

SOUTHERN  
MIDLANDS  
COUNCIL



# **MINUTES**

## **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

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Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022  
10.00 a.m.

Oatlands Municipal Offices  
71 High Street, Oatlands

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## OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2022 AT OATLANDS MUNICIPAL OFFICES  
COMMENCING AT 10.01 A.M.

### 1. PRAYERS

Reverend Dennis Cousens recited prayers.

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor A O Green recited acknowledgement of country.

### 3. ATTENDANCE

Mayor A O Green, Deputy Mayor E Batt, Clr A E Bisdee OAM, Clr A Bantick, Clr K Dudgeon (via WebEx), Clr D Fish and Clr R McDougall.

Mr T Kirkwood (General Manager), Mr A Benson (Deputy General Manager), Mr D Richardson (Manager, Infrastructure & Works), Mrs J Crosswell (Executive Assistant), Mrs W Young (Manager Community & Corporate Development), Mrs A Burbury (Finance Officer).

### 4. APOLOGIES

Nil.

### 5. MINUTES

#### 5.1 Ordinary Council meeting

The Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the previous meeting of Council held on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

#### DECISION

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

**THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the previous meeting of Council held on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022, as circulated, be confirmed.**

#### CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Clr A Bantick	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	

## 5.2 Special Committees of Council Minutes

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

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

- Kempton Streetscape Meeting Minutes – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the minutes of the above special committee of Council be received.**

#### DECISION

*Moved by Clr R Mc Dougall, seconded by Deputy Mayor E Batt*

**THAT the Minutes of the above Special Committee of Council be received.**

#### CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Clr A Bantick	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	

### 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.

- Kempton Streetscape Meeting Minutes – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

#### DECISION

*Moved by Deputy Mayor E Batt, seconded by Clr A E Bisdee*

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

#### CARRIED

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Clr A Bantick	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	

### **5.3 Joint Authorities (Established Under Division 4 of the *Local Government Act 1993*)**

#### **5.3.1 Joint Authorities - Receipt of Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Joint Authority Meeting, as circulated, are submitted for receipt:

- Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority – Meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the minutes of the above Joint Authority be received.**

#### **DECISION**

*Moved by Clr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Clr R McDougall*

**THAT the minutes of the above Joint Authority be received.**

#### **CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Clr A Bantick	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	

#### **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 2015*, the Agenda is to include details of any Council workshop held since the last meeting.

Three (3) workshops have been held since the last Ordinary Meeting.

A workshop was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at the Council Chambers, Oatlands commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Attendance: Deputy Mayor E Batt, Cllrs A Bantick, A E Bisdee OAM, K Dudgeon, D Fish and R McDougall.

Apologies: Mayor A O Green.

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

The purpose of the workshop was to consider and discuss the following issues:

- **Draft 2022/23 Operating Budget**  
Presentation of draft 2022/23 Operating Budget. No amendments were identified with the draft Budget to be further considered at the Workshop scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- **Preliminary Rating Discussion**  
Preliminary consideration of the Rates and Charges Discussion paper, including a number of rating simulations based on the fresh Valuation data (draft) received from the Valuer-General.
- **Draft 2022/23 Capital Works Program Budget**  
An initial draft was presented to the previous Workshop. Minor amendments have been made to the draft, based on feedback and further information received. Final Budget to be considered at the Workshop scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- **Woodsdale Recreation Ground – Discussion Re: Football Club Submission**  
Preliminary consideration of the submission lodged by the Woodsdale Football Club in relation to upgrading the property to enable home games to be played at the Woodsdale Recreation Ground in 2023.  
  
To be listed for further discussion at the Workshop scheduled on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- **LGAT – Elected Representatives Workplace Health & Safety Review**  
Information noted. Council determined that there was no need to invest any additional funds to undertake a more detailed local investigation.
- **Office of Local Government – Local Government Learning and Development Framework (Information Only)**  
Information noted based on an Email communication received from the Office of Local Government dated 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- **Bagdad Community Club – Development Master Plan**  
Preliminary draft of the Bagdad Community Club – Development Master Plan tabled for information. Awaiting copy of the covering report.

It was acknowledged that the next step in the process is to refer the draft Plan to the BCC User Groups, followed by consultation (and feedback) from the broader community.

The workshop concluded at approximately 12.20 p.m.

A workshop was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at the Council Chambers, Oatlands commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Attendance: Mayor A O Green, Deputy Mayor E Batt, Cllrs A Bantick, A E Bisdee OAM, K Dudgeon, D Fish and R McDougall.

Apologies: Nil

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

The purpose of the workshop was to consider and discuss the following issues:

- **Draft 2022/23 Operating Budget**  
Final review of the draft 2022/23 Operating Budget. To be submitted for adoption at the Council Meeting scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.
- **Draft 2022/23 Capital Works Program Budget**  
Final review of the draft 2022/23 Capital Works Program Budget. To be submitted for adoption at the Council Meeting scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.

Additional submissions were received from the Oatlands Football Club (Nets – High Street end of oval) and Bagdad Community Club Inc. – Oval restoration.

- **2022/23 Rates & Charges Discussion Paper**  
Further consideration and discussion, particularly in relation to the General Rate.

Preliminary consideration of the Rates and Charges Discussion paper, including a number of rating simulations based on the fresh Valuation data (draft) received from the Valuer-General.

- **Woodsdale Recreation Ground – Discussion Re: Football Club Submission**  
The workshop reviewed a preliminary 'lifecycle' costing report prepared by A Benson. Discussion was deferred pending the attendance of Mr John Treasure (President – Woodsdale Football Club) at the workshop schedule for 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The workshop concluded at approximately 11.30 a.m.

A workshop was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at the Council Chambers, Oatlands commencing at 9.00 a.m.

Attendance: Mayor A O Green, Deputy Mayor E Batt, Cllrs A Bantick, K Dudgeon, D Fish and R McDougall.

Apologies: Cllr A E Bisdee OAM.

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

The purpose of the workshop was to consider and discuss the following issues:

- **Woodsdale Recreation Ground - Woodsdale Football Club)**  
Mr Andrew Dean and Mrs Toni Cowle attended the workshop at 9.00 a.m. to present information in relation to the Woodsdale Football Club and discuss the submission from the Football Club regarding ground and facility improvements.
- **University of Tasmania (Sue Hickey)**  
Ms Hickey (UTAS Southern Transformation Stakeholder Liaison) attended the workshop at 9.40 a.m. to talk about the UTAS move to the city (more broadly) and how that benefits people in regional areas.
- **Brad Williams – Oatlands Pool (Old) – Rehabilitation / Demolition**  
Manager – Heritage Projects (Brad Williams) attended the workshop to expand on the scope of works for the demolition for the existing pool and linkage to the Oatlands Gaol Master Plan.

In respect to the Budget and related matters, there was a final review of the following documents which are to be submitted for approval at the Council Meeting scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022:

- Draft 2022/23 Operating Budget
- Draft 2022/23 Capital Works Program Budget
- Draft 2022/23 Rates & Charges Resolution (based on Discussion Paper)
- 2022/23 Fees & Charges Schedule
- **Valuer-General (Tim Grant) – Municipal Revaluation**

The Valuer-General, together with a representative of LG Valuation Services (Valuation Contractor), attended the workshop at 12.00 noon to provide a presentation to Councillors and staff in relation to the outcomes of the municipal revaluation.

The workshop concluded at approximately 12.45 p.m.

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the information be received.**

## DECISION

*Moved by Deputy Mayor E Batt, seconded by Clr R McDougall*

**THAT the information be received.**

## CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Clr A Bantick	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	

## **7. COUNCILLORS – QUESTION TIME**

### **7.1 Questions (On Notice)**

Regulation 30 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* relates to Questions on notice. It states:

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

Nil.

## 7.2 Questions Without Notice

Section 29 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* relates to Questions without notice.

It states:

**“29. Questions without notice**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Clr R McDougall** – How are we managing green waste at the Southern Midlands Waste Transfer Station?

*General Manager – Currently it is carted away and often incinerated. Council to invite Clr Bill Harvey from Hobart City Council to participate in an upcoming Council Workshop to explain HCC’s use of a portable ‘Biochar kiln’ and discuss the potential use by SMC.*

**Clr D Fish** – Employees wage increase which is to be paid in accordance with the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement – has adequate provision been made in the Budget?

*General Manager – confirmed that adequate provision has been budgeted in 2022/23.*

**Clr A E Bisdee OAM** – Query regarding the Grant to upgrade the Interlaken Road – has an Agreement been signed?

*General Manager – Advised that a formal Grant Deed has not been received to date.*

**Clr A E Bisdee OAM** – Requested an update on the accommodation facility for medical practitioners.

*General Manager responded that a submission has been lodged with the State Government (via the Hon Jane Howlett MLC).*

**Clr A E Bisdee OAM** – Raised issues regarding two properties in Tunbridge.

*General Manager – confirmed that Council officers are fully aware of the issues associated with one of the properties and action is being taken to address the concerns. Issues regarding the second property are to be investigated.*

**Deputy Mayor E Batt** – Query for Weeds Manager – biological weed control vectors.

*General Manager – Weeds Officer recently attended forum. Weeds Officer will provide detail and further update as part of the next NRM Monthly Report.*

**Deputy Mayor E Batt** – Is it possible to receive a report from Planning Officers each month.

*General Manager – DAC minutes are provided weekly but there is the potential to provide a report in relation to numbers of approvals. Template for report to be created.*

**Deputy Mayor E Batt** – Property – Midland Highway, Mangalore – commented re: regular conduct of garage sale(s) and the general appearance of the property.

**Mayor A Green** – Public Toilet(s) – raised the possibility of installing handrails in Council Public Toilets, primarily as a means of assistance and not to achieve compliance.

*General Manager – to be addressed.*

**Mayor A Green** – Fields Road (off Yarlington Road, Colebrook) – requires maintenance.

*Manager – Infrastructure & Works to confirm Council's maintenance responsibility and action accordingly.*

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

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the chairman of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest in any item on the Agenda.

Accordingly, Councillors are requested to advise of a pecuniary interest they may have in respect to any matter on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which Council has resolved to deal with, in accordance with Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

Nil.

## 9. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Council, by absolute majority may decide at an ordinary meeting to deal with a matter that is not on the agenda if the General Manager has reported –

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

- Accommodation Facility – Update (Closed Session)

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.**

### DECISION

*Moved by Cllr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Cllr R McDougall*

**THAT the Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.**

### CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Cllr A Bantick	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	
Cllr R McDougall	✓	

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

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the agenda is to make provision for public question time.

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

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

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

### **Julia Jabour – Southern Midlands Regional News**

Questions regarding compulsory voting in council elections: Do we have data on voting participation at the last Local Government Election and are there measures that can be taken to improve the participation rate.

