Authorities - Receipt of Minutes

Nil.

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

Nil.

6. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

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

One workshop has been held since the last Ordinary Meeting.

A workshop was held on the 13 July 2026 at the Council Chambers, Oatlands commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Attendance: Mayor E Batt, Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, Clrs A E Bisdee OAM and D Fish.

Also in Attendance: T Kirkwood, D Richardson, G Finn, W Young, B Williams, A Townsend and A Burbury.

Apologies: Clrs D Blackwell, B Campbell and F Miller.

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

1. State Planning Provisions and Local Provisions Schedule (Heritage related)

Background:

The move from the Southern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme to the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Southern Midlands, the way Council manages heritage as a Planning Authority has substantially shifted. Southern Midlands has long been renowned as one of the excelling council's in heritage management, with a very robust local heritage list arising from the 2007 GHD Southern Midlands Heritage Survey. The Tasmanian Planning Scheme, in the opinion of many heritage practitioners has some fundamental flaws (some of which were raised in the Community Cabinet session at Oatlands a couple of years ago).

Council made a submission to the 5-yearly review of the State Planning Provisions (SPP's) four years ago, and there has been no change.

Council's Manager Heritage Projects and Services has been working with other council heritage staff and practitioners over the past year or so in drafting a suggested amendment to the SPP's to alleviate these flaws.

Further, the heritage provisions of the Southern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule are considered to require review, both to better align with the SPP's (both existing and preferably with the proposed amendments) and to provide a more rigid and fair application of the SPP's to development proponents.

Manager Heritage Projects (Brad Williams) presented two discussion papers which will form the basis of formal reports in the near future.

2. Update in relation to the production of the book titled: *If The Walls Could Talk: Exploring the Amazing Historic Interiors of the Southern Midlands*

Alan Townsend attended the workshop to provide an update and present an overview of the book. The book is being written by Alan Townsend and Linda Clark. Linda is a professional conservator who has had a long career with organisations such as the Queen Victoria Museum and National Trust, and whilst now retired she has been volunteering for Council's Heritage Projects Program 1-day per week for the last 8 years, with her focus on wallpaper conservation and colonial interiors.

Council, at its meeting held in November 2025, agreed to financially underwrite the cost of producing the book.

3. Junior Mayor and Junior Deputy Mayor Presentations

Hayden Scott (Oatlands District High School) attended the workshop. He addressed Council and provided an excellent presentation in support of his nomination for the position of either Junior Mayor or Junior Deputy Mayor. He spoke about his leadership qualities; interest in community affairs and local government; his commitment to representing young people within the Southern Midlands municipal area and how he would contribute to community initiatives and youth engagement.

Note: The nominee from the Campania District High School withdrew their nomination.

A formal appointment is to be made at the July 2026 Council Meeting.

4. Wellington Street, Oatlands – Traffic / Car Parking Issues

Director Assets (David Richardson) provided an update on the outcomes of a site meeting with the Department for Education, Children and Young People Director Facility Services (Todd Williams) and ODHS Principal (Denise Bryant).

Two issues to be progressed:

- School Principal is to consult and seek input from the School Association in relation to an off-street parking proposal within the School property particularly as it impacts on a playground area;
- DECYP Director Facility Services to contact the Department of State Growth (Building Tasmania), as the responsible agency, with a request to relocate the electronic speed limit sign located on Wellington Street to a point closer to High Street.

5. Other Business:

5.1 H5 Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) – Information Only

Letter dated 6 July 2026 from the Hon Gavin Pearce (Minister for Primary Industries and Water) circulated to all Councillors

The workshop concluded at approximately 11.35 a.m.

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

7. COUNCILLORS – QUESTION TIME

7.1 Questions (On Notice)

Regulation 30 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* relates to Questions on notice. It states:

- (1) A councillor, at least 7 days before an ordinary council meeting or a council committee meeting, may give written notice to the general manager of a question in respect of which the councillor seeks an answer at that meeting.*
- (2) An answer to a question on notice must be in writing.*

Nil.

7.2 Questions Without Notice

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

It states:

“29. Questions without notice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Clr A E Bisdee OAM – has the consultation process been progressed in relation to the playground development at the Kempton Recreation Ground?

General Manager confirmed that notices have been issued through the Kempton Post Office to all residents that receive their mail through that agency. The consultation process includes a drop-in-session which is being held on Thursday 23 July 2026 at the Council Chambers, Kempton from 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. The Plans are available for inspection at the Kempton Office from 20 July to 31 July 2026, and feedback forms are available for completion.

Clr F Miller — Colebrook Main Road / Mudwalls Road area – reported that more accidents have been reported on this road. Two more accidents have happened on the corner previously identified, indicating that additional warning signage is required.

A representative from the Department of State Growth (Building Tasmania) to be invited to attend a Council Workshop to discuss Councils' concerns.

Clr D Blackwell – sought updates in relation to the Pontville Youth Justice Facility and the Tas Petroleum development at Interlaken Road, Oatlands.

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

- *Pontville Youth Justice Facility - the TASCAT hearing has been scheduled for 17 to 20 August 2026. The single ground of appeal relates only to noise and the hearing is likely to be dominated by the appellants (Goudsouzian + joined party – R Wilkie & R Tudor) and proponents (The Crown – Building Tasmania) respective acoustic engineers.*
- *TAS Petroleum - Friday 17th July 2026 Council received notification from the Supreme Court of Tasmania that TAS Petroleum have initiated a review of Council's decision pursuant to s17 - Judicial Review Act 2000. To be further discussed in 'closed session'.*

Clr B Campbell – Parattah Jubilee Hall – is there still a Management Committee operating?

General Manager advised that the status of the Management Committee is unknown, acknowledging that it is not a Council owned facility.

Clr B Campbell – Southern Midlands Community Radio Station - is there still a Management Committee operating?

General Manager indicated that, based on available information, there was only a single person remaining on the Management Committee. Discussions are to be arranged to determine the future of the Station.

Clr B Campbell – Property – corner of Interlaken Road and Midland Highway, Oatlands. Would a truck washing facility be suitable for this location?

Question taken on notice with an indication from the Manager Development & Environmental Services (Grant Finn) that it would possibly be a discretionary application.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Tunbridge Town Hall – sought an update and whether a follow-up community meeting has been planned?

General Manager confirmed that a follow-up community meeting (which will also be convened as a Special General Meeting of the Tunbridge Town Hall Inc.) will be held on Thursday 30 July 2026 (commencing at 5.30 p.m.). A Notice of Meeting has been mailed direct to all property owners in the Tunbridge, Woodbury and Antill Ponds areas.

The purpose of this meeting is to:

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

8. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

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

Nil.

9. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

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

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

Nil.

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

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

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

36. Questions by member of the public

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

37. Questions without notice by member of the public

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

38. Questions on notice by member of the public

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

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

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

No questions were raised by members of the public.

10.1 Permission to Address Council

Nil.

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

Nil.

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

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

12.1 Development Applications

Nil.

12.2 Subdivisions

Nil.

12.3 Municipal Seal (Planning Authority)

Nil.

12.4 Planning (Other)

Nil.

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

13. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – INFRASTRUCTURE)

13.1 Roads

Strategic Plan Reference 1.1

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

Nil.

13.2 Bridges

Strategic Plan Reference 1.2

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

Nil.

13.3 Walkways, Cycle Ways and Trails

Strategic Plan Reference 1.3

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

Nil.

13.4 Lighting

Strategic Plan Reference 1.4

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

Nil.

13.5 Buildings

Strategic Plan Reference 1.5

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

Nil.

13.6 Sewer / Water and Energy

Strategic Plan Reference(s) 1.6

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

Nil.

13.7 Drainage

Strategic Plan Reference 1.7

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

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 Assets Report

Author: DIRECTOR OF ASSETS (DAVID RICHARDSON)

Date: 17 JULY 2026

Enclosure(s):

Capital Works Program 2025-2026 Projected Timelines as at 30 June 2026

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

Roads Program

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

Current Capital Works

1. **Mood food to Kempton walkway** has been completed.
2. **Parattah** kerb and footpath replacement has been completed (stage1 and 2).
3. **Bagdad Community Club** works are continuing on the upgrade of the waste water system.
4. **Bagdad School** commence footpath construction including safety bollards and line marking as part of VRUP (State government grant)
5. **Chauncey Vale** completion of pathway access to new toilets.

Parks and Reserves

1. **Recreation Grounds, Parks & Playgrounds:** Regular maintenance continues on recreation grounds, parks, and playgrounds as required.
2. **Scheduled Playground Inspections:** Inspections are being carried out to ensure compliance with safety and quality standards.
3. **The installation of an electronic scoreboard** is completed at Oatlands Recreation Ground and is now operational.

Bridge Works

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

Building Services Unit

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

Planned Works

1. **Road Maintenance:**
 - Drainage and pavement repairs on various roads.
 - Edge break repairs across various roads.
 - Guidepost and signage replacement will continue as resources allow.
2. **Bridge Maintenance:** Ongoing and planned bridge maintenance repairs.
3. **Kempton-Mood Food Pathway:** Construction works are completed.
4. **Building Maintenance:** Continued maintenance on various council buildings.
5. **Bagdad club** Install a new underground pipe to alleviate constraints on the current sewerage disposal system (almost completed).
6. **Bagdad School** Finalise footpath and bollards constructions works.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO THE DIRECTOR ASSETS

Mayor E Batt – “C L Batt Park’, Melton Mowbray’ – progress in relation to the tree planting.

The Director Assets confirmed that the trees are ready for planting.

Clr A E Bisdee OAM – questioned the status of the Quarry Licence application or the Stonehenge Quarry?

The Director Assets confirmed that the process has been completed and the Quarry is now licensed as a Level 2 Activity under the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994.

Clr D Fish – noted the comments in the report relating to Bridge Works and the specifications currently being prepared for reconstruction of 2 bridges. Clr Fish was of the opinion that all Council bridges were now concrete?

The Director Assets advised that the two bridges (Royden Road. Elderslie and Estate Road, Campania) were concrete bridges however the abutments have shifted due to flooding. Works will involve removal of the decks, reinstatement of the footings and placing the decks back on.

Clr F Miller – Flour Mill Park, Campania – when are works scheduled to commence?

Question taken on notice as this project is being overseen by the Deputy General Manager who is currently on annual leave.

Clr D Blackwell – what is an approximate cost to relocate a Tas Networks pole that is impacting on traffic flow through Broadmarsh?

The Director Assets indicated that there is a significant cost to relocate a pole. It can vary substantially depending on what other infrastructure might be on the pole. An indicate cost can be obtained if the Pole number can be provided.

Clr B Campbell – Woodsdale Road (vicinity of the Gun Club) – acknowledged the works undertaken in that area to address the defects that were reported.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Gadtech Quarry, Woodsdale Road – concerns raised about the amount of loose gravel material on the road at the entry to the Quarry.

The Director Assets confirmed that Gadtech is committed to sealing the access point and this is scheduled as soon as weather permits.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Maintenance Grading required – Pawtella and Nala Roads.

The Director Assets confirmed that the works are scheduled as soon as the York Plains Road is completed.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Assets Report be received and the information noted.

DECISION

Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT the Assets Report be received and the information noted.

