



Welcome to the Southern Midlands

SOUTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL





A message from the Mayor

As Mayor of the Southern Midlands Council and on behalf of my fellow Councillors, I wish to extend a warm welcome and thank you for choosing to live in the Southern Midlands.

The Southern Midlands boasts many great attributes, including:

- ❖ a safe and secure environment for growing families;
- ❖ a rural lifestyle rich in cultural heritage;
- ❖ an environment which accommodates for both the young and the elderly;
- ❖ a community, which is focused on friendliness, co-operation and creativity; and
- ❖ a community, which encourages its youth to be motivated and positive about their future.

The people cherish the heritage of the area and this is reflected in the number of lovingly restored historic buildings. The area has a mild climate and many visitor attractions, is close to a number of recreational activities, and is therefore an ideal place to visit or live. The rural charm and picturesque landscapes, and the small villages within the Southern Midlands, create an atmosphere of tranquility and a rural lifestyle second to none. All this is ideally located within commuting distance to Hobart and Launceston.

In terms of Council itself, we continue to build a reputation for achievement and innovation with the responsibility of ensuring delivery of a wide range of services to a diverse community.

Contained within this Package is information regarding the many services and activities available, which may be of interest to you and your family.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony E Bisdee".

Anthony E Bisdee OAM
MAYOR

About our Council

The Southern Midlands Council was created on the 2nd April 1993 through the merging of the Municipalities of Oatlands, Green Ponds and the Northern wards of the Municipalities of Brighton and Richmond. The area of the Municipality is 2561 square kilometres.

The municipality has a population of approximately 5800 persons scattered throughout a district, which is predominately a rural based economy growing some of the world's best superfine wool. Tourism is now rising in importance.

Towns and localities include Mangalore, Bagdad, Broadmarsh, Elderslie, Dysart, Jericho, Kempton, Melton Mowbray, Oatlands, Tunbridge, Tunnack, Parattah, Woodsdale, Levendale, Runnymede, Colebrook, Campania and Rekuna.

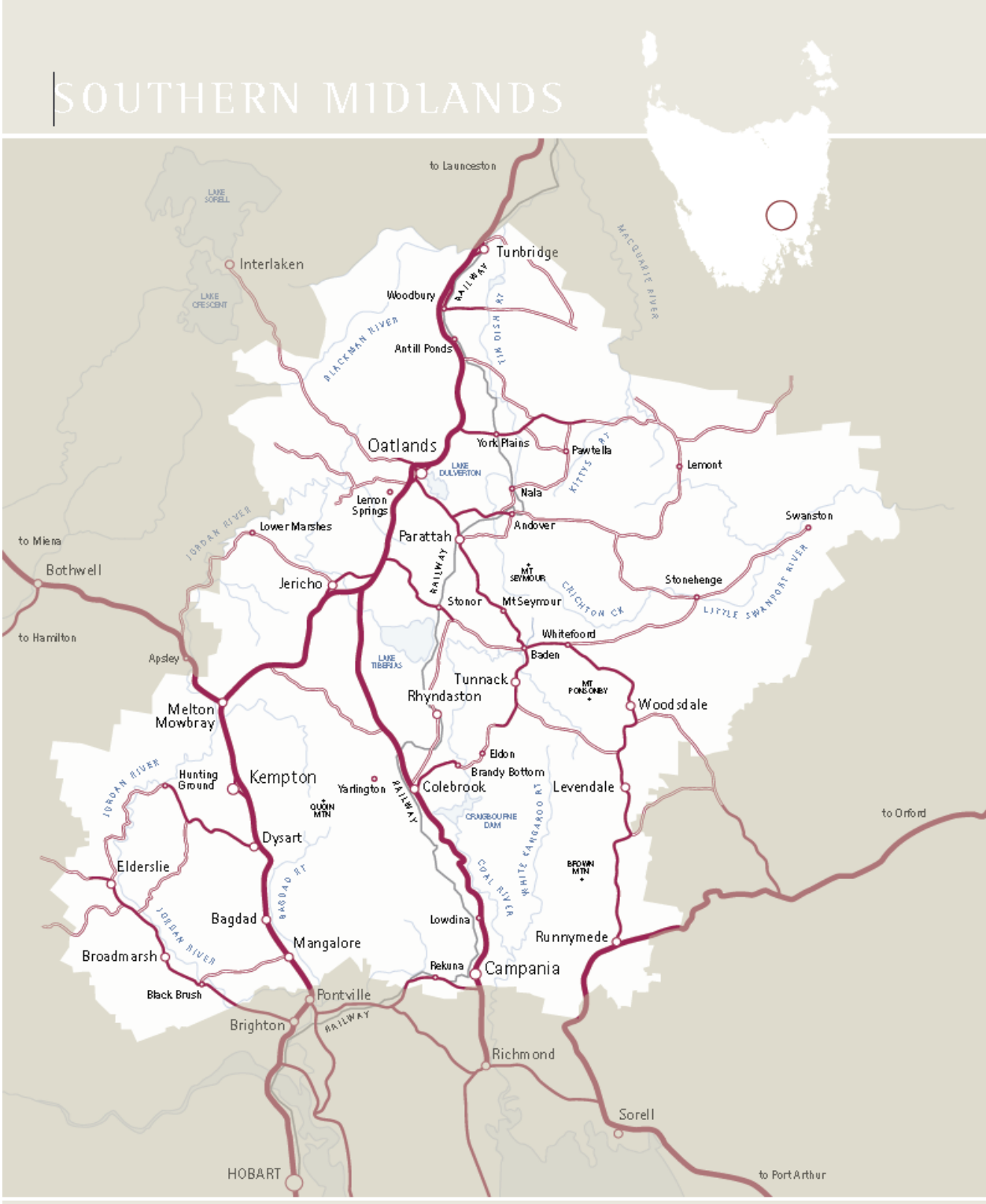
The Midland Highway (Heritage Highway) and the north-south rail route bisect the municipality.