A copy of the 2018 Election report prepared by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission was provided. This report includes all relevant data for the election.

Note: For the Southern Midlands Council area, there was a participation rate of 66.08% compared to statewide average of 58.72%.

### **Julia Jabour – Southern Midlands Regional News**

Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Opening Date?

General Manager advised that based on available information, the nominated date of 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022 was still applicable, noting that there may always be unforeseen circumstances.

**10.1 Permission to Address Council**

Nil.

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

Nil.

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

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

**12.1 Development Applications**

Nil.

**12.2 Subdivisions**

Nil.

**12.3 Municipal Seal (Planning Authority)**

Nil.

**12.4 Planning (Other)**

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 Sewers / Water**

**Strategic Plan Reference(s) 1.6**

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

Nil.

### 13.7 Drainage

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.7**

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

Nil.

### 13.8 Waste

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.8**

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

Nil.

### 13.9 Information, Communication Technology

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.9**

*Improve access to modern communications infrastructure.*

Nil.

## **13.10 Officer Reports – Infrastructure & Works**

### **13.10.1 Manager – Infrastructure & Works Report**

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

**DATE:** 16 JUNE 2022

#### **Roads Program**

Council's graders have been working on various roads with the bus routes being the priority roads for grading as required. The focus has been to prioritise the higher traffic usage areas of roads. General road maintenance and repairs will continue, including works on pavement repairs and table drain clearing.

#### **Road Rehabilitation programme 2021/22**

Drainage works and road repair works continue throughout the municipality as required. A landslip has been identified on Woodsdale Road south of Nutting Garden Rivulet that will be addressed in the coming weeks.

#### **Current Capital Works**

##### **Black Brush Road**

Installation of kerb and gutter, footpath and associated storm water upgrade works. Works are almost completed with the exception of asphalt drainage works on the northern side of the road.

##### **Hall Lane Bagdad**

Drainage works have been completed on Hall Lane Bagdad with the driveway crossovers to now be asphalted.

##### **Kempton**

Footpath and storm water infrastructure re-newel works Sophia Street to Erskine Street Kempton has commenced.

It should be noted that the above 3 projects are required to be completed by the June 30 to comply with the requirements of the LCRI funding agreement.

##### **York Plains Road**

A large box culvert has been installed to assist with flooding issues in the vicinity of the property Kewstoke over Kitty's Rivulet.

##### **Oatlands Aquatic centre**

A storm water main has been installed connecting High street to South Parade. Car park construction works have commenced including the installation of kerb and gutter on the northern side.

#### **Parks and Reserves**

General maintenance of parks and reserves will continue with a focus on ensuring growth is maintained at an acceptable level. The Kempton Skate Park is currently being constructed.

### **Bridge Works**

A number of bridges will require some minor rectification works over the coming period.

### **Planned Works**

The following capital works are planned for the coming period

- Oatlands Aquatic centre car-park construction;
- Continue the instillation of water line to storage tanks Oatlands aquatic centre;
- Repair various road pavements and drainage;
- Repair Landslip Woodsdale Road;
- Drainage and pavement repairs Woodsdale Road;
- Footpath and storm water infrastructure re-newel works Sophia Street to Erskine Street Kempton;
- Undertake various bridge maintenance repairs.

## **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS**

**Clr R McDougall** – acknowledgement of works undertaken – Pound Road, Tunnack

**Clr R McDougall** – Eldon Road, Colebrook (vicinity of Brandy Bottom) – broken windscreen glass.

*Manager Infrastructure and Works advised he will arrange for this to be removed.*

**Clr K Dudgeon** – acknowledged Manager Infrastructure and Works for arranging the meeting with the property developer and engineer for the Queen Anne Street subdivision - very appreciative.

**Clr A E Bisdee OAM** – Swanston Road and Daniels Road, Swanston – has there been an opportunity to undertake maintenance grading of these roads?

*Manager Infrastructure and Works advised this has been completed.*

**Clr A E Bisdee OAM** – Main Street, Kempton – Footpath/Kerb renewal project – has any arrangements been made with the owner of the property on the corner of Main Street & Erskine Street.

*Manager Infrastructure and Works advised that there have been no issues to date and negotiations are continuing.*

**Deputy Mayor E Batt** – Midland Highway / Lake Highway Intersection – Street light requires replacement.

*Manager Infrastructure and Works – confirmed that the fault has been logged with Tas Networks as the responsible agency.*

*Intersection of Tasman Highway and Woodsdale Road – re-submit request with the Department of State Growth to install a street light at this location.*

**Clr A Bantick** – East Bagdad Road, Bagdad – Footpath project – have all works been completed?

*Manager Infrastructure and Works confirmed that there are still some minor works to be completed as resources become available.*

## RECOMMENDATION

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

## DECISION

*Moved by Clr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Clr R McDougall*

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

## CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Clr A Bantick	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	

## DECISION

*Moved by Clr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Clr R McDougall*

**THAT the meeting be adjourned for morning tea at 10.49 a.m.**

## CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Clr A Bantick	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	

**DECISION**

*Moved by Clr R McDougall, seconded by Clr D Fish*

**THAT the meeting reconvene at 11.07 a.m.**

**CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Clr A Bantick	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	

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

### **14.1 Residential**

**Strategic Plan Reference 2.1**

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

Nil.

### **14.2 Tourism**

**Strategic Plan Reference 2.2**

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

Nil.

### **14.3 Business**

**Strategic Plan Reference 2.3**

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

Nil.

### **14.4 Industry**

**Strategic Plan Reference 2.4**

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

Nil.

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

### **15.1 Heritage**

<b>Strategic Plan Reference – Page 22</b>	
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 (BRAD WILLIAMS)

**DATE:** 17 JUNE 2022

#### **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 & administration of the Artist in Residence Program. We have now had 92 enquires since registrations opened (up 18 from last month), with 38 applications received so far which includes the artists booked in until Feb 2023 & 25 people on the waiting list (10 more than last month)
- The current Artist in Residence is Katherine Buchanan, a painter & poet. While her primary mediums are acrylics and soft pastels, she also enjoys working with printmaking, watercolour, oil, ink and pencil. Katherine is constantly inspired by the natural world & has been busy creating a range of water colours so far & steadily filling up the studio with her work. There is a plan to have a two-day exhibition from 24th – 26th June.
- Continued working on the Heritage Tourism Brochure collection. Editing work on the Oatlands tear-off map is now completed & on SMC web site, Welcome to Oatlands book which is about to be sent for printing, completion of the Oatlands Gaol, Supreme Court & Military Precinct brochures. Just finalising the new Commissariat brochure and the collection will be completed.
- Upgrading of Oatlands Key signage to assist in wayfinding and use of the system.
- Continuing with preparations for Heritage & Bullock Festival.
- Social media crowd source for community photographs of Oatlands community Pool for Oatlands Aquatic Centre as part of formulating a permanent display on Oatlands recreational/pool history at the new pool.
- Preparation of subdivision application for Melton Mowbray park.
- Further research on the regimental graffiti at the Oatlands Commissariat.
- Provision of advice and assistance to St Marys Church Kempton.
- ABC news article on Stanley Street cottage wallpaper (national exposure).

- Seeking advice from building survey and access consultant re – upgrade works to Oatlands Town Hall.
- Deborah Baldwin has completed Term 2 of Laboratory Practices course.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

## **DECISION**

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

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

## **CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Cllr A Bantick	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	
Cllr R McDougall	✓	

## 15.2 Natural

### Strategic Plan Reference – page 23/24

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

### 15.2.1 NRM Unit – General Report

**AUTHOR:** NRM PROGRAMS MANAGER (MARIA WEEDING)

**Date:** 14 JUNE 2022

**ISSUE:** Southern Midlands NRM Unit Monthly Report.

#### DETAIL

- The Australian Government advised (14<sup>th</sup> June) that the Lake Dulverton Pathway project final report has been accepted and signed off. The final grant payment funds will be forwarded to Council in the next few days.
- Helen continues working on an information brochure for Lake Dulverton.
- Helen, Maria and Mary have worked on sections of the Dulverton Corridor. Signs were repaired and lettering repainted. Weed control on a section of path was undertaken. Two seats were installed by Helen and Maria, as well as a clean-up and burn of dead vegetation in the Lairmairenapair Park area.
- Helen has been busy generating road traffic counter reports (3) for the Campania area.
- A meeting of the Kempton Streetscape Committee was held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

The report from the new Weeds Officer for the period Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 is as follows:

#### Enquiries

2 (1x broom in native plantings, 1 x ragwort).

#### Site visits

Total = 6

Two sessions of cut & swab broom and gorse at 3 sites along Lake Dulverton track.

Broom infestation of tree plantings along fenceline at Mount Seymour.

Old Levendale primary school to cut & swab Spanish heath plants sighted on previous visit. Managed to pull out 97 small seedlings, cut & swabbed 45 larger plants and 7 tall plants in total. Will follow up in a few months to monitor any further seedling emergence.

Property on Woodsdale Back Road to confirm ragwort weeds (about a dozen plants which landholder will eradicate).

#### Training

Completed Chem Cert practical exercise, submitted, passed and have received certificate.

Submitted a pre-training exercise prior to attending the Weeds Inspector training course at Launceston; awaiting paperwork to confirm official 'authorized officer' status.

Attended Weeds Action Fund gap analysis focus group activity at Campbell Town, facilitated by NRM North.

### **Related extra-curricular activities**

Attended 'Restoration works: weeds and infill planting' field day at "Logan", near Evandale, on 19.5.22.

Attended 'Restoring the Midlands' field day at "Connorville", near Cressy (attended with Maria Weeding), on 26.5.22.

Taking opportunities as they arise to travel around the district looking at general roadside weeds and adjoining property infestations. Also attempting to get a better handle on the actual SMC boundary line (using 6 maps provided by Graham Green).

### **Communication**

Continuing to work through Woodbury Farmers Group (Cotton and Saffron thistle) phone follow-ups. Positive responses on weed control works planned this year from those contacted so far.

Contacted 8 NRM/weeds officers from various councils to gather information on how they manage roadside weeds (mapping, data base, apps, knowledge-based only etc.). This is background information to take into future SMC roadside weeds data base production.

Liaising with Adam Muyt (Invasive Grasses project officer, Biosecurity Tas) and Dibas Panta (NRM officer, Sorell council) to view (and chip out) a small infestation of African lovegrass near Sorell. There will be a number of other people coming along who all need to 'get their eye in' to recognize African love grass in the field.

### **Research**

Had a phone conversation with Dr John Ireson regarding past biological weed control vectors in Tasmania. Dr Ireson has offered to provide an updated list for me, and to include me on any field trips to observe presence of thistle biocontrol agents around Jericho.