CARRIED

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

Capital Works Program 2025-2026 Projected Timelines
as at 30 June 2026

Project	Total Project Cost (\$)	2025						2026					
		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Road Resheeting													
Road Resheeting Program	590,000												
Road Resealing - Sealed Roads													
Road Resealing Program	360,000												
Sealed Road Edge Breaks													
Various Roads	200,000												
Road Reconstruction & Seal													
Bagdad - Swan Street (700m)	137,000												
Tunnack - Eldon Road (700m)	110,000												
Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road (dig-out)	23,000												
Construct & Seal (Unsealed Roads)													
Mangalore - Blackbrush Road (1.3km section starting from seal Mangalore end)	195,000												
Mt Seymour - Blackgate Road (500m between end of seal & dust suppressant)	85,000												
Oatlands - Bentwick Street	20,000	Deferred pending development application											
Rhyndaston - Rhyndaston Road (1.35km of 2.7km starting at railway line)	202,500												
Other Works													
Bagdad - School Road (Traffic & Safety Improvements)	69,000	To be completed by end July 2026											
Campania - Car Park Improvements (WIP)	100,000												
Campania - Reeve Street (Reconstruct Retaining Wall - Union St to Lee St)	40,000	Carried forward to 2026-27											
Campania - Structure Plan - Town Gateway and Streetscape	40,000												
Colebrook - Coalmine Bend Road (Redirect Drainage from Train Line - Piping)	25,000												
Oatlands - Hasting Street Junction WIP	15,000												
Oatlands - High Street (Traffic Island)	45,940	Deferred pending public consultation											
Tunbridge - Main Street (Kerb & Gutter Renewal) WIP	40,000												
Footpaths													
Footpaths - General Streetscapes	46,500												
Bagdad - Midland Highway Pathway (Primary School north to Community Club) WIP	240,000												
Campania - Reeve Street (Hall St to Lee St)	57,740												
Colebrook - Richmond Road Asphaltting	3,500												
Kempton - Burnett Street to Mood Food WIP	425,565												
Kempton - Main Street (Southern End 300m)	75,000	Carried forward to 2026-27											
Oatlands - Church Street (High St to Esplanade both sides - Design Only)	10,000	Project funded in 2026-27 Capital Works Program											
Oatlands - Church Street (Sth Parade to William St - north. side - Footpath - 130 m)	30,000												
Parattah - Streetscape (Stage 1)	50,000												
Tunnack - Streetscape (Year 1 of 3) WIP	100,000	Carried forward to 2026-27											

Project	Total Project Cost (\$)	2025						2026					
		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Public Toilets													
Colebrook - History Room Toilets (Replace Septic Tank)	10,000												
Stormwater Drainage													
Bagdad / Mangalore - Hydraulic Assessment (Waterway improvements Bagdad Rec Precinct)	61,625												
Stormwater System Management Plans (Urban Drainage Act 2013)	50,000												
Oatlands - High Street / Church Street Jct (Pipe Replacement)	15,000												
Oatlands - High Street /Wellington Street Jct (New Pit)	4,000												
Oatlands - Queen Anne St (Pipe into existing Drain)	35,000												
Tourism													
Oatlands - Heritage Interpretation Panel renewal	2,000	Carried forward to 2026-27											
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	Carried forward to 2026-27											
Oatlands - Court House (Wall Stabilisation)	100,000												
Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Chimney Capping [complete] & Fireplace Repairs)	15,000												
Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Lighting & Hanging System Upgrade)	5,000												
Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Wingwall)	23,000												
Oatlands - Heritage Buildings (Security Upgrades)	10,000												
Oatlands - Heritage Collections Store	10,000	Seeking additional Grant Funding											
Oatlands - Roche Hall (Building Improvements for PRISM) WIP	90,000												
Oatlands - Roche Hall Forecourt (Interps) WIP	40,000												
Natural													
Campania - Bush Reserve / Cemetery WIP	300,000												
Chauncy Vale - Day Dawn Cottage Improvements	12,000												
Chauncy Vale - Toilet & Interps Upgrade (Election Commitment)	80,000												
Regulatory - Development													
Property Purchase - 10 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	530,000	Deferred											
Oatlands - Stanley Street Master Plan	20,000												
Animal Control													
Oatlands - Off-Lead Dog Park	35,000	Deferred											

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Project	Total Project Cost (\$)	2025						2026					
		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Recreation													
Building Upgrades (Sites determined following inspections)	50,000	Continuing in 2026-27											
Playground Upgrades (Sites determined following inspections)	50,000	Continuing in 2026-27											
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Precinct Plan & Property Transfer)	111,000	Subject to grant funding											
Bagdad - Iden Road Park Development	75,000	Deferred											
Bagdad - Acquisition 1689 Midland Highway Bagdad	309,870	In planning stage											
Campania - Flour Mill Park (Redevelopment)	68,000												
Campania - Recreation Ground (Landscaping & Tiered Seating)	270,000												
Campania - Recreation Ground (All abilities Car Parking)	26,750												
Campania - Recreation Ground (Upgrade Change rooms)	1,100,000												
Colebrook - Hall (Windows, Ramps, Double Doors)	10,000	Carried forward to 2026-27											
Kempton - Carriage Shed (External Repair & Repainting)	11,700	Carried forward to 2026-27											
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Site Dev)	24,250												
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Cricket Net, basket ball / pickle ball court)	80,000												
Melton Mowbray - Streetscape Works (Trough / Shelter etc)	90,000												
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Outdoor Area Seating)	4,000												
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Learn to Swim Equipment)	2,000												
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Gymnasium Equipment Upgrade)	5,000												
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Female Change Rooms / Shower Cubicles)	10,000	Continuing in 2026-27											
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Pump Replacement)	10,000												
Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Air Lock & Heating) [heating complete, air lock to do]	40,000	Carried forward to 2026-27											
Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Kitchen Floor Repairs / Underpinning)	8,000	Carried forward to 2026-27											
Oatlands - Midlands Community Centre (External Painting - Front of Building)	8,000												
Oatlands - Old Swimming Pool (Staged demolition / site rehabilitation)	62,889												
Runnymede - Recreation Ground (Pitch Renewal)	8,000												
Tunnack - Recreation Ground (Kiosk Removal)	8,000												
Tunnack - Recreation Ground (Toilet Block Painting)	4,000	Carried forward to 2026-27											
Woodsdale Recreation Ground	45,000												
Legend													
Scheduled	Infrastructure & Works												
Completed	Infrastructure & Works												
	Heritage Projects												
	Heritage Projects												

DECISION

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

THAT Council break for morning tea at 10.52 a.m.

CARRIED

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

DECISION

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

THAT Council reconvene at 11.09 a.m.

CARRIED

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

14. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – GROWTH)

14.1 Residential

Strategic Plan Reference 2.1

<i>Increase the resident, rate-paying population in the municipality.</i>

Nil.

14.2 Tourism

Strategic Plan Reference 2.2

<i>Increase the number of tourists visiting and spending money in the municipality.</i>

Nil.

14.3 Business

Strategic Plan Reference 2.3

<i>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).</i>

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.

14.4.1 Director of Inland Fisheries & Place Naming Tasmania – Naming of Dam off Den Road, Melton Mowbray

Author: GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

Date: 15 JULY 2026

Enclosure(s):
Site Map

ISSUE

Council to provide its support for the naming of a Dam off Den Road, Melton Mowbray.

BACKGROUND

The Inlands Fisheries Service lists individual water bodies by name on its website www.ifs.tas.gov.au and on the InFish App.

Assigning an official name to a water body improves fishery management and provides anglers with a clear and consistent means of identifying and referring to it.

DETAIL

The Director of Inland Fisheries is seeking Council support to make an application to Place Naming Tasmania to name a small lake in the Southern Midlands Council area.

The small lake proposed to be named is situated on the southern side of Den Road, approximately 5.5 kilometres east of Melton Mowbray – refer attached Site Map.

The IFS has entered into an access agreement with the landowner and is currently in the process of establishing a new fishery at this water.

This requires a name that is recognisable to anglers for the purpose of Legislative fishery regulation.

It is proposed that this waterbody be named 'Den Dam'.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Nil.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – The General Manager has contacted the landowner and confirmed that an access agreement has been entered into.

Policy Implications – N/A

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – N/A

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council provide its written support to the Director of Inland Fisheries to name the waterbody off Den Road, Melton Mowbray as ‘Den Dam’.

DECISION

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

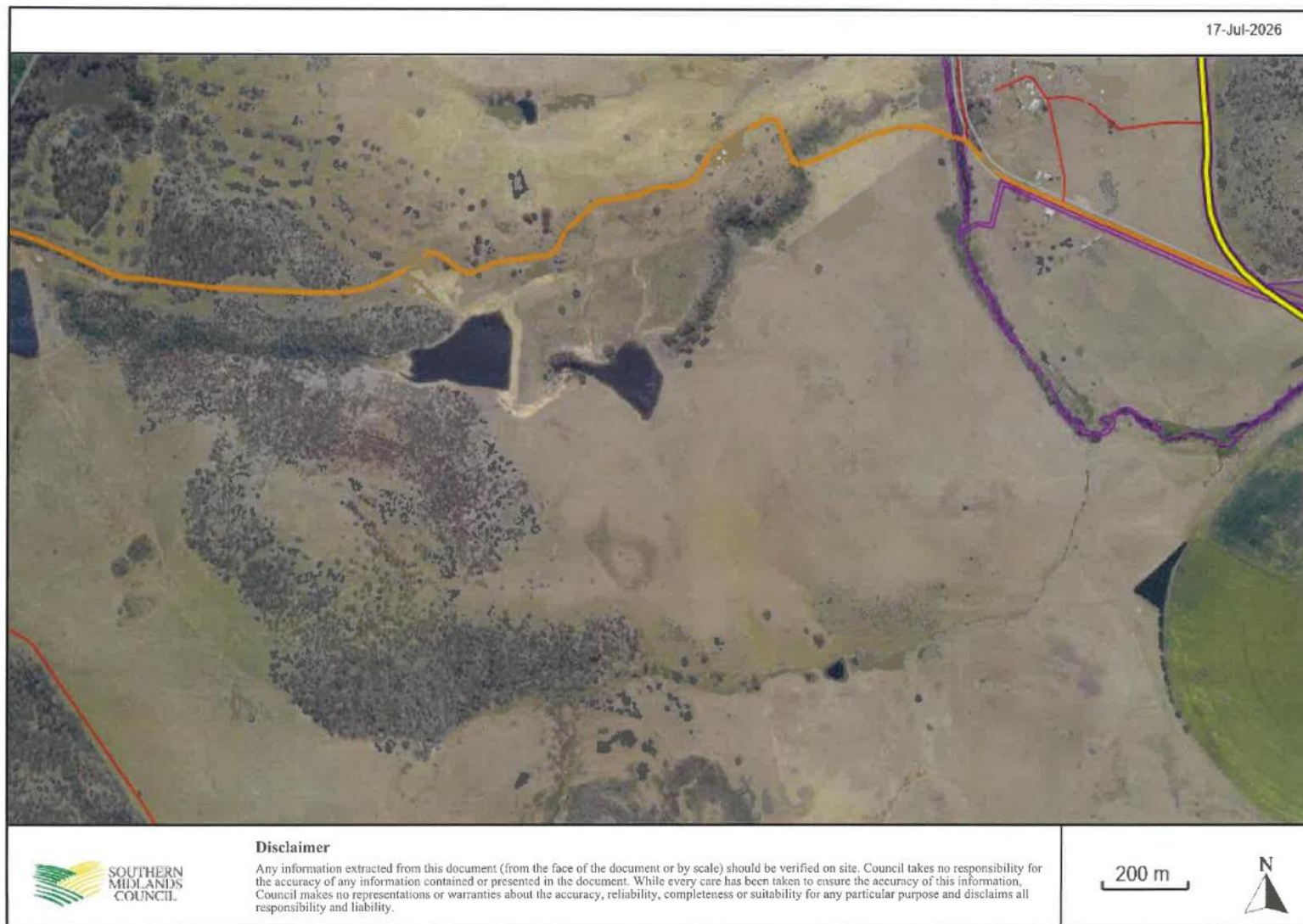
THAT Council provide its written support to the Director of Inland Fisheries to name the waterbody off Den Road, Melton Mowbray as ‘Den Dam’.