### **Planning**

Two meetings so far regarding future SMC roadside weeds data base: one with Graham Green, Maria Weeding and myself regarding the logistics of mapping, and a second with David Richardson, Maria Weeding, Peter Jones, myself and Graham Green regarding on-ground logistics.

Still to contact Neville Mendham of Coal River Products Association to increase on-ground knowledge of this part of the Council.

## **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:**

- a) the NRM Unit Report be received and the information noted; and**
- b) The Weeds Officer be complimented for the level of detail provided in the report.**

## CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Clr A Bantick	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	

### 15.3 Cultural

#### Strategic Plan Reference 3.3

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

Nil.

### 15.4 Regulatory (Development)

#### Strategic Plan Reference 3.4

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

Nil.

### 15.5 Regulatory (Public Health)

#### Strategic Plan Reference 3.5

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

Nil.

### 15.6 Regulatory (Animals)

#### Strategic Plan Reference 3.6

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

### **15.6.1 Animal Management Report**

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

**Date:** 16 JUNE 2022

**Enclosure:**

*Animal Management Statement 2022*

#### **ISSUE**

Consideration of the Animal Management/Compliance Officer's report for June 2022

The purpose of the report is twofold:

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

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

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

#### **Resource Sharing**

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

#### **INFRINGEMENT DETAILS:**

2/6/22 - Dog attacking animal causing serious injury or death – Parattah area

16/6/22 – Dog attacking person or animal causing non serious injury – Kempton area

#### **ATTACK DETAILS:**

11/6/22 – Attack at Kempton on sheep, causing non serious injuries

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

#### **DECISION**

*Moved by Cllr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Cllr R McDougall*

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

**CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Clr A Bantick	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	

**ENCLOSURE**  
*Agenda Item 15.6.1*

**YTD ANIMAL MANAGEMENT STATEMENT**

June 2022

<b>DOG IMPOUNDS</b>	<b>RECLAIMED</b>	<b>ADOPTED/DOGS HOME</b>	<b>EUTHANISED</b>	<b>OTHER IMPOUNDS</b>
13	9	3	1	

**JOBS ATTENDED**

June 2022

<b>DOGS AT LARGE</b>	<b>DOG ATTACKS</b>	<b>DOG BARKING</b>	<b>DOG GENERAL</b>
6	1- SMC		13
<b>NEW KENNEL LICENCES</b>	<b>WELFARE</b>	<b>STOCK</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
0	3	1 - SMC	

**REGISTERED DOGS:** Registrations are pending  
**KENNEL LICENCES:** 58  
**INFRINGEMENTS ISSUED:** 2

## 15.7 Environmental Sustainability

**Strategic Plan Reference 3.7**

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

Nil.

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

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

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.1**

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

Nil.

### **16.2 Recreation**

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.2**

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

Nil.

### **16.3 Access**

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.3**

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

Nil.

### **16.4 Volunteers**

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.4**

*Encourage community members to volunteer.*

Nil.

### **16.5 Families**

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.5**

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

Nil.

### **16.6 Education**

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.6**

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

Nil.

## 16.7 Capacity & Sustainability

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.7**

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

Nil.

## 16.8 Safety

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.8**

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

Nil.

## 16.9 Consultation & Communication

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.8**

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

Nil.

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

### **17.1 Improvement**

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

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

#### **17.1.1 Review of Council's Strategic Plan**

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

**Date:** 17 JUNE 2022

**Attachment(s):**  
*Draft Strategic Plan 2022-2032*

#### **ISSUE**

Final reading for the consideration and adoption of the Strategic Plan 2022-2032.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The “first reading” Report of the draft Strategic Plan 2022-2032 was presented at the May 2022 Council meeting. The following is an extract of the minutes of that meeting.

#### **[EXTRACT]**

##### **17.1.1 Desktop Review of Council's Strategic Plan**

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

**DATE:** 18 MAY 2022

**Attachment(s):**  
*Draft Strategic Plan 2022 – 2032*  
*Workshop Facilitation Framework Document*

#### **ISSUE**

*Consideration of the desktop review of the Strategic Plan.*

#### **BACKGROUND**

*Council's Strategic Plan in its current format was adopted prior to the commencement of the 2006/07 financial year, although content has been regularly updated. This format, whilst focusing on the strategic direction of Council, also dovetails key actions into the strategic themes to enable an understanding of what that all means 'on the ground' in tangible measures.*

*The Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to create a plan that encapsulates a ten year period in line with the requirement for Council to have a ten year Asset Management Plan.*

## **DETAIL**

*It is now two years, since the last review of the Plan. It was agreed by Council that the Strategic Plan, whilst it is a ten year Plan would be reviewed every two years to ensure that it remains relevant and appropriate as Council's / Community's strategic intent for the Southern Midlands local government area. That means every four years the Plan would go to the Community for a full review and in the ensuing two year blocks, an internal desktop review would be undertaken with Councillors and senior Council Managers. These consultations have been undertaken with Councillors and Council Managers in structured workshops.*

*As a result of the workshops and the desktop review a number of items have been highlighted, with some amendments and additions. The new line items, key actions have been included to reflect current and emerging issues. The draft Strategic Plan 2022 – 2032 attached is provided with those items highlighted in a red font colour, and showing the deletions still in the document but also in red font colour as well as being 'struck through' for recognition/clarity and discussion.*

*It is also noted that the financial 'ratio and trend data' page will be updated to reflect the end of the financial year figures when they become available. Likewise the Australian Bureau of Statistics information is based on the 2016 Census, this will be updated when the 2021 Census data has been released.*

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

*If there are any major points of difference that Councillors wish to spend time debating, then this can be accommodated in the next Council Workshop.*

## **CONCLUSION**

*That the draft Strategic Plan 2022 – 2032 is recommended to Councillors for consideration and further input if required.*

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – *As discussed in the report.*

**Policy Implications** – *This is Council's major policy document and the ramifications of the directions in this Strategic Plan could alter some subservient policy documents.*

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – *Refer detail provided.*

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Received and note the report;**
- 2. Endorse the process of the workshops and the desktop review of the Strategic Plan to date; and**
- 3. Consider the adoption of the draft Strategic Plan 2022 - 2032, and any amendments agreed during the meeting with final consideration at the June 2022 Council meeting.**

**DECISION**

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

**THAT Council:**

1. **Received and note the report;**
2. **Endorse the process of the workshops and the desktop review of the Strategic Plan to date; and**
3. **Consider the adoption of the draft Strategic Plan 2022 - 2032, and any amendments agreed during the meeting with final consideration at the June 2022 Council meeting.**

**CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Cllr A Bantick	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	
Cllr R McDougall	✓	

**[END OF EXTRACT]**

**DETAIL**

The draft revised *Strategic Plan 2022 - 2032* was tabled at the May 2022 Council meeting for Council's consideration. The proposed changes to the Plan (which were marked in the document) were briefly discussed and a further discussion is to be held at the June 2022 Council meeting if required. As Councillors are aware, the process for any policy document is, that it is tabled at one meeting and then "lays on the table" until the next meeting, to enable Councillors sufficient time to work through and consider all of the ramifications of the strategy/policy, before the document is finally considered for adoption at the following meeting. Input from Councillors would be welcome.

Further changes will be able to be considered at this meeting.

**For Discussion**

**Human Resources & Financial Implications**

Business Unit Managers will undertake briefings with their team members to ensure that everyone is up to date with the revised document

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications**

This document will be housed on the SMC website and hard copies will be available at each Council Office.

**Policy Implications**

Review in two years

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame**

As soon as possible

## RECOMMENDATION

### THAT Council:

1. Receive and note the report;
2. Adopt the Strategic Plan 2022 – 2032.

## DECISION

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

### THAT Council:

1. Receive and note the report;
2. Adopt the Strategic Plan 2022 – 2032.

## CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Clr A Bantick	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	

## 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

Mayor A O Green tabled a copy of the Valuer-General's presentation relating to the 2021-22 Fresh Valuation of the Southern Midlands Council area.

### 17.2.2 Elected Member Statements

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

**Clr K Dudgeon** – Provided Council the following information regarding the Bargain Centre Community Pay-out – June 2021 – May 2022

\$27,661.41 was divided by 2704.5 volunteer hours. This equals \$10.22 for each hour worked by 18 volunteers.

MMPHC Auxiliary	993.75 hours	\$10,156.12
Uniting Church Oatlands	425.5 hours	\$4,348.61
Historical Society	301.5 hours	\$3,081.33
Anglican Church Oatlands	287.25 hours	\$2,935.69
Mt Pleasant Football Club	256 hours	\$2,616.32
MID FM Radio Station	125 hours	\$1,277.50
7120 Gardeners	86.25 hours	\$881.47
Oatlands Learn to Swim	76.5 hours	\$781.83
Hawthorn House	71.75 hours	\$733.28
Bonorong Wildlife Hospital	49.5 hours	\$505.89
Leukaemia Foundation	12 hours	\$122.64
Tunnack Hall Community	10.5 hours	\$107.31
Oatlands Community Shed	9 hours	\$91.98

**Clr K Dudgeon** – Commendation to Denise Smith for once again beginning preparations for the 'Pink-Up Oatlands' fundraiser being held in October 2022.

**Clr K Dudgeon** – Congratulations to Mt Pleasant Football Club player Ryan Thomas for reaching the 300th game milestone on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

## 17.3 Finances

### Strategic Plan Reference 5.3

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

### 17.3.1 Monthly Financial Statement (Period ending 31 May 2022)

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

**DATE:** 8 JUNE 2022

#### ISSUE

Provide the Financial Report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

#### BACKGROUND

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

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

#### DETAIL

The enclosed Report incorporates the following: -

- Statement of Comprehensive Income – 1 July 2021 to 31 May 2022.
- Operating Expenditure Report – 1 July 2021 to 31 May 2022.
- Capital Expenditure Report – 1 July 2021 to 31 May 2022.
- Cash Flow Statement – 1 July 2021 to 31 May 2022.
- Rates & Charges – as at 14 June 2022.

#### OPERATING EXPENDITURE (OPERATING BUDGET)

Overall operating expenditure to end of January was \$6,690,405, which represents 84.6% of the Year to Date Budget.

Whilst there is one variation within the individual Program Budgets (refer following comment), expenditure is consistent with the Budget.

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

Nil.

#### **Strategic Theme – Growth**

**Sub-Program – Business** - expenditure to date (\$261,071 – 147.4%). Additional expenditure relates to private works. The additional expense will be offset by an increase in private works income.

**Strategic Theme – Landscapes**

Nil.

**Strategic Theme – Community**

Nil.

**Strategic Theme – Organisation**

Nil.

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM**

Grant funded projects in the Capital Expenditure Program are colour coded by the grant program and show the completion deadline of projects. A legend of the colour coding is as below:

**Legend – Completion Deadlines for Grant funded projects**

Roads to Recovery	it is the Government's intention that council's full allocation is budgeted and spent in the year allocated
Local Road and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Phase 1	Completion date extended – now 30 June 2022 (use or lose)
Local Road and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Phase 2	Completion date extended – now 30 June 2022 (use or lose)
Local Road and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Phase 3	To be completed by 30 June 2023 (use or lose)
Other Specific Purpose Grants	Completion date as per grant deed or approved extension date

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**DECISION**

*Moved by Clr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Clr R McDougall*

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

**CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Clr A Bantick	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**for the period 1 July 2021 to 31 May 2022**

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date as at 31 May \$	%	Comments
<b>Income</b>				
General rates	5,995,491	6,028,484	100.6%	Includes Interest & Penalties on rates
User Fees (refer Note 1)	786,810	854,245	108.6%	Includes Private Works
Interest	125,000	23,924	19.1%	
Government Subsidies	72,431	44,007	60.8%	Heavy Vehicle Licence Fees, Road Rescue MAIB reimbursements & Interest Subsidy
Contract Income	0	0		
Other (refer Note 2)	192,400	219,950	114.3%	Includes TasWater Distributions
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>7,172,132</b>	<b>7,170,610</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
Grants - Operating	3,619,473	4,721,750	130.5%	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10,791,605</b>	<b>11,892,360</b>	<b>110.2%</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
Employee benefits	-4,387,132	-2,938,610	67.0%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised)
Materials and contracts	-3,357,595	-3,399,067	101.2%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised), Includes Land Tax
Depreciation and amortisation	-3,004,300	-2,749,837	91.5%	Percentage Calculation (based on year-to-date)
Finance costs	-67,891	-38,307	56.4%	Interest
Contributions	-245,179	-245,179	100.0%	Fire Service Levies
Other	-147,571	-144,945	98.2%	Audit Fees and Councillor Allowances
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>-11,209,668</b>	<b>-9,515,945</b>	<b>84.9%</b>	
<b>Surplus (deficit) from operations</b>	<b>-418,063</b>	<b>2,376,414</b>	<b>-568.4%</b>	
Grants - Capital (refer Note 3)	6,431,085	5,068,484	78.8%	
Sale Proceeds (Plant & Machinery)	0	323,364		
Sale Proceeds (Land)	0	0		
Sale Proceeds (Other Assets)	0	6,015		Includes used wheelie bins & sale of Mill assets
Net gain / (loss on disposal of non-current assets)	-7,000	0		
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>6,006,022</b>	<b>7,774,277</b>	<b>129.4%</b>	

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
for the period 1 July 2021 to 31 May 2022

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date as at 31 May \$	%	Comments
<b>NOTES</b>				
1. Income - User Fees (Budget \$681,158) includes:				
- All other Programs	584,279	517,970	88.7%	
- Private Works	202,531	336,275	166.0%	
	<u>786,810</u>	<u>854,245</u>	108.6%	
2. Income - Other (Budget \$86,000) includes:				
- Tas Water Distributions	182,400	114,000	62.50%	
- HBS Dividend	10,000	0	0.00%	
- Developer Contribution	0	19,636		
- Public Open Space Contribution	0	7,177		
- Headworks Contribution	0	2,273		
- Donations for use of recreation facilities	0	500		Blue Gum Rovers (Tunnack Rec) & CMCA Overlanders Chapter (Callington Park)
- Worker's Comp. Wage Reimbursement	0	50,763		
- Contributions to Kempton Play Equipment	0	4,000		Kempton Festival, Green Ponds Progress Assoc. & Brighton Green Ponds RSL
- Shaw Contracting Contribution to Inglewood Road	0	21,600		
	<u>192,400</u>	<u>219,950</u>	114.3%	
3. Grants - Capital (Budget includes):				
- Elderslie/Bluff Road Junction (Black Spot)	150,000	0	0.00%	
- Local Roads & Comm Infrastructure - Phase 1	158,281	91,278	57.67%	\$91,278 (rec'd in advance - unspent as at 30/6/2021)
- Local Roads & Comm Infrastructure - Phase 2	546,863	485,960	88.86%	\$485,960 (rec'd in advance - unspent as at 30/6/2021)
- Local Roads & Comm Infrastructure - Phase 3	463,625	0	0.00%	\$1,331,062 Projects to be completed by 30.06.23
- Reeve St Intersection Campania (Vuln. Road Users)	200,000	0	0.00%	
- Roads To Recovery	665,531	665,531	100.00%	
- Comm Dev Grant Program - Broadmarsh Streetscape	230,000	0	0.00%	
- Midland Hway/ Mood Food Pathway	147,565	0	0.00%	
- Comm Dev Grant Program - U/Ground Lighting (250K)	125,000	125,000	100.00%	
- Comm Dev Grant Program - Lake Dulverton (220K)	220,000	162,680	73.95%	
- Department of Health - Chauncy Vale (Wombat Walk)	24,220	24,220	100.00%	\$24,220 (rec'd in advance - unspent as at 30/6/2021)
- State Grant Oatlands Aquatic Centre	2,000,000	2,000,000	100.00%	\$2 million (rec'd in advance - unspent as at 30/6/2021)
- Federal Grant Oatlands Aquatic Centre	1,500,000	600,000	40.00%	
- Comm Dev Grant - Oatlands Aquatic Centre (\$500K)	0	0		
- Comm Dev Grant - Campania Bush Reserve (\$100K)	0	92,110		
- Comm Dev Grant - Kempton Streetscape (\$75K)	0	45,000		
- Comm Dev Grant - Broadmarsh Streetscape (\$230K)	0	230,000		
- Black Summer Bushfire Grant - Waste Water Tanks	0	59,705		First Instalment
- Black Summer Bushfire Grant - The Haven	0	465,000		First Instalment
- State Govt. Contribution to Tunbridge Hall repairs	0	17,500		
- Electric Vehicle ChargeSmart Grant (\$45K)	0	4,500		First Instalment
	<u>6,431,085</u>	<u>5,068,484</u>	78.81%	
4. Grant - Operating (Budget \$3,564,167) includes:				
Operating Grants				
- FAGS 2021/22	3,619,473	1,849,898	51.1%	Actual Grant - \$3,657,903 (\$1,808,005 prepayment In 20/21 + 4 Instalments of \$462,474.50)
- FAGS 2022/23	0	2,852,072		2022/23 Payment in Advance
- Communities for Children - School Holiday Program	0	9,993		
- Sport Australia Grant - Aquatic Centre	0	6,000		
- Volunteer Support Grant Fund (DPFEM)	0	3,787		SES equipment
	<u>3,619,473</u>	<u>4,721,750</u>	130.5%	

**SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL : OPERATING EXPENDITURE 2021/22  
SUMMARY SHEET**

PROGRAM	YTD ACTUAL (as at 31 May 22)	YTD BUDGET (as at 31 May 22)	YTD VARIANCE	YTD %	FULL YEAR BUDGET - REVISED INC. GRANTS & OTHER
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>					
Roads	1,207,913	1,381,786	173,874	87.42%	3,350,313
Bridges	25,762	41,952	16,190	61.41%	400,987
Walkways	196,985	209,452	12,467	94.05%	226,220
Lighting	65,974	78,100	12,126	84.47%	85,200
Public Toilets	72,579	72,429	150	100.21%	77,741
Sewer/Water	-	-	-	-	-
Stormwater	18,161	25,313	7,152	71.75%	79,614
Waste	898,404	972,362	73,959	92.39%	1,088,258
Information, Communication	-	-	-	-	-
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,485,778</b>	<b>2,781,395</b>	<b>295,617</b>	<b>89.37%</b>	<b>5,308,333</b>
<b>GROWTH</b>					
Residential	-	-	-	-	-
Tourism	25,340	46,208	20,868	54.84%	48,700
Business	261,071	177,121	-83,950	147.40%	957,904
Industry	-	-	-	-	-
<b>GROWTH TOTAL:</b>	<b>286,411</b>	<b>223,329</b>	<b>-63,082</b>	<b>128.25%</b>	<b>1,006,604</b>
<b>LANDSCAPES</b>					
Heritage	266,665	381,691	115,026	69.86%	414,926
Natural	184,875	203,885	19,010	90.68%	219,603
Cultural	2,153	12,375	10,222	17.40%	13,500
Regulatory - Development	586,793	815,402	228,608	71.96%	889,530
Regulatory - Public Health	9,578	18,631	9,053	51.41%	20,325
Regulatory - Animals	95,710	102,037	6,327	93.80%	111,113
Environmental Sustainability	-	-	-	-	-
<b>LANDSCAPES TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,145,774</b>	<b>1,534,021</b>	<b>388,247</b>	<b>74.69%</b>	<b>1,668,997</b>
<b>COMMUNITY</b>					
Community Health & Wellbeing	151,255	245,972	94,717	61.49%	267,425
Recreation	321,763	648,689	326,926	49.60%	729,670
Access	-	-	-	-	-
Volunteers	34,759	43,750	8,991	79.45%	45,000
Families	4,481	10,875	6,394	41.20%	11,500
Education	-	-	-	-	-
Capacity & Sustainability	33,100	42,030	8,930	78.75%	44,405
Safety	24,825	36,392	11,566	68.22%	39,700
Consultation & Communication	13,723	16,233	2,510	84.54%	17,300
<b>LIFESTYLE TOTAL:</b>	<b>583,906</b>	<b>1,043,941</b>	<b>460,035</b>	<b>55.93%</b>	<b>1,155,000</b>
<b>ORGANISATION</b>					
Improvement	94,960	97,982	3,022	96.92%	106,890
Sustainability	1,770,176	1,898,314	128,138	93.25%	2,500,667
Finances	323,400	325,012	1,612	99.50%	328,179
<b>ORGANISATION TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,188,536</b>	<b>2,321,309</b>	<b>132,773</b>	<b>94.28%</b>	<b>2,935,736</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$6,690,405</b>	<b>\$7,903,994</b>	<b>\$1,213,590</b>	<b>84.6%</b>	<b>\$12,074,670</b>

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2021-22**  
**As at 31 May 2022**

		BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION
		\$	\$	\$		DEADLINE
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>						
<b>ROAD ASSETS</b>						
Resheeting Program	Roads Resheeting	800,000	413,370	386,630		
Reseal Program	Roads Resealing (as per program below)	288,500	as below	147,684	\$100k of \$400k budget identified as savings Nov 2021 \$11.5k to Tunbridge Stormwater Upgrade	
	Bagdad - Chauncy Vale Road (1500 m2)	0	23,293			
	Bagdad - Green Valley Road (3000m2)	0	21,016			
	Bagdad - Huntingdon Tier Road, Bagdad (Starting at WTS 4800m2)	0	15,534			
	Bagdad - School Road (2400m2)	0	11,690			
	Campania - Brownwood Estate (1000m2 / 2 coat seal)	0	0			
	Levendale - Woodsdale Road (Near Hall 4200m2)	0	32,610			
	Mangalore - Blackbrush Road (3500 m2)	0	29,260			
	Oatlands - Marlborough Street (2200m2)	0	0			
	Oatlands - Nelson Street (200m2 / 2 coat seal)	0	5,379			
	Tunbridge - Allison Street (350m2)	0	0		\$11,500 to Tunbridge stormwater renewal, which	
	Tunbridge - Ballochmyle Road (1350m2)	0	0		included prep work for reseals	
	Tunbridge - Lowe Street (1600m2)	0	0			
	Tunbridge - Scott Street (1000m2 + 450m2 / 2 coat seal)	0	2,034			
	Tunbridge - Butler Street (1250m2 / 2 coat seal)	0	0			
	Tunbridge - Victoria Street (250m2 / 2 coat seal)	0	0			
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road (North of Nutting Garden Bridge 1500m2)	0	0		Included in Woodsdale Road Reconstruction Patches	
Reconstruct & Seal		-100,000	0	-100,000	\$100k identified as Project Savings Nov 2021	
	Bagdad - Green Valley Rd / Huntingdon Tier Road Jnct (250 metres)	35,100	39,201	-4,101	RTR 21/22	30 June 2022*
	Baden - Woodsdale Road (700m Reconstruction)	115,500	83,801	31,699	Urgent works to be carried out in lieu of Stonor Road (700m)	
	Oatlands - South Parade (including Kerb, Channel and Footpath)	170,000	8,854	161,146	WIP 30.06.21 \$2,591 RTR 21/22 (\$150,000)	30 June 2022*
	Stonor - Stonor Road (western end) (1000 metres)	165,000	145,026	19,974		
	York Plains - York Plains Road (pavement failures) (500 metres)	82,500	0	82,500	LRCI P3	30 June 2023
	Woodsdale Road - Reconstruction Patches	170,200	143,683	26,517	Budget Alteration Nov 2021	
	Woodsdale Road - Reconstruction Patches	195,000	195,144	-144	RTR \$127,700 (using savings on other projects)	30 June 2022
	Andover - Inghwood Road - Reconstruction Patches	85,000	114,113	-29,113	Nov 2021 (Offset by \$21,600 contribution by Shaw Contracting)	

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**As at 31 May 2022**

		BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE	
		\$	\$	\$			
Construct & Seal (Unsealed Roads)	Bagdad - Green Valley Road (650m New Seal)	81,400	73,049	8,351	RTR \$71,400 (using savings from 20/21 RTR)	30 June 2021*	
	Bagdad - Huntingdon Tier (400m new seal) Two Coat	84,000	43,955	40,045			
	Lower Marshes - Lower Marshes Road (approx. 750 Metres)	144,375	103,611	40,764	RTR 21/22 (\$143,281)	30 June 2022*	
	Mangalore - Ballyhooly Road (approx 500 metres)	96,250	35,601	60,649	RTR 21/22	30 June 2022*	
	Tunnack - Eldon Road (1,100 metres new seal)	171,300	177,455	-6,155	RTR 21/22	30 June 2022*	
Minor Seals (New)	Rhyndaston - Rhyndaston Road Dust Suppressant	20,000	27,410	-7,410			
	Tunnack - Scotts Road Dust Suppressant	20,000	5,457	14,543			
	Bagdad - Chauncy Vale Road Dust Suppressant	0	12,750	-12,750			
Other	Elderslie - Cockatoo Gully Road Landslip repairs	35,000	23,268	11,732	Budget Alteration Nov 2021		
	Tunnack - Link Road Landslip repairs	25,000	107	24,893	Budget Alteration Nov 2021		
	Tunnack - Eldon Road Landslip repairs	50,000	73,090	-23,090	Budget Alteration Nov 2021		
	Campania - Estate Road (vicinity Mallow property)	49,000	13,544	35,456	\$10K Budget c/fwd WIP 30/06/21 \$3638.16		
	Campania - Main Intersection/Carpark Design Concept	50,000	0	50,000	\$50K c/fwd		
	Campania - Reeve St / Clime Street (includes Footpath)	70,000	16,209	53,791	\$70K Budget c/fwd WIP 30/6/20 \$11,418.84		
	Campania - Reeve St Junction/footpath/kerb & channel	200,000	5,688	194,312	Vulnerable Road Users Program	31 March 2023	
	Dysart - Cliftonvale & Sugarloaf Rd Junction Improvements	16,884	16,884	0.00	WIP 30/06/20 \$16,884.46 Budget moved to urgent works 11/2021		
	Elderslie - Bluff Road Intersection Upgrade	150,000	130,449	19,551	WIP 30/06/21 \$36992.28 Black Spot	21 May 2022	
	Elderslie - Elderslie Road Widening Investigation & Trial (Sth Blackbrush	40,000	6,777	33,223	WIP 30/06/21 \$1078.54		
	Oatlands - Hasting Street Junction	15,000	959	14,041	\$15K Budget c/fwd WIP 30/6/19 \$958.52		
	Tea Tree - Grices Road (Tree removal, set-back of embankment, drainag	15,000	0	15,000			
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road (400m safety rail in two sections, The Cut	17,000	9,016	7,984			
			<b>3,357,009</b>	<b>2,059,287</b>	<b>1,297,722</b>		
	<b>BRIDGE ASSETS</b>	Interlaken Road (Dulv Rvit - Bridge No 3861) - Widening	42,218	53,525	-11,307		
Woodsdale Road (Nutting Garden Rivulet - Bridge No 4084)		148,200	230,286	-82,086	Budget c/fwd RTR (\$94,531) WIP 30/06/21 \$16,917.03		
York Plains Road (Kitty's Rivulet - Bride No 457)		60,000	55,158	4,842	WIP 30/06/21 \$25,945		
			<b>250,418</b>	<b>338,969</b>	<b>-88,551</b>		

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2021-22**  
**As at 31 May 2022**

		BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
		\$	\$	\$		
<b>WALKWAYS</b>	Footpaths - General Streetscapes	225,000	0	225,000	Includes \$170K Budget c/fwd, \$20K moved to South Parade	
	Bagdad - East Bagdad Road	210,000	151,524	58,476	Budget c/fwd WIP 30/6/21 \$143062.53	
	Bagdad - Midland Highway - Walking Path Upgrade (500 metres)	50,000	0	50,000		
	Broadmarsh - Streetscape Works	230,000	253,728	-23,728	Budget c/fwd WIP 30/06/21 \$190864.48	
	Campania - Review Manag. Plan (Site Plan) / Walking Tracks (Bush Res	5,000	0	5,000	\$5K Budget c/fwd	
	Campania - Reeve Street - Footpath through to Hall	30,000	0	30,000		
	Kempton - Midlands Highway/Mood Food	147,565	0	147,565		
	Kempton - Streetscape Plan (Review & Implementation)	35,000	1,881	33,119	Budget c/fwd WIP 30/06/21 \$1881.13	
	Kempton - Streetscape Plan - Footpath Renewal (Dysart House)	23,000	0	23,000	Budget c/fwd	
	Kempton - Streetscape Plan - Footpath Renewal (southern end)	60,000		60,000	LRCI P3	30 June 2023
	Kempton - Jones' Subdivision - Footpath/kerb & gutter/stormwater	242,660	243,000	-340	LRCI P3	30 June 2023
	Kempton - Main St, Sophia to Erskine (145m) - Footpath/kerb & gutter/stc	52,032	1,042	50,990	LRCI P2	30 June 2022
	Kempton - Old Huntingground Road (Footpath / School Crossing etc.)	27,000	3,423	23,577		
	Kempton - Streetscape Plan - Victoria Memorial Hall	110,000	157,499	-47,499	Budget c/fwd WIP 30/06/20 \$109,336.52	
	Melton Mowbray - Streetscape Works (Trough / Shelter etc)	30,000	5,318	24,682	WIP 30/06/20 \$5318.18	
	Oatlands - High Street (Footpath Renewal)	61,281	67,963	-6,682	LRCI P1	30 June 2022
	Oatlands - Wellington Street (Footpath, Kerb, Guttering Anstey Cr to Hig	54,000	66,776	-12,776	LRCI - Renominated from P1 savings	30 June 2022
	Oatlands - Wellington Street (Footpath - High to Infant Car Park - Gravel	24,225	44,770	-20,545		
	Oatlands - Wellington Street (Footpath - Oak Court to Anstey Court)	0	8,025	-8,025		
	Oatlands - Stanley Street (Concrete Footpath, Marlborough St to High St	43,000	64,265	-21,265	LRCI - Renominated from P1 savings	30 June 2022
	Oatlands - Church Street (High St to Esplanade - Gravel to Concrete - 24	28,800	0	28,800		
	Tunbridge - Main Street (Ongoing Kerb & Gutter Renewal)	6,000	6,027	-27	\$14K of budget moved to drainage	
	Tunnack - Streetscape concept Plan	50,000	40,896	9,104	\$45K budget c/fwd WIP 30/06/21 \$28,770.96	
		<b>1,744,563</b>	<b>1,116,136</b>	<b>628,427</b>		
<b>LIGHTING</b>	Oatlands - Esplanade Project	384,000	321,860	62,140	Budget c/fwd WIP 30/6/21 \$162,203.16	
		<b>384,000</b>	<b>321,860</b>	<b>62,140</b>		
<b>PUBLIC TOILETS</b>	Campania - Flour Mill Park - Concrete Pathways/drainage/remove pavers	15,000	0	15,000	Budget c/fwd	
	General Public Toilets - Upgrade Program	20,000	0	20,000	Budget c/fwd	
		<b>35,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35,000</b>		