CARRIED

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

ENCLOSURE

Agenda Item 14.4.1



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: MANAGER HERITAGE PROJECTS AND SERVICES (BRAD WILLIAMS)

Date: 22 JULY 2026

ISSUE

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

DETAIL

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

- Support to the Artist in Residence program – Our current Artist is Linda Gallus, a painter from Victoria. Linda's inspiration is nature, history, geography and rural scenes.
- Support to Australian Garden History Society for their group booking based at the Supreme Court & Oatlands tour.
- The Development Application has been lodged for the Oatlands Town Hall Access and Amenities Upgrade Project.
- Planning for various events for the Oatlands Heritage and Bullock Festival, including an Artist in Residence Retrospective exhibition, a Probation Stations of the Southern Midlands exhibition and 'The History of Colour in Historic Interiors' symposium (in collaboration with Heritage Tasmania, Government House Queensland and the University of Melbourne).
- Research for an Oatlands to Parattah History Walk in collaboration with the Heritage Highway Tourism Association.
- Finalisation of the draft Local Heritage Precinct provisions in the Southern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule and consultation with other council heritage officers and planners for a submission to the State Planning Office regarding issues with the State Planning Provisions of the Local Historic Heritage Code.

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

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

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

CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr D Blackwell	✓	
Cllr B Campbell	✓	
Cllr D Fish	✓	
Cllr 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 UNIT MANAGER (MARIA WEEDING)

Date: 14 JULY 2026

DETAIL

- Lake Dulverton – spent time working with BioSecurity Tas re testing done on some swan carcasses found at Lake Dulverton. The tests were conducted as a result of precautionary surveillance testing for the highly pathogenic H5N1 Bird Flu that has recently been recorded on mainland Australia.
- Spent time finalising a community survey in regard to the new playground equipment proposed for Kempton Recreation ground. Information on the playground including the placement location proposed has been compiled, ready for the community to view the information at the Kempton Council offices. A drop in session is also planned for the community to be able to speak directly with Council officers. The drop in session will be Thursday 23rd July 3.30-6.30 p.m. and the survey response period for submissions will be from Monday 20 July to Friday 31 July.
- Tas Water are considering placing a drink bottle refiller station near the Lake Dulverton foreshore car park, opposite Callington Park. TasWater would co-ordinate and undertake works, at no cost to Council.
- A new door for the shower facility at the Lake Dulverton foreshore former aquatic building has been ordered. The current door has badly weathered. The door will be made specifically for the site and will be powder coated metal clad for durability.
- Helen completed the update of Council's Workplace Health and Safety document.
- Helen will be on medical leave from end of June through to the end of July.

Weeds Officer Report, Mary Smyth

15th June – 13th July 2026

(Please note that I was on annual leave for a fortnight during this reporting period).

Enquiries/feedback

The CSIRO has finally contacted me regarding supply of the African boxthorn rust fungus biocontrol agent: the materials will arrive in late August/early September to take advantage of the warmer weather. I have one site in Oatlands and two in Tunbridge earmarked to make initial releases. I will also be monitoring the results and sending the information to a national data base.

An Eldon Road resident submitted a "Report-a-weed" regarding the newish outbreak of Great mullein and Wild mignonette in a limited roadside strip near Rabbit Hill Road. These are not declared weeds, but they are outliers and completely eradicable at this location at this early stage. They, and a couple of other sites, have been added to the Jones' roadside weeds list.

Site visits

A small planting bee held at Mangalore Recreation Ground to replace the 11 dead banksias and 1 dead swamp gum (the latter a victim of sawfly larvae, the former from nasty sticky clay soil). There are still a few of the original banksias left, but the tea-trees and melaleucas will do much better!

On the same day, replacement plantings were begun on the Kempton oval mounds, and some of the old plastic sleeves were replaced.

Communication

Published an article on Adjuvants in the Southern Midlands Regional News.

Whilst perusing the Tasmanian Weeds Facebook page in late June, I came across an illustrated report of Madeira vine on the roadside near the intersection of Black Brush Road and Elderslie Road. Madeira vine is declared in Tasmania, and is a Weed of National Significance. This is the first time it has been found in the Southern Midlands. I have carried out some initial vine reduction work already, but this plant is in a tricky position relative to the road and the Jordan River, and utmost care must be taken to ensure **none** of the aerial tubers (which infest the nodes throughout the plant) fall into the river and are transported downstream. I have been liaising with the Tasmanian herbarium and NRE's Invasive Species Branch officers to ensure I have the best advice regarding the eradication of this awful weed.

Weeds Action Fund (WAF) Stage 3 – stemless thistle

No on-ground work from the contractors this month.

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

Some mop-up on-ground work from the contractors this month discovered 70+ serrated tussock plants at the end of Matzoo Lane, right on the SMC boundary. This is quite alarming as only a couple of plants had been discovered previously at the start of the lane.

Related and extra-curricular activities

- On the first weekend during my annual leave, I attended the workshop “Growing the Network: protecting and maintaining high conservation areas”. This was hosted by Landcare Tasmania at the Hobart Sustainability Centre, Mt Nelson. Whilst chatting over lunch, I met an employee of Huon Valley Council who told me about the Southern Weed Network meetings that occur regularly in her neck of the woods. I expressed interest in attending and have already been added to the mailing list! I will be dialling in (via Teams) to my first meeting on 15th July.
- Another 6 local native seedlings (most grown by me) have been added to a plant bed on the northern side of Tunbridge Park. All were supplied with my own tree guards, mats, planting gel and mulch. The banksia seedlings on the southern side of the playground are rocketing along, and the cabbage gum in the middle of this row is growing very well. There has been some animal damage to the base of two of the three Claret ash advanced trees planted last year: one has been guarded and the other will soon be.
- On the first week of annual leave I attended a webinar on the impacts of feral deer throughout Australia, hosted by the Invasive Species Council. Very interesting info!

Chauncy Vale Weeds

No on-ground work this month. Awaiting budgetary go-ahead to resume thistle work soon (hopefully!).

337 certificate enquiries

I processed 6 properties this month, and Maria did another 3 whilst I was on leave.

Weed of the Week

Gorse and Cootamundra wattle displayed at the end of the entrance hall at Oatlands Council offices this month.

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

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

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

CARRIED

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

15.3 Cultural

Strategic Plan Reference 3.3

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.

15.5.1 Policy Development – Food Safety Policy

Author: MANAGER DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (GRANT FINN)

Date: 15 JULY 2026

Enclosure(s):

Food Safety Policy

ISSUE

Council to consider the adoption of a Food Safety Policy.

BACKGROUND

Council's Risk Register makes reference to a Food Safety Policy.

As an outcome of the recent review, it is apparent that Council does not have such a Food Safety Policy.

DETAIL

Food borne illness and infectious disease can have serious impacts on the local community.

Where premises handle and sell food, if food is not safely stored and handled correctly, bacteria and other harmful microorganisms and their toxins, can multiply to dangerous levels and cause illness.

This Policy, as attached is intended to outline Council's role, and the measures put in place to prevent such food related illness.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Applicable to delegated staff in their undertaking

Council's Environmental Health Officer is responsible for ensuring that the requirements of this policy are in place, and that relevant legislative requirements with regard to food premises/food safety are complied with.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – N/A

Policy Implications – Policy document.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Immediate.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Receive and note the report; and
2. Subject to any amendments, the 'Food Safety Policy' be submitted for formal adoption at the August 2026 Council meeting.

DECISION

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

THAT Council:

1. Receive and note the report; and
2. Subject to any amendments, the 'Food Safety Policy' be submitted for formal adoption at the August 2026 Council meeting.

CARRIED

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

ENCLOSURE
Agenda Item 15.5.1



Council Policy
FOOD SAFETY POLICY

Approved by:	Council
Approved date:	22 July 2026
Review date:	July 2029

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Food Safety Policy is to outline the processes Council will undertake to reduce the risk that food offered for sale within the Southern Midlands municipality is unsafe or not fit for human consumption.

The policy is designed to comply with the *Food Act 2003* (TAS).

2. SCOPE

Food premises/businesses within the Southern Midlands Municipality.

3. POLICY

Southern Midlands Council recognises the increased risk to human health from the production or handling of food in a manner that makes it unsafe or not fit for human.

It is the policy of Southern Midlands Council to regulate food businesses to ensure compliance with the *Food Act 2003* and monitor the safety and quality of food for sale. In addition, investigations will be conducted of complaints made to Council relating to the safety and quality of food offered for sale.

Council will also take an active role in educating food businesses and handlers in appropriate food handling techniques.

1. Maintain a food register

The register will contain the following information:

- The business name and address
- The name, address and contact details of the licensee/owner
- The risk category of the food premises

Renewal forms will be sent to the business owner/licensee at the end of each financial year.

2. Risk Classification of Food Businesses

The Senior Environmental Health Officer will complete a risk assessment in accordance with the Department of Health ("DOH") *Tasmanian Food Business Risk Classification System* ("Classification") based on the information provided by the potential food business operator in Council's Food Business Application Form, together with an initial inspection of the proposed food premises.

3. Inspections of food premises

After Classification, the risk category of the business will be determined and the frequency of required food premises inspections and fee charges will be confirmed.



Council Policy
FOOD SAFETY POLICY

Approved by:	Council
Approved date:	22 July 2026
Review date:	July 2029

The frequency of inspections could range from every four months for high risk premises to a minimum of annual audits carried out in conjunction with the annual renewal process.

During inspections of food premises, the Senior Environmental Health Officer will determine any conditions to be attached to the certificate of registration including, for example, upgrading works or the use or restriction of specific food handling practices. The Senior Environmental Health Officer may conduct follow up inspections to ensure adherence to these conditions

Enforcement action (if required) will be undertaken under the *Food Act 2003*. The Senior Environmental Health Officer will take into consideration the history of compliance at the premises and in the first instance, apply a measured and educational approach. Should compliance continue to be problematic, verbal warnings may be followed by written warnings, improvement notices, prohibition orders and/or infringement notices, as considered appropriate.

4. Food Sampling

Council will participate in the Department of Health (DOH) '*Statewide Food Sampling Program*' and will take the necessary action under the *Food Act 2003* in the event of non-compliance.

5. Construction of new premises or alteration of existing premises

The Senior Environmental Health Officer will provide a Building Surveyor (upon their request), with a report on proposals to construct new or alter existing Food Businesses as required by the Building Act 2016 (Form 49).

The Senior Environmental Health Officer will assess the proposed activities in accordance with the *National Construction Code 2022 Volume One: TAS Part 14 Food Premises*.

Once the food premises have been constructed, the Senior Environmental Health Officer will inspect the premises and if compliant, issue a Form 50 and provide a copy to the Building Surveyor

6. Use of an existing premises for the sale of food

In determining if an existing premises is suitable for the sale of food it will be assessed by the Senior Environmental Health Officer in accordance with *Standard 3.2.2 Food Safety Practices & General Requirements* and *3.2.3 Food Premises and Equipment* of the *Food Safety Standards*.

If necessary, the works required to comply with these standards will be identified and once undertaken, the premises approved for the sale of food by the Senior Environmental Health Officer.



Council Policy
FOOD SAFETY POLICY

Approved by: Council
Approved date: 22 July 2026
Review date: July 2029

7. Educational Program

Council will take a proactive approach in encouraging food business operators to improve their knowledge of food handling techniques.

All operators will be encouraged to complete food safety training such as Do Food Safely: <https://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/index.php/en/> to ensure their skills and knowledge match the level of food handling undertaken in a food business.

Food Safety Supervisor qualifications are also required by at least one food handler in most food businesses where medium and high risk foods are handled.

The Senior Environmental Health Officer will require evidence of attainment of this qualification.

8. Investigations of food quality complaints

The Senior Environmental Health Officer will respond to complaints received from the public regarding food safety.

9. Food Recalls

The Senior Environmental Health Officer will ensure that any state or national food recall programs are implemented at a local level, as instructed by the DOH.

10. Management of food business providing raw egg products

Council will take reasonable steps to minimise the risks associated with food business that supply raw egg products. The following steps will be taken to assist with compliance:

- Council's 'Application for Registration/Renewal of a Food Business' requires businesses to declare whether their business uses raw egg products;
- Council will issue the DOH "Raw Egg Control Measures Manual" to any business providing raw egg products
- The Senior Environmental Health Officer will follow up with the food business to ensure compliance with control measures.

4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

COUNCIL

Provide the necessary funding and operational support for the position of Senior Environmental Health Officer.



Council Policy
FOOD SAFETY POLICY

Approved by:	Council
Approved date:	22 July 2026
Review date:	July 2029

SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

Ensure compliance by food businesses with the *Food Safety Act 2003*;

- Register and inspect food premises (including temporary)
- Assess the fit out of new food business premises and upgrades to existing premises
- As required, provide educational assistance to enhance compliance with food handling standards;
- Participate, where applicable, in the DOH Food Sampling Program Complete mandatory annual reporting to the Director of Public Health (DOH) on Council's obligations under the *Food Act 2003*

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 – RELIEF OFFICER (JO ROWLEY)

Date: 17 JULY 2026

Enclosure(s):

Animal Management Statement 2026

ISSUE

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

The purpose of the report is:

1. To inform both Council and the community of infringements issued by Council Officers in relation to Animal Management for the nominated reporting period June-July 2026;
2. Provide a brief summary of actions and duties undertaken by Council Officers in relation to animal management; and
3. This in turn informs the community of the requirements and expectations of the Council to uphold and enforce relevant legislation. In addition it also reinforces the importance of responsible ownership of animals.

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

Resource Sharing

Southern Midlands Council provides Animal Management services to the Central Highlands Council through a resource sharing arrangement.

Jobs of note are itemised in the enclosed statement.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

DECISION

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

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

CARRIED

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

Southern Midlands Council

Minutes – 22nd July 2026

ENCLOSURE

Agenda Item 15.6.1

Reporting period: 17 June -17 July 2026

Category/Area	Andover	Antill Ponds Woodbury	Baden Mt Seymour Whitefoord	Bagdad	Broadmarsh Elderslie	Campania	Colebrook	Dysart	Jericho	Kempton	Lemont Pawtella York Plains	Levendale Runnymede	Mangalore	Melton Mowbray	Oatlands	Parattah	Rekuna Tea Tree	Rhyndaston Tiberias	Stonehenge Swanston	Stonor	Tunnack	Tunbridge	Woodsdale	Reporting Period Total	2025-2026
Failing to ensure dog is not at large.																						3		3	5
Dog attacking person or animal causing non serious injury				1		1				1											1			4	10
Dog attacking causing serious injury																								0	0
Dog attacking animal causing serious injury or death										1														1	4
Dog - Impounded							1			1														2	20
Reclaimed dogs																								0	16
Adopted/Dogs Home							1																	1	3
Euthanised												2												2	2
Lost dogs reported				1						2														3	17
Barking complaints																								0	18
Animal Welfare																								0	8
Cat complaints received																								0	2
Stock on roads													1											1	26
Impounded livestock																	1							1	4
Infringement Notices Issued				1						1														2	5
Written letter - various matters															1									1	35
Patrolled Areas				2	1	2	2								3							1		11	174
Poultry complaints received																								0	2
Kennel Licence - Issued																								0	4
TOTAL																								32	355

Registered 2025-2026 YTD	1726
Pending 2025-2026	66

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>

Nil.

16.2 Recreation

Strategic Plan Reference 4.2

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

16.2.1 Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinators Report

Author: OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE COORDINATOR (ADAM BRIGGS)

Date: 15 JULY 2026

ISSUE

Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinator's Report for the month of June 2026.

DETAIL

The purpose of the report is twofold:

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

FINANCIAL REPORTING

Operating Budget:

**OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE - 2025/26 OPERATING EXPENDITURE
To 30 June 2026**

INCOME		Annual Budget 2025/26	Actual Jun 2026	Budget Jun 2026	Actual YTD to 30 Jun 2026	Actual YTD to 30 Jun 2025	% Annual Budget 2025/26
Admission Fees		\$235,000	\$23,596	\$19,583	\$288,518	\$202,274	122.8%
Sale of Goods		\$15,000	\$1,203	\$1,250	\$18,104	\$17,117	120.7%
Charging Station Energy Use Reimbursement		\$20,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$22,078	\$20,549	110.4%
Sub-Total		\$270,000	\$24,800	\$25,833	\$328,700	\$239,940	121.7%

EXPENDITURE		Annual Budget 2025/26	Actual Jun 2026	Budget Jun 2026	Actual YTD to 30 Jun 2026	Actual YTD to 30 Jun 2025	% of Budget 2025/26
Salaries (incl. On-Costs)		\$495,348	\$62,659	\$57,155	\$546,387	\$482,212	110.3%
Operating Costs - Other		\$279,563	\$45,676	\$23,365	\$354,123	\$344,332	126.7%
Total Expenditure		\$774,911	\$108,334	\$80,521	\$900,510	\$826,543	116.2%

Budgeted Deficit		-\$504,911	-\$83,535	-\$54,687	-\$571,810	-\$586,603	113.2%
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Group Bookings & Programs – June (16/6/26 - 14/7/26):

Event / Booking	School / Group	Participation Numbers
Physio Rehab Sessions	Annabel Butler – Physiotherapist	19 individual bookings
GYM / Lane Hire	Centre Fitness Classes – GYM & Pool	7 Aqua Aerobic classes 8 GYM classes 140 participants
GYM / Lane Hire	Corumbene Program – GYM & Pool	4 pool individual bookings 4 GYM individual bookings 18 participants
Lane Hire	St Francis School	12 participants
Lane Hire	Sacred Heart School (Geeveston)	42 participants
Lane Hire	Oatlands District School	25 participants
Centre Visits	Fitness Passport	18 participants (June)
Centre Visits	Birthday Party	2 individual parties
Lane Hire	Midlands Swimming Club	8 individual bookings

USAGE FOR THE PERIOD 16/6/2026 – 14/7/2026

PAID UPFRONT

Type	Units
Gym & Classes	
Gym Class Pass 10 Sessions	6
PAYG – Gym Class	64
PAYG – Gym (16 years)	14
PAYG – Gym (Concession)	11
Gym/Pool Combo	
Gym/Pool Pass 10 Sessions (16 years)	8
Gym/Pool Pass 10 Sessions (Concession)	5
PAYG – Gym/Pool Combo (17 years)	0
PAYG – Gym/Pool Combo (Concession)	10
Learn to Swim	
Term 3 Program, 2026 Enrolments (Currently)	125
July School Holiday Private Lesson Program	15 (Full)
Pool	
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (17 +)	1
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Concession)	1
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Family)	1
PAYG – Pool (4 years and under)	76
PAYG – Pool (5-16)	169
PAYG – Pool (17)	209
PAYG – Pool (Concession)	189
PAYG – (Family)	16

DIRECT DEBITS – Current Numbers

Type	Units
DD Pool/Gym	9
DD Gym	15
DD 6 Months Pool – 17 years +	17
DD 6 Months Pool – Child/Concession	7
DD 6 Months Centre – Family	2
DD Learn to Swim Lessons – Term 2	18

Grant Applications & General Information

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

- Over the past fortnight the Centre has been in conversation with Royal Life Saving Australia in regards to forming a partnership between both parties to apply and execute a Swim & Survive Grant Application. The program would target Year 7 students as part of the Inland Waterways High School Program to provide students with the abilities to complete their Bronze Star or Bronze Medallion qualifications into the future.
Funding allocation will be finalised in the coming weeks and Council will be informed of the outcome.

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 Clr B Campbell, 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.

16.8.1 8 Union Street, Campania (Campania Fire Station) – New Lease – Southern Midland Council and the State Fire Commission

Author: DIRECTOR ASSETS (DAVID RICHARDSON)

Date: 17 JULY 2026

Attachment(s):

Draft Lease (includes a Plan showing the Leased premises).

ISSUE

Council to consider and approve entering into a new five-year lease between the Southern Midlands Council and the State Fire Commission (SFC) relating to the property at 8 Union Street, Campania.

BACKGROUND

The property at 8 Union Street, Campania comprises a Council-owned parcel of land with an area of 559 m². The Campania Fire Station is situated on the land, with the building and associated improvements owned and maintained by the State Fire Commission.

The previous Lease expired on 23 October 2010 and for whatever reason was never renewed. Since that time, the State Fire Commission has continued to occupy the site.

The State Fire Commission has advised that it is not currently in a position to purchase the land due to competing priorities and resource constraints, and has requested a new lease to provide security of tenure and facilitate planned upgrades to the fire station.

The following provisions from the *Local Government Act 1993* relate to the leasing of land:

Section 177. Sale and disposal of land

(1) *A council may sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of land owned by it, other than public land, in accordance with this section.*

(2) *Before a council sells, leases, donates, exchanges or otherwise disposes of any land, it is to obtain a valuation of the land from the Valuer-General or a person who is qualified to practise as a land valuer under [section 4 of the Land Valuers Act 2001](#).*

(3)

(4)

(5) *A contract pursuant to this section for the sale, lease, donation, exchange or other disposal of land which is public land is of no effect.*

(6) *A decision by a council under this section must be made by absolute majority.*

This property is not classified as Public Land for the purposes of the Act.

DETAIL

The SFC has requested that the lease expire on 2 December 2027. This shorter term aligns the lease with the adjoining parcel leased by the SFC from the Department of Education, Children & Young People (DECYP).

The proposed lease includes one option to renew for a further five-year term.

The draft lease generally reflects the terms of previous agreement between the parties. While the State Fire Commission initially proposed a nominal rental of \$1.00 per annum, Council's Director Assets has negotiated an annual rental of \$1,000, which is broadly equivalent to the rates and charges that would otherwise apply to the land as a vacant allotment.

Under the lease, the State Fire Commission will be responsible for:

- payment of the annual rent;
- payment of all separately metered services, including electricity, telecommunications, water and sewerage charges;
- compliance with the terms and conditions of the lease;
- compliance with all applicable statutory requirements and notices issued by Council or other government authorities; and
- maintenance of the buildings and improvements located on the site, consistent with previous lease arrangements.

The proposed lease provides certainty for both Council and the State Fire Commission while supporting the continued operation and future improvement of the Campania Fire Station.

Lease Amount

In accordance with section 177(2) of the Act, a valuation has been sought from a person who is qualified to practise as a land valuer. It is expected that the valuation will be received from the Valuer-General's office prior to the meeting.

The valuation will only relate to the land and not the buildings and other land improvements.

Seeking a valuation is a statutory requirement only and Council is not compelled to rent for the valuation amount.

It is proposed that the rent payable would be adjusted on an annual basis by the March Consumer Price Index (Hobart) each year and applicable from 1st July each year.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – refer above detail. . It is currently treated as rate exempt.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – The proposed lease provides certainty for both Council and the State Fire Commission while supporting the continued operation and future improvement of the Campania Fire Station.

Policy Implications – N/A

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – New Lease to commence from 3rd July 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council, by absolute majority:

- a. Receive and note the report;
- b. Pursuant to section 177 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, approve entering into a new lease agreement with the State Fire Commission (SFC) for the Council-owned property at 8 Union Street, Campania.
- c. Approve the terms and conditions of the draft Lease, including a lease term commencing 3 July 2026 and expiring on 2 December 2027, with one option to renew for a further five (5) year-term;
- d. set the commencement rental at \$1000.00 per annum (excluding GST), indexed annually in accordance with the March Hobart Consumer Price Index effective from 1 July each year;
- e. refer the draft Lease to the State Fire Commission for review and feedback; and
- f. Subject to no material amendments being required, authorise execution of the Lease under Council seal.

DECISION

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

THAT Council, by absolute majority:

- a. Receive and note the report;
- b. Pursuant to section 177 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, approve entering into a new lease agreement with the State Fire Commission (SFC) for the Council-owned property at 8 Union Street, Campania.
- c. Approve the terms and conditions of the draft Lease, including a lease term commencing 3 July 2026 and expiring on 2 December 2027, with one option to renew for a further five (5) year-term;
- d. set the commencement rental at \$1000.00 per annum (excluding GST), indexed annually in accordance with the March Hobart Consumer Price Index effective from 1 July each year;
- e. refer the draft Lease to the State Fire Commission for review and feedback; and
- f. Subject to no material amendments being required, authorise execution of the Lease under Council seal.

CARRIED

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

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

Nil.

17.2 Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 5.2

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

17.2.1 Tabling of Documents

Nil.