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		BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION
		\$	\$	\$		DEADLINE
<b>DRAINAGE</b>	Bagdad - Lyndon Road	15,000	0	15,000	\$15K Budget c/fwd	
	Bagdad - Blackbrush Road Drainage (kerb, gutter, footpath)	430,000	316,262	113,737.69	LRCI Phase 2 - WIP 30/06/21 \$6,575.80	30 June 2022
	Bagdad - Hall Lane Drainage	75,000	48,565	26,435.12	LRCI Phase 2 - WIP 30/06/21 \$3,592.71	30 June 2022
	Campania - Estate Road (School Farm)	10,000	0	10,000	\$10K Budget c/fwd	
	Oatlands - High St/Wellington Street Junction	5,000	0	5,000	\$5K Budget c/fwd	
	Tunbridge - Stormwater Upgrade	25,500	25,417		\$14K from Tunbridge Kerb & Gutter Renewal. Balance from 83 Reseal program as sealing prep.	
	Stormwater Management Plan	0	656	-656		
		<b>560,500</b>	<b>390,901</b>	<b>169,599</b>		
<b>WASTE</b>	Wheelie Bins and Crates	5,000	3,194	1,806		
	WTS Safety & Operational Improvements	25,000	as below	445		
	Campania WTS Improvements - Gates	0	16,035			
	Dysart WTS Improvements - Gates	0	8,520			
		<b>30,000</b>	<b>27,750</b>	<b>2,250</b>		
<b>GROWTH</b>						
<b>TOURISM</b>	Jericho - Memorial Avenue - Plaques (Stage 1 of 2 - \$20K per year)	20,000	0	20,000		
	Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park - Interps (Stage 1 of 2 - \$20K per year)	20,000	455	19,545		
	Oatlands Accommodation Facility	0	23,254	-23,254	To be offset by Barrack Street Property WIP 30/6/21 \$3,502.41	
		<b>40,000</b>	<b>23,709</b>	<b>16,291</b>		

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		BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION
		\$	\$	\$		DEADLINE
<b>LANDSCAPES</b>						
<b>HERITAGE</b>	Heritage Collections Store	10,000	3,700	6,300	Budget c/fwd WIP 30/06/21 \$1,500	
	Oatlands - Barrack Street Police House (\$110K over 2 years)	55,000	0	55,000		
	Oatlands - Callington Mill (Limestone Seal in Precinct)	27,250	9,074	18,176		
	Oatlands - Commissariat (79 High Street) Boundary Fence	6,000	0	6,000	Budget c/fwd	
	Oatlands - Court House (Sandstone wall restoration)	15,000	0	15,000		
	Oatlands - Gaol Aluminium Temporary Steps (Entrance)	3,500	0	3,500	\$3.5K Budget c/fwd	
	Oatlands - Gaol Wingwall Restoration	8,000	0	8,000		
	Oatlands - Roche Hall Forecourt (Interps - Planning Condition of Approval)	40,000	0	40,000	\$40K Budget c/fwd	
	Parattah - Railway Station -Shed for Gangers Trolley	2,000	0	2,000		
		<b>166,750</b>	<b>12,774</b>	<b>153,976</b>		
<b>NATURAL</b>	Chauncy Vale - Wombat Walk	39,250	23,548	15,702	Includes \$29,250 grant WIP 30/06/21 \$5,030.25	30 June 2022
	Oatlands - Lake Dulverton Improvements	0	1,183	-1,183	Bench Seat	
	Oatlands - Lake Dulverton Walkway (Grants \$135K + \$85K)	220,000	221,341	-1,341	\$220K Budget c/fwd WIP \$121583.30	30 April 2022
	Municipal Area - Preventing Roadkill (Signs)	5,000	1,980	3,020		
		<b>264,250</b>	<b>248,052</b>	<b>16,198</b>		
<b>CULTURAL</b>	Nil	0	0	0		
		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>REGULATORY - DEVELOPMENT</b>	Kempton Council Chambers - Chambers Restoration Works	15,000	1,818	13,182	\$5K Budget c/fwd WIP 30/06/21 \$1,818.18	
	Kempton Council Chambers - Clock Restoration Works	20,000	9,829	10,171	Budget c/fwd WIP \$501.50	
	Kempton Council Chambers - Office Furniture & Equipment	5,000	656	4,344		
	Kempton Council Chambers - Solar Proposal	11,145	16,867	-5,722		
		<b>51,145</b>	<b>29,170</b>	<b>21,975</b>		
<b>REGULATORY - PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	Water Bottle Refill Stations	7,980	0	7,980		
	Kempton - Community Health Facility	400,000	324,974	75,026	Budget c/fwd WIP 30/06/21 \$324,497.46	
		<b>407,980</b>	<b>324,974</b>	<b>83,006</b>		

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2021-22**

As at 31 May 2022

		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
<b>REGULATORY</b>						
<b>- ANIMAL CONTROL</b>	Kempton - Dog Pound(s)	35,000	21,271	13,729	Budget c/fwd WIP 30/06/21 \$14,370.46	
		<b>35,000</b>	<b>21,271</b>	<b>13,729</b>		
<b>COMMUNITY</b>						
<b>COMMUNITY HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING</b>	Communities for Children - Play equipment for trailer	0	2,655	-2,655		
		<b>0</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>-2,655</b>		
<b>RECREATION</b>						
	Recreation Committee	15,181	0	15,181		
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Precinct Plan)	25,000	0	25,000		
	Campania - Public Open Space dev (Justitia Park)	12,000	0	12,000		
	Campania - Recreation Ground (Internal Toilet Improvements)	40,000	8,636	31,364	Budget c/fwd WIP 30/06/21 \$8,636.36	
	Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park (Gifted to Council)	0	155	-155	WIP 30/06/20 \$155	
	Kempton - Memorial Hall Improvements (Online Access Centre-Curtains)	449	449	0		
	Kempton - Memorial Hall Improvements (Sandstone Foundation Restoration)	9,369	9,369	0		
	Kempton - Memorial Hall Portico	52,000	54,332	-2,332	Budget c/fwd WIP \$54,332.24	30 June 2022
	Kempton - Off-lead Dog Park	43,125	0	43,125	LRCI Phase 3	30 June 2023
	Kempton - Recreation Ground (Lighting)	16,000	0	16,000	Budget c/fwd	
	Kempton - Recreation Ground (Roof Struct Entry to Clubrooms)	15,000	1,068	13,932	Budget c/fwd WIP 30/06/21 \$468.18	
	Kempton - Recreation Ground (Site Dev and Play Equipment)	25,000	750	24,250		
	Kempton - Skate Park (Council Commitment)	5,000	11,173	-6,173		
	Mangalore - Hall (replace Gutters and Roofing)	18,000	13,378	4,622	Budget c/fwd	
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (New Pool) - WIP prior to 2020/21	941,987	941,987	0	WIP 30/06/20 \$166,197.29, 30/6/19 \$395,896.00, 30/6/18 \$379,803.40	
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (New Pool) - Construction	9,379,600	5,528,175	3,851,425	WIP 30/06/21 \$1,741,641.16	
	Oatlands - Callington Park (Two seats)	7,000	4,687	2,313		
	Oatlands - Callington Park (Lighting & Surveillance)	6,000	12,497	-6,497		
	Oatlands - Community Hall (Maintenance Program)	51,300	0	51,300		
	Oatlands - Midlands Memorial Comm Centre (Roof & Insulation)	39,000	468	38,532		
	Tunbridge - Hall Council contribution to damaged wall	1,573	16,147	-14,574	\$12,500 committed & \$10,927 spent in 2020/21	
	Tunbridge - Park Perimeter Fence (Safety)	30,000	15,877	14,123	Budget c/fwd	
		<b>10,732,585</b>	<b>6,619,148</b>	<b>4,113,437</b>		

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2021-22**

As at 31 May 2022

		BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION
		\$	\$	\$		DEADLINE
<b>ACCESS</b>	All Buildings (Priority Approach)	50,000	0	50,000	Budget c/fwd - 5 years @ \$10K per year	
	Tunbridge Community Club (SMC Contribution Accessible Toilets)	20,000	200	19,800		
		<b>70,000</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>69,800</b>		
<b>CAPACITY &amp; SUSTAINABILITY</b>	Campania Bush Reserve / Cemetery	300,000	11,522	288,478	WIP 30/06/21 \$5,194.75	
	Levendale Community Centre	38,390	0	38,390	Budget c/fwd	
	Oatlands - Church Street Sub-Division	0	32,043	-32,043	Expenses offset on sale of properties WIP 30/06/21 \$6,764.66	
	Oatlands - Community Shed (TMSA Grant)	0	1,130	-1,130	Income received OBO Community Shed 2020/21	
	Oatlands - Stanley Street Master Plan	20,000	0	20,000		
	Oatlands Structure Plan	25,000	34,155	-9,155	\$25K Budget c/fwd WIP \$23,203	
		<b>383,390</b>	<b>78,849</b>	<b>304,541</b>		
<b>SAFETY</b>	Nil	0	0	0		
		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>ORGANISATION SUSTAINABILITY</b>	Oatlands - Council Chambers - Internal Toilets Upgrade	100,000	0	100,000	Budget c/fwd	
	Oatlands - Council Chambers - Damp Issues & Stonemasonry	15,000	0	15,000	Budget c/fwd	
	Oatlands - Council Chambers - Works Office (floor coverings)	5,000	0	5,000	Budget c/fwd	
	Oatlands - Town Hall (General - Incl. Office Equip/Furniture)	5,000	763	4,237		
	Records System	30,000		30,000	\$20K Budget c/fwd	
	Computer System (Hardware / Software)	80,000	88,749	-8,749		
	Municipal Revaluation	0	64,400	-64,400	To be amortised over 5 years (commencing 01.07.22)	
	Asset Revaluation - Moloneys Asset Management Systems - Roads	49,500	49,500	0	To be amortised over 3 years	
		<b>284,500</b>	<b>203,412</b>	<b>81,088</b>		

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2021-22**  
**As at 31 May 2022**

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
	\$	\$	\$		
<b>WORKS</b>					
Kempton Depot - Property Purchase (Year 3 Budget of \$180K)	45,000	45,000	0	Total Project Cost - to be funded over 4 yrs (Yr 3 - \$45K)	
Kempton Depot - Internal Building Improvements	30,000	34,947	-4,947	\$15K Budget c/fwd	
Kempton Depot - Storage Lockers	2,000	0	2,000	Budget c/fwd	
Oatlands Depot - Roof over containers/General repairs & alterations	28,000	265	27,735	Budget c/fwd	
Minor Plant Purchases	9,500	817	8,683		
Radio System	3,000	0	3,000		
<b>Plant Replacement Program</b>					
Heavy Vehicles	715,000	763,564	-48,564		
Light Vehicles	108,000	348,081	-240,081		
(Trade Allowance - \$280K)					
	<b>940,500</b>	<b>1,192,674</b>	<b>-252,174</b>		
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>19,737,590</b>	<b>13,011,790</b>	<b>6,725,800</b>		

<b>SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL</b>				
<b>SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES LEVIED, REMITTED AND COLLECTED</b>				
	This Financial Year 13th June 2022		Last Financial Year 13th June 2021	
Arrears brought forward as at July 1		\$ 434,414.30		\$ 527,651.89
ADD current rates and charges levied		\$ 5,948,069.69		\$ 5,730,624.51
ADD current interest and penalty		\$ 83,769.04		\$ 9,095.86
<b>TOTAL rates and charges demanded</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 6,466,253.03</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 6,267,372.26</b>
LESS rates and charges collected	88.79%	\$ 5,741,301.99	88.02%	\$ 5,516,487.26
LESS pensioner remissions	3.90%	\$ 252,096.18	4.01%	\$ 251,537.87
LESS other remissions and refunds	-0.56%	-\$ 36,321.32	-0.29%	-\$ 17,959.31
LESS discounts	0.54%	\$ 34,725.14	0.53%	\$ 33,081.51
<b>TOTAL rates and charges collected and remitted</b>	<b>92.66%</b>	<b>\$ 5,991,801.99</b>	<b>92.27%</b>	<b>\$ 5,783,147.33</b>
<b>UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES</b>	<b>7.34%</b>	<b>\$ 474,451.04</b>	<b>7.73%</b>	<b>\$ 484,224.93</b>

**17.3.2 Monthly Oatlands Aquatic Centre Capital Expenditure Report  
(Period ending 31 May 2022)**

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

**DATE:** 10 APRIL 2022

**ISSUE**

Provide the capital expenditure report for the Oatlands Aquatic Centre to 31 May 2022.