17.2.2 Elected Member Statements

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

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon - Updated Council on the Bargain Centre Community payout at 30 June 2026. \$37,645.42 shared between 13 groups. 17 volunteers worked 2,788.25 hours each worth \$13.50 per hour. Payout figures for community groups are as follows:

MMPHC Auxiliary	\$15,082.88
Uniting Church Oatlands	\$ 5,602.50
Mt Pleasant FC	\$ 4,249.13
Dogs Home of Tasmania	\$ 3,685.50
Historical Society Oatlands	\$ 3,078.00
10 Lives Cat Centre	\$ 1,728.00
St Peters Anglican Church	\$ 1,056.38 (for cemetery maintenance)
Oatlands Rural Youth	\$ 850.50
Friends of the Mill Patch	\$ 837.00
Rescue Cats at Penna	\$ 486.00
St Peters Anglican Church	\$ 378.00
Hawthorn House	\$ 324.00
Just Cats	\$ 283.50

Clr A E Bisdee OAM – TasWater Owners Representatives Meeting –reported on his attendance at the meeting held on 25 June 2026 whereat there was considerable discussion regarding the reduction in the dividends allocated in the Corporate Plan. This followed the outcomes of the Economic Regulators pricing determination. The Board subsequently decided to reinstate the 2026/27 level of dividend and reduce in subsequent years.

TasWater is taking proactive steps to respond to the feedback and the Economic Regulator has committed to a review of the regulatory framework. As part of that review, the timing of future pricing determinations will be considered with the aim of it being brought forward by 6 months so decisions around target dividends are made earlier.

17.2.3 Local Government Shared Services – Quarterly Update – Information Only

Author: MANAGER FINANCE (MANDY BURBURY)

Date: 14 JULY 2026

Enclosure(s):

2025/2026 Shared Services to 30 June 2026

ISSUE

To inform Council of the Common Services Joint Venture activities for the period April – June 2026.

BACKGROUND

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

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

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

DETAIL

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

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

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

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

ENCLOSURE

Agenda Item 17.2.3

**2025/26 Shared Services Report
to 30 June 2026**

PROVIDED BY SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL					Total Hours Jun 2026 Quarter	Total Hours Mar 2026 Quarter	Total Hours Dec 2025 Quarter	Total Hours Sep 2025 Quarter	Total Hours 2025/26	Total Hours 2024/25
Council	Fortnight Ending	Officer	Service Provided	Hours						
Brighton Council					0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97.00
Central Highlands	05/04/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	4.00						
		L Brown	Regulatory	16.00						
		P Krause	Regulatory	18.00						
	19/04/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	8.00						
		L Brown	Regulatory	8.00						
		P Krause	Regulatory	10.60						
	03/05/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	2.50						
		P Krause	Regulatory	15.00						
		R Collis	Animal Management	2.25						
		J Rowley	Animal Management	2.25						
	17/05/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	22.50						
		P Krause	Regulatory	16.75						
		R Collis	Animal Management	4.00						
		J Rowley	Animal Management	4.00						
	31/05/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	6.50						
		P Krause	Regulatory	16.75						
		R Collis	Animal Management	3.00						
	14/06/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	15.00						
		P Krause	Regulatory	4.50						
	28/06/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	23.50						
		P Krause	Regulatory	8.25						
					211.35	284.95	253.75	230.25	980.30	835.00

2025/26 Shared Services Report to 30 June 2026

PROVIDED BY SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL					Total Hours Jun 2026 Quarter	Total Hours Mar 2026 Quarter	Total Hours Dec 2025 Quarter	Total Hours Sep 2025 Quarter	Total Hours 2025/26	Total Hours 2024/25
Council	Fortnight Ending	Officer	Service Provided	Hours						
Derwent Valley	05/04/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	12.50						
	19/04/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	16.00						
	03/05/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	26.00						
	17/05/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	15.00						
		B Williams	Heritage	2.00						
	31/05/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	8.00						
	14/06/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	9.50						
	28/06/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	1.50						
		B Duffy	Regulatory	47.50						
					138.00	90.00	176.50	71.00	475.50	142.00
Northern Midlands					0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
Tasman	14/06/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	1.00						
	28/06/26	D Mackey	Regulatory	3.50						
		P Krause	Regulatory	9.75						
					14.25	79.00	86.00	71.25	250.50	343.00
Total Hours Provided by Southern Midlands					363.60	453.95	516.25	372.50	1706.30	1429.00

PROVIDED FOR SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL					Total Hours Jun 2026 Quarter	Total Hours Mar 2026 Quarter	Total Hours Dec 2025 Quarter	Total Hours Sep 2025 Quarter	Total Hours 2025/26	Total Hours 2024/25
Council	Fortnight Ending	Officer	Service Provided	Hours						
Brighton	08/03/26	J Blackwell	Development Engineering	2.50						
	22/03/26	J Blackwell	Development Engineering	3.00						
	05/04/26	J Blackwell	Development Engineering	5.00						
		L Wighton	Development Engineering	1.00						
					11.50	3.00	14.50	4.50	33.50	69.50
Glenorchy					0.00	0.00	51.00	275.75	326.75	439.75
Total Hours Provided for Southern Midlands					11.50	3.00	65.50	280.25	360.25	509.25

17.2.4 Review of Existing Policy – Goods and Services Purchasing Policy

Author: MANAGER FINANCE (MANDY BURBURY)

Date: 16 JULY 2026

Enclosure(s):

Goods and Services Purchasing Policy (as amended)

ISSUE

Council to consider and approve updated 'Goods and Services Purchasing Policy'.

BACKGROUND

The aims of this Policy are to:

- provide incumbents of positions authorisation to sign official Council purchase orders to requisition goods and services, pursuant to the relevant approved budget; and
- enable officers to properly and effectively discharge the responsibilities of their respective positions (subject to all conditions).

DETAIL

The existing Policy was approved in September 2023 and warrants review due to the recent organisational restructure.

The revised Policy recognises:

- a) the newly created Director positions;
- b) the management responsibilities associated with each; and
- c) revised expenditure limits for individual positions and where co-authorisations are required.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – as per Policy.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – N/A.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Immediate.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the 'Goods and Services Purchasing Policy' (as amended) be approved.

DECISION

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

THAT the 'Goods and Services Purchasing Policy' (as amended) be approved.

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 F Fish	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

ENCLOSURE
Agenda Item 17.2.4



Council Policy
GOODS AND SERVICES PURCHASING POLICY

Approved by:	Council
Approved date:	September 2023
Review date:	September 2026

1. PURPOSE

This aims of this Policy are to:

- (a) provide incumbents of positions authorisation to sign official Council purchase orders to requisition goods and services, pursuant to the relevant approved budget; and
- (b) enable officers to properly and effectively discharge the responsibilities of their respective positions (subject to all conditions listed in Item 5).

2. COVERAGE

- (a) This Policy covers and applies to employees listed in the below positions:
 - General Manager
 - Director Corporate Services
 - Director Community & Development Services
 - Director Assets
 - Manager Finance
 - Manager Administration & IT Services
 - Manager Development & Environmental Services
 - Manager Community Services
 - Manager Heritage Projects
 - Manager Works
 - Coordinator Works North
 - Coordinator Works South
 - Coordinator Building Services
 - Coordinator Oatlands Aquatic Centre
 - Plumbing Surveyor / Permit Authority (limited to purchases associated with building projects where there is nominated project management responsibilities)
- (b) For employees acting in any of the above positions (e.g. during periods of annual leave etc.) they are deemed to be approved by the General Manager to sign purchase orders.

3. REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Workers must comply with this Policy.
- (b) Directors/Managers must reasonably communicate and implement this Policy within their area of responsibility.
- (c) The following arrangements apply to capital equipment purchases with a value greater



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than \$1,000. This ensures that the asset is recorded in the Asset Register for depreciation purchases and that there is an approved budget allocation:

1. All purchases of minor tools and equipment must be ordered through the Works Manager; and
2. All purchases of computer and electrical items; office furniture and equipment must be ordered through Corporate Services.

4. ROLE RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 What are the Directors/Managers Responsibilities?

Directors/Managers are responsible for:

- (a) ensuring appropriate management of purchasing of goods and services;
- (b) ensuring orders are costed appropriately and provided to Accounts in a timely manner for payment.

5. CONDITIONS

5.1 Quotes

For goods and services ranging between:-

- a) **\$10,000 to \$50,000**
three (3) verbal quotations to be obtained and the lowest one accepted. Any variation from this rule requires approval from the General Manager or the Director responsible for the budget to which the purchase is to be allocated.
- b) **\$50,000 to \$250,000**
three (3) written quotations to be obtained and the lowest one accepted. Any variation from this rule requires approval from the General Manager or the Director responsible for the budget to which the purchase is to be allocated.
- c) **\$250,000**
Tenders are required for goods and services greater than \$250,000, in accordance with the Code for Tenders and Contracts.

All goods and services should be purchased from suppliers which are competitive in price, reliable in service and delivery, comply with relevant taxation and government legislation.

Note: Where Council seeks tenders for the supply of goods and services, where possible and practical, at least 50% of the tenderers should be from within the municipal area.



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5.2 Orders requiring counter-signing

Orders greater than \$20,000 issued by the following Officers are required to be countersigned by the Director Assets or Manager Works:

- Coordinator Works North
- Coordinator Works South
- Coordinator Building Services
- Coordinator Oatlands Aquatic Centre
- Plumbing Surveyor / Permit Authority (limited to purchases associated with building projects where there is nominated project management responsibilities)

Orders greater than \$50,000 issued by the following Officers are required to be countersigned by the responsible Director:

- Manager Finance
- Manager Administration & IT Services
- Manager Development & Environmental Services
- Manager Community Services
- Manager Heritage Projects
- Manager Works

5.3 Order Books

Order books will only be issued to persons appointed to the following positions, recognising that one Order book will be kept at both the Oatlands and Kempton offices.

- Director Corporate Services
- Director Community & Development Services
- Director Assets
- Manager Administration & IT Services
- Manager Heritage Projects
- Manager - Works
- Coordinator Works North
- Coordinator Works South
- Coordinator Building Services
- Coordinator Building Services
- Coordinator Oatlands Aquatic Centre

Note: It is pointed out that order books are accountable forms and as such the person signing for the book will be responsible to ensure that at completion these books are returned to Accounts.



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6. RELATED DOCUMENTS

Code for Tenders and Contracts
Code of Conduct
Fraud Control Policy

7. DOCUMENT ADMINISTRATION

This Instruction is a managed document and is to be reviewed every three (3) years or as directed by the General Manager.

This document is Version 6.0 effective July 2026. The document is maintained by Corporate Services, for the Southern Midlands Council.

17.2.5 Southern Tasmanian Councils Association (STCA) – Winding Up of the Association (Information Only)

Author: GENRAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

Date: 8 JULY 2026

ISSUE

The purpose of this report is to inform Council that the Southern Tasmanian Councils Association is to be formally wound-up in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Southern Tasmanian Council Authority Rules.

BACKGROUND

The Southern Tasmanian Councils Association (STCA) was established in 2006 to enable the twelve (12) Southern Councils to work together to facilitate and coordinate agreed regional development strategies and actions for the Southern Region.

The STCA initially comprised 12 Councils including Brighton, Central Highlands, Clarence City, Derwent Valley, Glamorgan-Spring Bay, Glenorchy City, Hobart City, Huon Valley, Kingborough, Sorell, Southern Midlands and Tasman.

The membership of the STCA has been in decline over many years with Glenorchy, Kingborough, Clarence, Glamorgan-Spring Bay and Derwent Valley Councils each withdrawing from the Association.

Given the withdrawal of the above Council's, the STCA was only representing seven of the 12 Southern Council areas, which includes about 40% of the population.

DETAIL

There is an ongoing need for the southern councils to engage closely, particularly in respect to the southern regional and use strategy and other regional priority areas.

At its meeting held on 16 December 2024, the STCA Board unanimously supported the formation and funding of a proposed Southern Tasmanian Councils Network (STCN) which would be supported by RDA Tasmania.