**DETAIL**

The enclosed Report includes all capital expenditure relating to the Oatlands Aquatic Centre prior to 2020/2021, and budget and expenditure for 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**DECISION**

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

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

**CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Clr A Bantick	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	

**OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE RECONCILIATION  
AS AT 31 MAY 2022**

	BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS
<b>Total Expenditure to 31 May 2022</b>		<b>6,637,069</b>		
Council Labour & On-costs		5,255		
Materials - Council		195		
External Plant Hire - Council		6,217		
SMC Planing / Building Permits		6,495		
SMC Planing / Building Permits - June 2020		6,868		
SMC - Other Contractor Costs		901		
August 2012 - Purchase of 70 High Street, Oatlands		166,908		Total Cost (includes legals etc.) Gov't Land Value - \$23,000
<b>Bzowy Architecture &amp; Other Consultants</b>				
<b>2016/17</b>		27,056		Best described as Project Revival
Contract No 1 (part of \$107,660)		16,227		
<b>2017/18</b>				
Contract No 1 (part of \$107,660)		92,471		Includes Disbursements of \$1,038
Other Costs - Variations & Redesign		63,579		Additional Floor / Redesign etc.
Bio-Energy (review & assessment)		24,867		
Appeal Costs		140,153		Various
<b>2018/19</b>				
Bzowy - Other Costs - Variations & Redesign		108,611		Includes Survey & Legal
Engagement Agreements		21,470		
Formal Contract - Tenders / Design etc (part of \$379,960)		265,905		



### **17.3.3 2022/2023 Annual Plan & Budgets (Operating & Capital)**

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

**Date:** 16 JUNE 2022

**Attachment(s):**

*Attachment 1 – 2022/23 Annual Plan & Operating Budget*

*Attachment 2 – 2022/23 Capital Works Program Budget Estimates*

#### **ISSUE**

Formal adoption of the 2022/23 Annual Plan and Budget (Operating and Capital).

#### **BACKGROUND**

Under section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council is required to have an annual plan.

Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) requires the General Manager to prepare estimates of the Council's revenue and expenditure for each financial year. The Council's 2022/23 Budget estimates have been prepared in accordance with the Act.

#### **DETAIL**

The following documents have been updated following the workshops held 9<sup>th</sup> May; 30<sup>th</sup> May; 6<sup>th</sup> June and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

1. 2022/23 Annual Plan and Program Budget (Operating);
2. 2022/23 Capital Expenditure Program Budget Estimates

The documents are submitted for formal endorsement and approval at this meeting.

#### **Commentary**

#### **2022/23 BUDGET**

The Annual Plan aligns to those strategies identified in the Southern Midlands Council Strategic Plan 2022 to 2031. The specific actions have been extracted and included in the Annual Plan under each of the respective Programs.

The Annual Plan is coupled to the budget development process recognising the direct influence on the allocation of resources.

The key features of the 2022/23 Budget estimates are:

- Total estimated operating revenue of \$11.636 million
- Total estimated operating expenditure of \$12.228 million
- Total estimated depreciation and asset write off of \$3.521 million

- Estimated net operating deficit of \$592K in comparison to the Long Term Financial Management Plan deficit of \$609K
- Total estimated capital expenditure of \$7.079 million (excluding carry forward amounts unspent)
- Total estimated capital grant funding of \$3.796 million
- Total estimated asset sales of \$587K
- New borrowings - Nil
- Increase in total Rates collected of \$410K – the total increase includes an increase in Waste Management Program charges (i.e. Waste Management Levy and Household Collection Charge) of \$126,000, the Fire Service Levy \$13,000, and the balance of \$273,000 resulting from a 3.5% increase in the total General Rates demanded after allowance for growth in the Rate base.

Section 82 of the Act requires the General Manager to prepare estimates of the Council's revenue and expenditure for each financial year. Section (82 (2) and (3) read as follows:

**“82. Estimates**

....

(2) *Estimates are to contain detail of the following:*

- (a) the estimated revenue of the council;*
- (b) the estimated expenditure of the council;*
- (c) the estimated borrowings of the council;*
- (d) the estimated capital works of the council;*
- (e) any other detail required by the Minister.*

(3) *Estimates for each financial year must –*

- (a) be adopted by the council, with or without alteration, by absolute majority;*

*and*

- (b) be adopted before 31 August in each financial year; and*
- (c) not be adopted more than one month before the start of that financial year.”*

The following Attachments are included:

- Attachment 1 – 2022/23 Annual Plan and Operating Budget
- Attachment 2 – 2022/23 Capital Works Program Budget Estimates

**Budgeted Operating Income and Expenditure 2022/23**

The net operating result is a deficit of \$592K exclusive of capital funding and net revenue from sale of assets. This compares to a \$418K deficit forecast for 2021/22.

This operating position has resulted primarily through an increase in Operating revenue of \$79K, and an increase in Operating expenditure of \$253K.

Table 1.1 – Budget Income Statement

<b>REVENUE</b> <i>(Excluding Capital Grants &amp; Property Sales)</i>	<b>2020/21 Actual (\$'000)</b>	<b>2021/22 Forecast (\$'000)</b>	<b>2022/23 Budget (\$'000)</b>
Rates & Charges	\$5,743	\$5,996	\$6,405
User Fees	\$1,014	\$787	\$1,095
Grants - Recurrent	\$3,524	\$3,620	\$3,786
Interest	\$35	\$125	\$48
Contract Income	\$311	\$765	\$0
Other Income	\$58	\$82	\$120
Investment Revenue from Water Corp	\$76	\$182	\$182
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$10,761</b>	<b>\$11,557</b>	<b>\$11,636</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2020/21 Actual (\$'000)</b>	<b>2021/22 Forecast (\$'000)</b>	<b>2022/23 Budget (\$'000)</b>
Employee Costs	\$3,645	\$4,387	\$4,802
Materials & Contracts	\$3,279	\$3,358	\$3,433
Deprec. & Amortisation	\$3,322	\$3,004	\$3,521
Contributions	\$234	\$245	\$258
Finance Costs	\$19	\$68	\$59
Commercial Expenses		\$765	\$0
Other Expenses	\$449	\$148	\$155
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,948</b>	<b>\$11,975</b>	<b>\$12,228</b>
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$187)</b>	<b>(\$418)</b>	<b>(\$592)</b>
Add Grants – Capital	\$2,045	\$6,431	\$3,876
Add / (Less) Proceeds from Disposal (NCA'S)	\$120	(\$7)	\$0
Assets Taken Up	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revaluation & Val Adjustments – NCA's	\$7,959	\$0	\$0
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$9,937</b>	<b>\$6,006</b>	<b>\$3,284</b>

## REVENUE

### Revenue – Rating Income

**General Rate** - The Budget is based on a 3.5% increase in the General Rate, plus an allowance of growth in the rate base (i.e. new development).

This compares to the LGAT Cost Index of 4.06%, and CPI for the period ending March 2021 (Hobart 5.8% and weighted average all capital cities of 5.1%).

*Note: The LGAT provided Council Cost index (CCI) is a tool to assist councils to appropriately set rates to reflect the costs of providing assets, service and support for their communities.*

The CCI differs from the Consumer Price Index in that it provides an indication of how Council expenditure might change over a time period even though what council is spending money on has not changed.

The CCI is based on ABS data. The CCI formula comprises: wage price index (WPI (50%), road and bridge construction index (30%) and the consumer price index (20%).

The CCI of 4.06 follows 0.78% (2021) and 2.18% (2020).

**Fire Service Levy** – the Fire Service Levy is an amount determined by the State Fire Commission under the *Fire Service Act 1979*, which Council is required to collect. The Levy is paid direct to the Commission, less retention of 4% commission.

Fire Service Levy	2021/22	2022/23
Oatlands and Kempton Volunteer Fire Brigade Rating District	0.40530c in \$AAV (Minimum \$42)	0.3173c in \$AAV (Minimum \$44)
Rural Land Other	0.37483c in \$AAV (Minimum \$42)	0.2564c in \$AAV (Minimum \$44)

The total levy to be collected in 2022/23 is \$258,166 – an increase of \$12,987 or 5.30%.

**Waste Management Levy** – this is a charge levied on all rateable land. Multiple charges are levied where there is more than one dwelling on the property capable of being occupied.

Waste Management Charge	2021/22	2022/23
	\$220 (Occupied)	\$245 (Occupied)
	\$76 (Vacant Allotment)	\$90 (Vacant Allotment)

The need to increase the Waste Management Charge is influenced by:

- The Tasmanian Government has introduced for 2022/23 a Waste Levy that Council must collect. The Levy is based on Council's refuse tonnage at a cost of \$20 per tonne. The Levy will increase by another \$20 per tonne in 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years.
- The ever-increasing amount of waste that this being disposed of at the Stations and the resultant transport / disposal costs; and
- Significant increase in the costs per tonne being levied at the landfill disposal sites.

**Household Collection Charge** - This charge is only levied on properties that receive the fortnightly collection service. The level of charges must be sufficient to meet the total cost of providing the services (both domestic and recycling).

	2021/22	2022/23

<b>Household Garbage and Kerbside Recycling Charge</b>	\$195	\$207
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The increase in annual charge reflects the higher cost of collection and subsequent disposal at landfill and/or the recycling centre.

**Revenue - Operating Grants (excludes Capital Grants)** - Budgeted Operating Grant Income of \$3.786 million (\$3.620 million in 2021/22).

The total budgeted amount relates solely to the General Purpose Financial Assistance Grant (FAGS) provided by the Australian Government. An increase of 3.5% has been forecast.

**Revenue Other** - The 2022/23 Budget for Other Revenue (\$120K) relates to Heavy Vehicle Licence Fees (\$11,700), Contribution to Public Open Space (\$50,000); Local Government Loans Program Interest Subsidy on the Oatlands Aquatic Centre Loan (\$49,638) and MAIB Reimbursements for SES unit (\$8,500).