The STCN, consisting of all 12 Southern Council areas and represented by their General Managers, held its first meeting in January 2026 and now meets on a regular basis. Accordingly, the time is now appropriate to complete the winding up of the STCA.

The ability and process to wind-up the Authority is provided for by the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Southern Tasmanian Council Authority Rules.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – The Rules of the Authority provide for the distribution of assets or moneys remaining after payment of the expenses of the Authority.

The total estimated amount to be distributed (as at 30 June 2026) is \$175,950. This will be distributed to the seven remaining members based on the proportionate payments made by the members. The Southern Midlands Council will receive approximately \$21,400.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – The winding-up of the Authority will be notified in the Gazette.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Funds will be distributed as soon as the formal winding-up process has been concluded. The CEO of RDA (Tasmania) has been appointed as the person to administer the winding up of the Authority and to distribute the assets or moneys remaining after payment of expenses.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

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

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

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

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 30 June 2026)

Author: MANAGER FINANCE (MANDY BURBURY)

Date: 14 JUNE 2026

ISSUE

Provide the Financial Report for the period ending 30th June 2026.

BACKGROUND

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

Note: Reported figures are not final as end-of-year accrual adjustments are still being processed.

DETAIL

The enclosed Report incorporates the following: -

- Statement of Comprehensive Income – 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.
- Operating Expenditure Report – 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.
- Capital Expenditure Report – 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.
- Cash Flow Statement – 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

OPERATING EXPENDITURE (OPERATING BUDGET)

Overall operating expenditure to end of June was \$14,598,776, representing 94.5% of the Year to Date Budget.

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

Strategic Theme - Infrastructure

Nil.

Strategic Theme – Growth

Sub-Program – Business - expenditure to date \$393,910 (124.4%). Additional expenditure relates to a higher than anticipated value of private works (offset by an increase in private works income).

Strategic Theme – Landscapes

Nil.

Strategic Theme – Community

Sub-Program – Capacity & Sustainability – expenditure to date \$61,963 (111.65%). Additional expenditure relate to a \$5,335 State Government Resilience & Recovery Grant. Council managed the operating grant on behalf of farmers from the southern midlands to establish governance for a drought resilience group.

Strategic Theme – Organisation

Nil.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM

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

Legend – Source and completion deadlines for grant funded projects

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Financial Report be received and the information noted.

DECISION

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

THAT the Financial Report be received and the information noted.

CARRIED

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

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period 1 Jul 2025 to 30 Jun 2026

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
Income				
Rates	7,810,961	7,890,720	101.0%	Includes Interest & Penalties on rates
User Fees (refer Note 1)	1,536,868	1,781,349	115.9%	Includes Private Works
Interest	520,000	527,032	101.4%	
Government Subsidies	11,700	36,350	310.7%	Heavy Vehicle Licence Fees
Other (refer Note 2)	332,400	284,348	85.5%	Includes TasWater Distributions
Sub-Total	10,211,930	10,519,799	103.0%	
Grants - Operating (refer Note 4)	4,744,884	6,455,786	136.1%	
Total Income	14,956,813	16,975,585	113.5%	
Expenses				
Employee benefits	-6,024,988	-4,932,282	81.9%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised)
Materials and contracts	-4,195,550	-4,659,003	111.0%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised), Includes Land Tax & Private Works
Depreciation and amortisation	-4,738,700	-4,738,700	100.0%	Percentage Calculation (year-to-date)
Finance costs	-2,223	-2,223	100.0%	Interest
Contributions	-296,700	-296,700	100.0%	Fire Service Levies
Other	-184,841	-195,465	105.7%	Audit Fees and Councillor Allowances
Total expenses	-15,443,002	-14,824,372	96.0%	
Surplus (deficit) from operations	-486,189	2,151,213	-442.5%	
Grants - Capital (refer Note 3)	1,064,853	2,203,454	206.9%	
Sale Proceeds (Plant & Machinery)	0	338,286		
Sale Proceeds (Land & Buildings)	0	1		
Sale Proceeds (Other Assets)	0	5,244		
Net gain / (loss on disposal of non-current assets)	0	0		
Surplus / (Deficit)	578,664	4,698,199	811.9%	

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period 1 Jul 2025 to 30 Jun 2026

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
NOTES				
1. Income - User Fees				
- All other Programs	1,176,420	1,274,101	108.3%	
- Private Works	360,449	507,249	140.7%	
	<u>1,536,868</u>	<u>1,781,349</u>	115.9%	
2. Income - Other				
- TasWater	182,400	197,600	108.33%	Shareholder Distributions
- Public Open Space Contributions	150,000	0	0.00%	
- Stormwater Headworks	0	20,000		
- Blue Gum Rovers	0	915		Donations for Tunnack Recreation Ground
- JLT Group	0	1,578		Interest Disbursement
- Insurance Recoveries	0	8,292		
- Campania Halls Committee	0	15,000		Contribution towards External Painting
- Colebrook Hall Committee	0	3,510		Transfer on closure of Bank Account
- Woodsdale Cemetery Committee	0	8,121		Transfer on closure of Bank Account
- Heritage Education and Skills Centre	0	4,513		Transfer on closure of Bank Account
- Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee	0	5,000		Contribution towards operating costs of Callington Park Toilet
- TasWater	0	18,000		Contribution for Mains & Meter Upgrades - Kempton
- Private Contribution to Driveway Works Campania	0	1,818		
	<u>332,400</u>	<u>284,348</u>	85.5%	

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period 1 Jul 2025 to 30 Jun 2026

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
NOTES Cont.				
3. Grants - Capital				
- Aust Govt (Roads To Recovery)	1,064,853	1,064,853	100.00%	
- Aust Govt (LRCI Phase 4)	0	629,654		Final Instalment
- State Govt (VRUP Round 1)	0	14,410		Campania Pedestrian Railway Crossing (Final Instalment)
- State Govt (VRUP Round 1)	0	29,308		Campania Reeve Street West (Final Instalment)
- State Govt (VRUP Round 1)	0	18,129		Campania Reeve Street East (Final Instalment)
- State Govt (VRUP 2025)	0	14,310		Campania Reeve Street- Hall Ln to Lee St (First Instalment)
- State Govt (VRUP 2025)	0	11,150		Oatlands High Street - Road Pedestrian Crossing (First Instalment)
- State Govt (VRUP 2025)	0	17,215		Bagdad School Road - Road Improvements (First Instalment)
- State Govt (EID Tag Rebate Scheme)	0	1,425		75% Rebate on eID Reader
- State Govt (Road Safety Grant)	0	3,000		Road Safety Week Event - Melton Mowbray
- Local Govt. Assoc. Tas. (Open Spaces Program)	0	400,000		Campania Recreation Ground - Changeroom Upgrade (First Instalment)
	<u>1,064,853</u>	<u>2,203,454</u>	206.93%	
4. Grants - Operating				
- FAGS 2024/25	4,744,884	6,450,451	135.95%	Includes 80% advanced payment for 2026-27
- State Govt (Resilience & Recovery Grant)	0	5,335		Southern Midlands Farmers Group Drought Resilience (Establishing Governance)
	<u>4,744,884</u>	<u>6,455,786</u>	136.1%	

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

PROGRAM	ACTUAL (to 30 Jun 26)	BUDGET (to 30 Jun 26)	YTD VARIANCE	YTD %	FULL YEAR BUDGET - INC. GRANTS & OTHER
INFRASTRUCTURE					
Roads	4,214,721	4,410,593	195,872	95.6%	4,410,593
Bridges	614,940	653,390	38,450	94.1%	653,390
Walkways	256,994	273,165	16,171	94.1%	273,165
Lighting	79,029	93,936	14,907	84.1%	93,936
Public Toilets	123,722	140,739	17,017	87.9%	140,739
Stormwater	71,844	89,081	17,237	80.7%	89,081
Waste	1,471,714	1,592,340	120,626	92.4%	1,592,340
Information, Communication	-	20,000	20,000	0.0%	20,000
INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:	6,832,964	7,273,244	440,280	93.9%	7,273,244
GROWTH					
Residential	-	-	-	-	-
Tourism	33,956	41,276	7,320	82.3%	41,276
Business	393,910	316,556	-77,354	124.4%	316,556
Industry	-	-	-	0.0%	-
GROWTH TOTAL:	427,866	357,832	- 70,034	119.6%	357,832
LANDSCAPES					
Heritage	383,681	501,173	117,492	76.6%	501,173
Natural	226,355	257,515	31,160	87.9%	257,515
Cultural	4,912	16,000	11,088	30.7%	16,000
Regulatory - Development	890,546	1,101,058	210,512	80.9%	1,101,058
Regulatory - Public Health	14,536	26,180	11,644	55.5%	26,180
Regulatory - Animals	123,542	140,975	17,433	87.6%	140,975
Environmental Sustainability	-	5,000	5,000	0.0%	5,000
LANDSCAPES TOTAL:	1,643,572	2,047,901	404,329	80.3%	2,047,901
COMMUNITY					
Community Health & Wellbeing	294,065	378,545	84,480	77.7%	378,545
Recreation	1,333,696	1,256,464	-77,232	106.1%	1,256,464
Access	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Volunteers	24,213	45,000	20,787	53.8%	45,000
Families	124	10,000	9,876	1.2%	10,000
Education	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Capacity & Sustainability	61,963	55,505	-6,458	111.6%	55,505
Safety	15,006	19,950	4,944	75.2%	19,950
Consultation & Communication	2,101	25,700	23,599	8.2%	25,700
LIFESTYLE TOTAL:	1,731,168	1,791,164	59,996	96.7%	1,791,164
ORGANISATION					
Improvement	55,021	131,397	76,376	41.9%	131,397
Sustainability	3,502,897	3,445,765	-57,132	101.7%	3,445,765
Finances	405,288	395,700	-9,588	102.4%	395,700
ORGANISATION TOTAL:	3,963,206	3,972,862	9,656	99.8%	3,972,862
TOTALS	\$14,598,776	\$15,443,003	\$844,227	94.5%	\$15,443,003