**Investment Revenue from Water Corporation** - The 2022/23 Budget for Investment Revenue (\$182,400) relates to distributions received from the Tasmanian Water Corporation (TasWater). The level of distribution is determined by the percentage of ownership. The Southern Midlands Council holds a 0.76% ownership in TasWater. We are expecting to receive our full annual distribution of \$152K in 2022/23, plus \$30,400 of previously forgone dividends of \$152K (to be paid out over 5 years).

## EXPENDITURE

**Employee Expenses** - Employee expenses are budgeted to increase by \$415,119. This is due to:

- a) A salary increment payable from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022; and
- b) Additional positions to be filled for the operation of the Oatlands Aquatic Centre from February 2022.

The amount of Employee Expenses in the Operating Budget is also influenced by the extent of Capital Works undertaken by Council employees (i.e. Wages are allocated in the Capital Budget).

**Materials & Contracts** - The budgeted amount of \$3.433 million represents a 2.2 percentage increase above the forecast 2021/22 allocation. This is due to:

- a) Operating expenses relating to the Oatlands Aquatic Centre from August 2022 (5 months budgeted in 2021/22 but the opening of the facility was delayed); and
- b) Continued increases in payments to external Contractors to provide waste collection, transport and disposal services.

**Capital Grant Funding** - Council has budgeted to receive \$3.796K in total, consisting of:

- a) \$665,531 'Roads to Recovery' Grant (\$3,328K over five years until 2023/24);

- b) \$1,088,402 from the Australian Government’s “Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program – Stage 3”;
- c) \$500,000 Federal Grant for the Oatlands Aquatic Centre;
- d) \$234,000 Grant from the Tasmanian Government’s Department of Communities “Levelling the Playing Field Grant Program”;
- e) \$238,821 from the Australian Government’s “Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grant”; and
- f) \$1,069,236 from the Australian Government’s “Rural remote Roads Program”.

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Council, by absolute majority, formally approve the 2022/23 Annual Plan and Budget (Operating and Capital).**

## DECISION

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

**THAT Council, by absolute majority, formally approve the 2022/23 Annual Plan and Budget (Operating and Capital).**

## CARRIED

<b>DECISION (BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY)</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Cllr A Bantick	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	
Cllr R McDougall	✓	

#### **17.3.4 Adoption of the 2022 / 2023 Rates and Charges Resolution**

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

**Date:** 16 JUNE 2022

#### **ISSUE**

Formal adoption of the 2022 / 2023 Rates and Charges Resolution under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Fire Service Act 1979*.

#### **DETAIL**

The following Rates & Charges Resolution (draft) has been based on the outcome of discussions through the budget workshops.

#### **2022 / 2023 RATES AND CHARGES RESOLUTION - SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL**

THAT under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Fire Service Act 1979*, the Southern Midlands Council has made the following rates and charges upon rateable land within the municipal area of Southern Midlands (“the municipal area”):

##### **1. General Rates**

Pursuant to section 90 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (“the Act”) Council makes a general rate of 5.4145 cents in each dollar of Assessed Annual Value for all rateable land within the municipal area shown on the valuation list prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001* (“the valuation list”), subject to a minimum amount of \$340.00.

##### **2. Waste Management Charge**

Under section 94 (1) of the Act Council makes a separate services charge in respect of the service of waste management called the Waste Management Charge upon all rateable land, which is capable of use for residential purposes, and Council declares that the charge is to be calculated in accordance with the following formulae:

a) for rateable land upon which a dwelling or dwellings are constructed:  
Waste Management Charge = \$245 x D, where D is the number of dwellings on the rateable land, capable of being occupied.

b) for rateable land upon which no dwelling is constructed:

Waste Management Charge = \$90.00

##### **3. Garbage Removal Charge**

a) Under section 94 (1) of the Act Council makes a separate services charge of \$207.00 in respect of the service of waste management called the Garbage Removal Charge upon all rateable land.

b) Under section 94 (3A) of the Act the Council declares that the Garbage Removal Charge is varied according to the level of service provided as follows:

- (i) for the land identified by Property Identification Number 3124789 the charge is \$4,347.00;
- (ii) for land to which the Council does not provide a fortnightly garbage removal service and kerbside recycling service, the charge is zero.

#### **4. Fire Service Contributions**

For the Council's contribution to the State Fire Commission:-

- (a) for land within the Oatlands & Kempton Volunteer Brigade Rating District an amount of 0.3173 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of all rateable land subject to a minimum amount of \$44.00;
- (b) for all other land in the municipal area an amount of 0.2564 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of the land subject to a minimum amount of \$44.00.

#### **5. Instalments**

These rates and charges are for the year commencing 1st July, 2022 and ending 30th June 2023 and are payable by 4 equal instalments, the first payable 30 days after the issue of the rates notices, the second by 4.30 p.m. on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022, the third by 4.30 p.m. on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and the fourth by 4.30 p.m. on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Where a ratepayer elects to enter into an arrangement to pay the current rates and charges by monthly, fortnightly, or weekly instalments via one of the electronic payment options (including direct debit), then the instalment amounts will be calculated to settle the debt by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Penalty and interest will not be applied on any of the 2022-23 rates and charges at the relevant date, provided that the instalment arrangements are adhered to. In the event of default, penalty and interest is to be calculated on the outstanding amounts.

#### **6. Late Payments**

- a) Penalty: A penalty of 5% applies to any rate or charge that is not paid on or before the date it falls due.
- b) Interest: In addition to the penalty, interest under section 128 of the *Local Government Act 1993* will be charged at the rate of 6.8% per annum.

#### **7. Discount**

A discount of 1.7% will apply to all rates and charges paid in full within 30 days after the date of issue. This discount is not applicable to rates and charges which are paid in instalments. The payment due date will appear on the rates notice.

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Council, by absolute majority, adopt the 2022-2023 Rates and Charges resolution as presented.**

## DECISION

*Moved by Cllr K Dudgeon, seconded by Cllr R McDougall*

**THAT Council, by absolute majority, adopt the 2022-2023 Rates and Charges resolution as presented.**

## CARRIED

<b>DECISION (BY ABOLSUTE MAJORITY)</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Cllr A Bantick	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	
Cllr R McDougall	✓	

### **17.3.5 Adoption of Schedule of Fees and Charges 2022-2023**

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

**Date:** 16 JUNE 2022

**Attachment(s):**  
*Schedule of Fees and Charges 2022-2023*

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this report is to confirm and adopt the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the upcoming 2022-2023 financial year.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In order to charge a fee for goods and services it is a requirement of Division 7 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (“the Act”) that Council must first specify the fee and include such a fee in the “Schedule of Fees and Charges”. An extract from the Act is provided as follows:

*Division 7 - Fees and charges*

*205. Fees and charges*

- 1) In addition to any other power to impose fees and charges but subject to subsection , a council may impose fees and charges in respect of any one or all of the following matters:
  - a. the use of any property or facility owned, controlled, managed or maintained by the council;*
  - b. services supplied at a person's request;*
  - c. carrying out work at a person's request;*
  - d. providing information or materials, or providing copies of, or extracts from, records of the council;*
  - e. any application to the council;*
  - f. any licence, permit, registration or authorization granted by the council;*
  - g. any other prescribed matter.**
- 2) A council may not impose a fee or charge in respect of a matter if –
  - a. a fee or charge is prescribed in respect of that matter; or*
  - b. this or any other Act provides that a fee or charge is not payable in respect of that matter.**
- 3) Any fee or charge under subsection (1) need not be fixed by reference to the cost to the council.*

*206. List of fees and charges*

*A general manager of a council is to –*

- a) keep a list of all fees and charges fixed under this Division; and*
- b) make the list available for public inspection during ordinary hours of business at the public office.*

*207. Remission of fees and charges*

*A council may remit all or part of any fee or charge paid or payable under this Division.*

In considering the fees and charges Council are reminded that the schedule of fees for the schedule of fees for Animal Control was adopted by Council separately at the April 2022 meeting. Accordingly these components of the proposed schedule are not under consideration.

## **DETAIL**

The fees and charges of the Southern Midlands Council are captured in the succinct document *Schedule of Fees and Charges: 2022-2023*. The document is typically reviewed each financial year to account for changes to legislation, review of services and review of charges in line with other Councils in Tasmania.

The current *Schedule of Fees and Charges: 2021-2022* is based on the Schedule adopted by Council in June 2021, however at that time, the majority of fees (with the exception of Animal Control fees) remained as is and therefore have not been adjusted since 2020/21.

## **DISCUSSION**

The CPI increase for the March quarter 2022 for Hobart is 5.8%. That is based on the percentage change from the March Quarter from the previous year. The CPI for the prior period ending March 2021 was 1.1%.

Whilst this cumulative percentage increase could be applied across the board, this approach has not been taken and each individual fee has been reviewed and adjusted where necessary. The percentage increase has varied.

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – Refer comment provided.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – The adopted Fees will be displayed on the website and are available at each Council Office. Ratepayers and members of the public can also request a copy of the Schedule.

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** - The 2022-2023 Schedule of Fees and Charges if adopted by Council will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT:**

- A. This report be received by Council; and**
- B. The Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2022-2023 be adopted.**

**DECISION**

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

**THAT:**

- A. This report be received by Council: and**
- B. The Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2022- 2023 be adopted**

**CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Cllr A Bantick	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	
Cllr R McDougall	✓	

**18. MUNICIPAL SEAL**

Nil.

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

Nil.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**DECISION**

*Moved by Deputy Mayor E Batt, seconded by Clr K Dudgeon*

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

<b>Matter</b>	<b>Local Government (<i>Meeting Procedures</i>) Regulations 2015 Reference</b>
<i>Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation</i>	15(2)
<i>Applications for Leave of Absence</i>	15(2)(h)
<i>Accommodation Facility - Update</i>	15(2)(c)

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Clr A Bantick	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	

## RECOMMENDATION

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

## DECISION

*Moved by Clr R McDougall, seconded by Deputy Mayor E Batt*

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

## CARRIED

<b>DECISION (MUST BE BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY)</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Clr A Bantick	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	

## **CLOSED COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **20. BUSINESS IN “CLOSED SESSION”**

#### **20.1 Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation**

*In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council.*

*Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15 (2) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.*

#### **20.2 Applications for Leave of Absence**

*In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council.*

*Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15 (2)(h) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.*

#### **20.3 Update on Accommodation Project**

*In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council.*

*Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15 (2)(c) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.*

## RECOMMENDATION

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

## DECISION

*Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Clr R McDougall*

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

## CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A O Green	✓	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	✓	
Clr A Bantick	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	

## **OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **21. CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 11.36 a.m.