Southern Midlands Council

Minutes – 22nd July 2026

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2025-26

As at 30 June 2026

		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
INFRASTRUCTURE						
ROAD ASSETS						
Resheeting Program	Roads Resheeting	590,000	350,026	239,974		
Reseal Program	Jericho - Jericho Road (1500m)	38,700	38,734	-34	Roads to Recovery \$38,700	30 June 2026
	Kempton - Cliftonvale Road (1500m)	65,600	65,698	-98	Roads to Recovery \$65,600	30 June 2026
	Oatlands - High Street (500m)	41,200	41,289	-89	Roads to Recovery \$41,200	30 June 2026
	Oatlands - Interlaken Road	25,000	23,100	1,900		
	Woodbury - Glenmorey Road (Two Sections 1700m)	42,500	42,543	-43	Roads to Recovery \$42,500	30 June 2026
	Woodbury - Woodbury Road (500m)	35,000	43,736	-8,736		
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road	31,200	31,298	-98	Roads to Recovery \$31,200	30 June 2026
	Tunbridge - Scott Street (300m)	40,000	31,796	8,204	Originally in Reconstruct & Seal \$60K	
Sealed Edge Breaks	Sealed Road Edge Breaks Program	200,000	as below	32,479		
	Campania - Brown Mountain Road		2,167			
	Campania - Native Corners Road		9,473			
	Colebrook - Eldon Road		22,276			
	Colebrook - Franklin Street		1,000			
	Elderslie - Elderslie Road		16,962			
	Jericho - Lower Marshes Road		3,552			
	Rhyndaston - Rhyndaston Road		11,500			
	Stonor - Blackgate Road		6,496			
	Stonor - Stonor Road		32,860			
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road		37,328			
	York Plains - York Plains Road		23,907			
Reconstruct & Seal	Bagdad - Swan Street (700m)	136,800	136,881	-81	Roads to Recovery \$136,800	30 June 2026
	Tunnack - Eldon Road (700m)	113,500	113,529	-29	Roads to Recovery \$113,500	30 June 2026
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road (dig-out)	28,700	28,758	-58	Roads to Recovery \$28,700	30 June 2026
Construct & Seal	Mangalore - Blackbrush Road (1.3km section starting from seal Mangalore end)	200,200	200,222	-22	Roads to Recovery \$200,200	30 June 2026
	Rhyndaston - Rhyndaston Road (1.35km of 2.7km starting at railway line)	199,300	199,399	-99	Roads to Recovery \$199,300	30 June 2026
Minor Seals (New)	Kempton - Erskine Street (Extension of Seal - 80m)	25,000	8,456	16,544	Roads to Recovery \$25,000	30 June 2025
	Mt Seymour - Blackgate Road (500m between end of seal & dust suppressant)	93,200	93,277	-77	Roads to Recovery \$93,200	30 June 2026
	Oatlands - Bentwick Street	20,000	0	20,000	Budget c/f	
Other Works	Bagdad - School Road (Traffic & Safety Improvements)	69,000	17,211	51,789	VRUP Funding \$34,430	
	Campania - Car Park Improvements	100,000	81,217	18,783	\$60K Budget C/F WIP \$72,112	
	Campania - Reeve Street (Reconstruct Retaining Wall - Union St to Lee St)	40,000	0	40,000		
	Campania - Structure Plan - Town Gateway and Streetscape	40,000	0	40,000	Budget C/F	
	Colebrook - Coalmine Bend Road (Redirect Drainage from Train Line - Piping)	25,000	25,807	-807		
	Oatlands - Hasting Street Junction	15,000	14,761	239	WIP \$959	
	Oatlands - High Street (Traffic Islands)	45,940	897	45,043	VRUP Funding \$22,300 SMC \$23,640	30 June 2026
	Runnymede - Woodsdale Road (Asphalt Overlay 150m)	60,000	60,000	0	Roads to Recovery \$48,953 SMC \$11,047	30 June 2026
	Tunbridge - Main Street (Kerb & Gutter Renewal)	40,000	46,290	-6,290	WIP \$4186.12	
		2,360,840	1,862,444	498,396		

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2025-26

As at 30 June 2026

		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
WALKWAYS	Footpaths - General Streetscapes	45,959	0	45,959		
	Bagdad - Midland Highway Pathway (Primary School north to Community Club)	240,000	253,132	-13,132	Election Commitment - \$150,000 WIP \$1,130	2 March 2026
	Campania - Reeve Street (Hall St to Lee St)	57,740	57,400	340	VRUP Funding \$28,620	30 June 2026
	Colebrook - Richmond Road (Asphalting)	4,041	4,041	0	Funded from footpaths general budget	
	Kempton - Burnett Street to Mood Food	425,565	439,672	-14,107	Better Active Transport \$278K WIP \$5332	30 June 2026
	Kempton - Main Street (Southern End 300m)	75,000	741	74,259		
	Oatlands - Church Street (High St to Esplanade both sides - Design Only)	10,000	0	10,000		
	Oatlands - Church Street (Sth Parade to William St - north. side - Footpath - 130 m)	30,000	64,323	-34,323	Budget C/F	
	Parattah - Streetscape (Stage 1)	50,000	59,453	-9,453		
	Tunnack - Streetscape (Year 1 of 3)	100,000	73,251	26,749	WIP \$73,042	
		1,038,305	952,013	86,292		
PUBLIC TOILETS	General Public Toilets - Upgrade Program	14,616	0	14,616	Budget c/f	
	Colebrook - History Room Toilets (Replace Septic Tank)	10,000	9,830	170		
		24,616	9,830	14,785		
DRAINAGE	Bagdad / Mangalore - Hydraulic Assessment (Flood Mapping)	61,625	0	61,625	Budget C/F	
	Stormwater System Management Plans (<i>Urban Drainage Act 2013</i>)	50,000	40,456	9,544	WIP \$456	
	Oatlands - High Street / Church Street Jct (Pipe Replacement)	15,000	14,946	54		
	Oatlands - High Street /Wellington Street Jct (New Pit)	4,000	3,973	27		
	Oatlands - Queen Anne St (Pipe into existing Drain)	35,000	21,806	13,194		
		165,625	81,182	84,443		
WASTE	Wheellie Bins and Crates	10,000	20,398	-10,398		
		10,000	20,398	-10,398		
GROWTH						
TOURISM	Oatlands - Heritage Interpretation Panel renewal	2,000	0	2,000		
	Oatlands Accommodation Facility	0	42,283	-42,283	WIP \$42,283 (Offset by Barrack Street Property)	
		2,000	42,283	-40,283		

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2025-26

As at 30 June 2026

		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
LANDSCAPES						
HERITAGE	Jericho - Memorial Avenue - Plaques	20,500	23,814	-3,314	Budget c/f WIP \$4,300. Offset by donation of \$500.	
	Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park - Interps	19,545	0	19,545	Budget C/F	
	Melton Mowbray - Recognition plaque JH Bisdee VC OBE (DVA Grant)	8,480	8,904	-424	Saluting Their Service Grant \$7,480	30 April 2025
	Oatlands - Callington Mill - Structural Repair & External painting	80,000	0	80,000	\$40K Budget C/F	
	Oatlands - Court House (Wall Stabilisation)	15,000	13,019	1,981	WIP \$4,764	
	Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Chimney Capping & Fireplace Repairs)	5,000	1,385	3,615	Budget C/F	
	Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Lighting & Hanging System Upgrade)	5,000	973	4,027		
	Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Wingwall)	23,000	15,277	7,723	Budget C/F	
	Oatlands - Heritage Collections Store	10,000	3,700	6,300	WIP \$3,700	
	Oatlands - Roche Hall (Building Improvements for PRISM)	144,161	56,880	87,281	\$90K Budget C/F WIP \$19,644 \$5,839 to Portable Stage	
	Oatlands - Roche Hall Forecourt (Interps - Planning Condition of Approval)	40,000	7,820	32,180	WIP \$7,820	
		370,686	131,771	238,915		
NATURAL	Campania - Bush Reserve / Cemetery	300,000	109,937	190,063	WIP \$93,346	
	Chauncy Vale - Day Dawn Cottage Improvements	12,000	10,311	1,689	WIP \$8,557	
	Chauncy Vale - Toilet & Interps Upgrade	100,000	70,663	29,338	Election Commitment \$80,000 WIP \$22,570	30 June 2026
		412,000	190,910	221,090		
REGULATORY - DEVELOPMENT	Master / Structure Plans (Bagdad / Mangalore / Campania)	50,000	151,966	-101,966	Includes Flour Mill Park Master Plan	
	Kempton Council Chambers - Structural Damage	0	16,650	-16,650	External Contractor Liable for damage	
	Kempton - Council Chambers (Office Furniture & Equipment)	7,025	0	7,025		
	Property Purchase - 10 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	530,000	0	530,000	Budget C/F	
	Oatlands - Stanley Street Master Plan	20,000	172	19,828	Budget c/f WIP \$172	
	Kempton - Erskine Street Subdivision	0	1,235	-1,235	Funded from proceeds of sale of property	
		607,025	170,023	437,002		
PUBLIC HEALTH	Woodsdale Cemetery - Memorial Wall	0	1,845	-1,845	Offset by Committee Contribution	
		0	1,845	-1,845		
ANIMAL CONTROL	Oatlands - Off-Lead Dog Park	35,000	1,947	33,053	WIP \$1,947	
	Electronic Identification Stick Reader	1,900	1,900	0	NRE Grant \$1,425	
		36,900	3,847	33,053		

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		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
COMMUNITY						
RECREATION	Facilities & Recreation Committee	835	0	835	Budget \$40,000 (projects funded as below)	
	Building Upgrades (Sites determined following inspections)	20,725	0	20,725	\$29,275 budget used for Asset Reval Buildings	
	Playground Upgrades ("inspections)	50,000	0	50,000		
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Precinct Plan & Property Transfer)	111,000	95,003	15,997	\$35K Budget c/f WIP \$95,003	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Redevelopment)	0	50,931	-50,931	WIP \$49,706	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Sports Pavilion)	0	222,416	-222,416	WIP \$211,856 Subject to Funding	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Multi-purpose Sports Hall)	0	252,160	-252,160	WIP \$252,160 Subject to Funding	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Oval Relocation)	0	26,500	-26,500	WIP \$25,500 Subject to Funding	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Wastewater System)	200,000	24,065	175,935		
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (OAC Building - New electrical connection)	0	5,300	-5,300	Funded from cash trf - Bagdad CC Committee	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Installation of LED lights for Oval/Car Park)	0	2,400	-2,400	Funded from cash trf - Bagdad CC Committee	
	Bagdad - Iden Road Park Development	75,000	0	75,000	Budget C/F	
	Bagdad - Acquisition 1689 Midland Highway Bagdad	0	317,553	-317,553	Funding not allocated	
	Campania - Flour Mill Park (Redevelopment)	68,000	0	68,000		
	Campania - Hall (External Painting)	36,800	41,470	-4,670	WIP \$39,696	
	Campania - Recreation Ground (Electronic Scoreboard)	47,875	51,129	-3,254	Election Commitment - \$35K WIP \$48,043	30 June 2026
	Campania - Recreation Ground (Landscaping & Tiered Seating)	270,000	257,334	12,666	Election Commitment - \$200K WIP \$374	30 June 2026
	Campania - Recreation Ground (All abilities Car Parking)	26,750	32,558	-5,808	Election Commitment - \$18K	30 June 2026
	Campania - Recreation Ground (Upgrade Change rooms)	1,100,000	1,157,197	-57,197	LGAT Open Space \$400K / SMC \$700K WIP	
	Colebrook - Hall (Windows, Ramps, Double Doors)	10,000	0	10,000		
	Kempton - Carriage Shed (External Repair & Repainting)	11,700	0	11,700		
	Kempton - Recreation Ground (Site Dev) (Boundary Fence)	24,250	14,118	10,132	Budget c/f WIP \$14,118	
	Kempton - Recreation Ground (Cricket Net, basket ball / pickle ball court)	80,000	100,721	-20,721	Active Tas - Election Commitment WIP \$2,886	30 June 2026
	Melton Mowbray - Streetscape Works (Trough / Shelter etc)	90,000	109,652	-19,652	\$60K Budget C/F WIP \$85,022	
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Outdoor Area Seating)	4,000	2,057	1,943		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Learn to Swim Equipment)	2,000	1,143	857		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Defibrillator)	1,995	1,995	0	Funded from Gym Equipment Budget	
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Baby Change Table)	1,050	2,745	-1,695	Funded from Gym Equipment Budget	
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Female Change Rooms / Shower Cubicles)	10,000	0	10,000		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Pump Replacement)	10,000	0	10,000		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Gymnasium Equipment Upgrade)	1,955	1,301	654		
	Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Air Lock & Heating)	40,000	14,432	25,568	\$30K of Budget C/F WIP \$14,432	
	Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Kitchen Floor Repairs / Underpinning)	8,000	782	7,218		
	Oatlands - Midlands Community Centre (External Painting - Front of Building)	8,000	0	8,000	Budget C/F	
	Oatlands - Old Swimming Pool (Staged demolition)	62,889	13,436	49,453	Balance Budget C/F	
	Oatlands - Recreation Ground (Redevelopment)	0	175,721	-175,721	Subject to Funding WIP \$172,521	
	Oatlands - Recreation Ground (Electronic Scoreboard)	55,145	65,685	-10,540	AFL grant pending, OFC Contribution, SMC \$30K	
	Oatlands - Recreation Ground (Irrigation Upgrade)	3,640	3,640	0	Funded from Facilities & Rec Committee Budget	
	Parattah - Recreation Ground (Reglaze Windows)	2,724	2,724	0	Funded from Facilities & Rec Committee Budget	
	Runnymede - Recreation Ground (Pitch Renewal)	8,000	8,258	-258		
	Tunbridge - Tunbridge Park (Tree Planting)	2,802	2,802	0	Funded from Facilities & Rec Committee Budget	
	Tunnack - Recreation Ground (Kiosk Removal)	8,000	0	8,000		
	Tunnack - Recreation Ground (Toilet Block Painting)	4,000	0	4,000		
	Woodsdale Recreation Ground	45,000	45,000	0	Budget C/F	
	Water Bottle Refill Stations	7,980	0	7,980	Budget C/F	
		2,510,114	3,102,227	-592,113		
FAMILIES	Kempton Childcare Centre	0	27,454	-27,454	2026-27 Budget Item	
		0	27,454	-27,454		
CAPACITY & SUSTAINABILITY	Property Purchase - 9 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	73,248	50,009	23,238	Budget \$519,490 less \$446K spent in 22/23	
	Portable Stage	15,884	17,370	-1,486	Council Decision, small grant & PRISM funding	

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		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
		89,132	67,379	21,752		
SAFETY	Sale of Fire Sheds to Crown	0	2,646	-2,646	Expenses offset by income from sale	
	Road Safety Week	3,000	3,032	-32	Grant Funded	
		3,000	5,677	-2,677		
ORGANISATION						
SUSTAINABILITY	WIFI Equipment	7,000	0	7,000	Budget C/F	
	Council Website Upgrade	40,000	13,260	26,740	Budget C/F	
	Communications Link Upgrade	5,000	0	5,000		
	Computer / Network Upgrades	18,000	5,806	12,194		
	Asset Revaluation - Buildings	29275	29275	0		
	Oatlands - Various Buildings (Security Upgrades)	10,000	2,960	7,040	Budget Originally for Heritage Buildings	
	Oatlands - Town Hall (Office Furniture & Equipment)	7,500	0	7,500		
	Oatlands - Town Hall (Replacement Heat Pump)	5,500	7,700	-2,200		
	Oatlands - Town Hall (Toilet Upgrade / Air lock / Lift) Year 1 of 5 \$300K per annum	400,000	17,794	382,206	\$100K Budget C/F WIP \$8,437	
		522,275	76,796	445,479		
WORKS	Kempton - Works Depot (Toilet / Shower Upgrade)	30,000	0	30,000		
	Kempton - Works Depot (Security Cameras)	5,000	0	5,000		
	Oatlands - Works Depot (Sump Pump)	1,399	1,399	0	Budget from Minor Plant	
	Minor Plant Purchases	10,601	11,491	-890		
	Radio System	5,000	220	4,780		
	Plant Replacement Program					
	Heavy Vehicles - Gross Amount	889,370	435,330	454,040		
	(Trade Allowance - \$254K)					
	Light Vehicles - Gross Amount	515,179	308,209	206,970		
	(Trade Allowance - \$299K)					
		1,456,549	756,650	699,899		
GRAND TOTALS		9,609,066	7,502,731	2,106,335		

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CASH FLOW 2025/2026	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) July 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Aug 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Sep 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Oct 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Nov 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Dec 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Jan 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Feb 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Mar 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Apr 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) May 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Jun 2026 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (Total 2025/26) \$
Cash flows from operating activities													
Payments													
Employee costs	(654,876)	(424,204)	(370,607)	(391,754)	(369,294)	(585,181)	(334,843)	(352,509)	(379,438)	(332,252)	(400,691)	(693,822)	(5,289,471)
Materials and contracts	(987,152)	(399,774)	(459,970)	(353,322)	(310,386)	(391,272)	(267,707)	(406,616)	(311,398)	(306,858)	(381,466)	(430,730)	(5,006,650)
Interest	(2,223)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(2,223)
Other	(28,004)	(82,892)	(68,686)	(161,851)	(55,689)	(119,697)	(79,937)	(36,570)	(80,010)	(116,156)	(14,890)	(127,463)	(971,847)
	(1,672,254)	(906,870)	(899,264)	(906,927)	(735,369)	(1,096,150)	(682,487)	(795,694)	(770,846)	(755,266)	(797,047)	(1,252,015)	(11,270,191)
Receipts													
Rates	722,648	431,037	2,387,961	589,319	921,681	321,995	812,600	292,190	920,517	328,525	198,467	197,676	8,124,617
User charges	1,376,627	109,039	268,268	172,447	110,902	142,440	501,484	81,729	128,790	135,148	120,803	266,048	3,413,726
Interest received	33,066	36,362	50,568	34,958	21,740	38,895	40,575	65,248	35,106	30,720	47,400	92,393	527,032
Subsidies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36,350	0	36,350
Operating Grants	0	603,391	5,335	0	603,391	0	0	603,391	0	0	603,391	4,036,887	6,455,786
Other	70,371	159,430	49,262	53,844	23,639	39,782	145	19,514	46,453	4,309	109,590	225,775	802,115
	2,202,712	1,339,260	2,761,394	850,568	1,681,354	543,112	1,354,805	1,062,072	1,130,866	498,702	1,116,001	4,818,780	19,359,626
Net cash from operating activities	530,458	432,390	1,862,130	(56,360)	945,985	(553,038)	672,318	266,378	360,020	(256,564)	318,954	3,566,765	8,089,436
Cash flows from investing activities													
Payments for property, plant & equipment	(197,080)	(549,583)	(616,036)	(368,073)	(512,545)	(943,380)	(181,300)	(535,391)	(417,268)	(334,377)	(842,437)	(398,907)	(5,896,377)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	32,932	35,131	0	164,541	24,545	13,073	0	1	0	23,762	28,182	21,365	343,532
Proceeds from Capital grants	0	0	0	0	14,410	1,689,591	1,425	14,310	0	28,365	43,353	0	1,791,454
Proceeds from Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Payment for Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net cash used in investing activities	(164,148)	(514,453)	(616,036)	(203,532)	(473,590)	759,284	(179,875)	(521,080)	(417,268)	(282,249)	(770,902)	(377,542)	(3,761,391)
Cash flows from financing activities													
Repayment of borrowings	(109,510)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(109,510)
Proceeds from borrowings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	(109,510)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(109,510)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	256,800	(82,063)	1,246,095	(259,891)	472,395	206,246	492,443	(254,702)	(57,248)	(538,814)	(451,948)	3,189,223	4,218,534
Cash at beginning of reporting month	11,895,902	12,152,702	12,070,639	13,316,734	13,056,842	13,529,237	13,735,483	14,227,926	13,973,224	13,915,976	13,377,162	12,925,214	11,895,902
Cash at end of reporting period	12,152,702	12,070,639	13,316,734	13,056,842	13,529,237	13,735,483	14,227,926	13,973,224	13,915,976	13,377,162	12,925,214	16,114,437	16,114,437

17.3.2 Woodsdale Football Club Cracker Night - Request for Donation

Author: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JEMMA CROSSWELL)

Date: 6 JULY 2026

Enclosure(s):

Woodsdale Football Club – Email dated 28 June 2026

ISSUE

Council to consider a request for a donation of \$1,500 submitted by the Woodsdale Football Club Inc. to assist with the conduct of the Club's 2026 Cracker Night.

BACKGROUND

Reference is made to Council's 'Donations & Community Support Policy' which was reviewed and updated in May 2026.

The following section of the Policy relates to 'Assistance for Annual Events':

2.1 Assistance for Annual Events

2.1.1

Request for assistance relating to annual events organised by not-for-profit organisations, community groups, service clubs and associations. Applicants must be based in with the Southern Midlands Council municipal area. The policy applies only to events that meet the definition of a "Place of Assembly". For the purpose of this policy, a Place of Assembly is defined as an event where:

- *1,000 or more persons are expected to be present; and*
- *Attendance is expected for a duration of two (2) hours or more.*

Applicants must provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the event meets this threshold. The level of assistance provided will be determined by Council based on demonstrated community benefit of the event, with the maximum donation being \$1,500.

A written request for Council assistance must be submitted at the same time as the Place of Assembly application. Request submitted separately or after the Place of Assembly application may not be considered.

DETAIL

Councillors will recall that the intent of the recent policy review was to ensure that Council assistance is directed towards significant community events that provide social, cultural, tourism, and economic benefits to the municipality.

This resulted in the introduction of a provision limiting financial assistance to events that meet the requirements of a Place of Assembly under relevant legislation and public safety requirements.

The Woodsdale Football Club's Cracker Night is an event that does not meet the Place of Assembly criteria outlined in Council's Policy. The request is therefore to be considered on merit.

Council also receives numerous requests each year from community organisations, service clubs and not-for-profit groups seeking financial or in-kind assistance for annual events and fundraising activities. In order to maintain consistency with Council's Policy and previous decisions, it is considered appropriate to provide a modest contribution in recognition of the Club's community efforts rather than the maximum amount available under the Policy.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – To be considered.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Refer comment provided in the Email.

Policy Implications – Policy related decision.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Although the event was held on 4 July 2026, the request was not received until 28th June 2026 and this is the first available opportunity for Council to consider this matter.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council: Donate \$100 to the Woodsdale Football Club to assist with the conduct of the Club's 2026 Cracker Night.

DECISION

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

THAT Council donate \$100 to the Woodsdale Football Club to assist with the conduct of the Club's 2026 Cracker Night.

CARRIED

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

ENCLOSURE
Agenda Item 17.3.2

Jemma Crosswell

Subject: FW: Donations & Community Support Policy
Attachments: Invoice INV-17853 Bright.pdf

From: Woodsdale football club Woodsdale football club <woodsdafe@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, 28 June 2026 2:32 PM
To: SMC Mail <mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Donations & Community Support Policy

To Whom It May Concern

Our organisation is proud to once again host our Annual Cracker Night in July, a long-standing community event that brings families together in a safe, welcoming environment. The night is consistently well attended and has become a key fixture in our community calendar, supporting social connection, family wellbeing, and a strong sense of local identity.

The fireworks display is the central feature of the event and a major drawcard for families across the broader district. As a not-for-profit organisation, we rely heavily on community support and volunteer effort to deliver this event each year. The cost of the fireworks has increased, and we are seeking Council's assistance to fund \$1,500 of the total \$3,575 invoice from Bright Star (attached). This contribution will ensure the event remains accessible and affordable for all community members, including families who may be experiencing financial pressures.

Council support will directly benefit participants by:

- **Strengthening community wellbeing** through a safe, family-friendly event that encourages social connection and participation.
- **Providing equitable access** to a high-quality community celebration that many families would not otherwise experience.
- **Supporting local tradition and community pride**, reinforcing the role of our organisation as a hub for social engagement.
- **Ensuring long-term community benefit**, as any surplus funds generated on the night will be reinvested into upgrading our canteen facilities at the community ground—improving amenities for all users, including sporting clubs, volunteers, and visiting families.

This request aligns strongly with Council's **Donations and Community Support Policy**, particularly in relation to enhancing community wellbeing, supporting inclusive events, and strengthening local facilities. Council's contribution will help us continue delivering a safe, positive, and much-loved event for the whole community.

Thank you

Toni Cowle

President

Woodsdale Football Club Inc

18. MUNICIPAL SEAL

Nil.

19. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

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

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

Matter	Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Reference
<i>Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation</i>	17(2)
<i>Applications for Leave of Absence</i>	17(2)(h)(i)
<i>Audit Panel Minutes</i>	17(2)(h)(ii)
<i>LGAT 2026 by-election</i>	17(2)(a)
<i>TasWaste South - Lutana Materials & Recovery Facility Contract Review</i>	17(2)(c)
<i>Tas Petroleum – 20 Interlaken Road, Oatlands</i>	17(4)

CARRIED

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

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

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

CARRIED

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

CLOSED COUNCIL MINUTES

20. BUSINESS IN “CLOSED SESSION”

20.1 Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation

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

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

20.2 Applications for Leave of Absence

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

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

20.3 Audit Panel Minutes

20.3.1 Receipt of Minutes

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

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

20.3.2 Endorsement of Recommendations

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

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

20.4 Local Government Association of Tasmania – 2026 By-Election

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

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

20.5 TasWaste South – Lutana Materials & Recovery Facility Contract Review – Future Procurement Direction

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

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

20.6 20 Interlaken Road, Oatlands

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council move out of “Closed Session”.

DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, seconded by 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 D Fish	✓	
Cllr F Miller	✓	

OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

21. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 12.54 p.m.