Many examples of 19th century architecture can be found in the area's villages and rural districts, including convict-built grand Georgian rural homesteads and small workers' cottages. The region was the first broadly settled area outside Hobart.

Many architectural gems can be found by exploring the municipality's back roads. Heritage landscapes abound, with many views largely as they were 150 years ago.

Tourist information for the entire Heritage Highway region can be found at the Heritage Highway Visitor Information Centre at 1 Mill Lane, Oatlands or telephone (03) 6254 1212.

Municipal Map



Council Offices

OATLANDS Office

General Manager's office, Corporate Services, Works & Technical Services, Landcare

71 High Street (PO Box 21)
Oatlands, Tasmania 7120

Office Hours: 9.00 am – 4.30 pm (Monday to Friday)

Telephone: (03) 6254 5000 **After Hours Emergency Contact: 0419 325 405**

Facsimile: (03) 6254 5014

Email: mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

Website: www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

KEMPTON Office

Deputy General Manager's office, Development & Environment Services, Community & Corporate Development

85 Main Road
Kempton, Tasmania 7030

Office Hours: 9.00 am – 4.30 pm (Monday to Friday)

Phone: (03) 6259 3011 **After Hours Emergency Contact: 0419 325 405**

Facsimile: (03) 6259 1327

Email: mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

Website: www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

Heritage Highway Visitor & Tourism Information Centre

Mill Lane
Oatlands, Tasmania 7120





Opening Hours: 9.00am – 5.00pm (7 days)

Phone: (03) 6254 1212




Facsimile: (03) 6254 1467

E-mail: tourism@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

Councillors

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Councillors

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 <p>Councillor Donald Fish</p>	<p>'Lowick' 766 Inglewood Road Andover, Tas 7030</p> <p>Phone: (03) 6255 5157 Fax: (03) 6255 5257</p>
 <p>Councillor David Marshall</p>	<p>PO Box 48 Campania, Tas 7026</p> <p>Phone: (03) 6260 4300 Fax: (03) 6260 4300 Email: dmarshall@southernmidlands.com.au</p>

Council Meetings

The Southern Midlands Council holds its Ordinary Council Meetings in various locations within the Municipal area during the first part of the year. Meetings commence at 10.00 am and a dedicated 'public consultation' session commences at 12.30 pm for each meeting. The intention is to provide the public with an opportunity to come and talk directly to Council, raise issues of concern and generally communicate with your elected members. All other meetings alternate between Oatlands and Kempton.

Council meeting agendas and minutes are available in PDF format from Council's website www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

All Council Meetings commence at 10.00am / Public Consultation commences at 12.30pm

DATE	LOCATION
Wednesday, 25 th January 2017	Campania Hall
Tuesday, 21 st February 2017	Tunbridge Hall
Wednesday, 29 th March 2017	Woodsdale Hall
Wednesday, 26 th April 2017	Broadmarsh Hall
Wednesday, 24 th May 2017	Oatlands
Wednesday, 28 th June 2017	Kempton
Monday, 31 st July 2017	Oatlands
Wednesday, 23 rd August 2017	Kempton
Wednesday, 27 th September 2017	Oatlands
Wednesday, 25 th October 2017	Kempton
Wednesday, 22 nd November 2017	Oatlands
Wednesday, 13 th December 2017	Kempton

Sport & Recreation Facilities

Oatlands Swimming Pool

The Oatlands Swimming Pool is open for approximately four months per year from December through to March.

Address: Campbell Street, Oatlands
Phone: (03) 6254 5024

Opening Hours

3 pm to 6 pm Monday to Friday (*during School Terms*)
11 am to 6 pm School Holidays, Weekends & Public Holidays

Admission Charges and Hire Fees (*revised on an annual basis*)

Season Tickets

Family	\$110
Adult	\$55
Child	\$42

Daily Tickets

Family	\$12.00
Adult	\$5.00
Child	\$4.00

Out of hours complex hire fee \$45 per hour to be supervised by Council's supervisor at all times. Application to be made seven (7) days in advance.

Council & Community Hall & Recreation Facilities

A full listing of Council and Community Halls and contacts can be found on the Southern Midlands Council website www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

A full listing of Council and Community Recreation Grounds and contacts can be found on the Southern Midlands Council website www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

Schools & Child Care Centres

SCHOOLS

Bagdad Primary School

Kinder to Grade 6

46 School Road, Bagdad 7030

Phone: (03) 6268 6127

Campania District School

Kinder to Grade 10

2 Union Street, Campania 7026

Phone: (03) 6260 4133

Kempton Primary School

Kinder to Grade 6

95 Main Street, Kempton 7030

Phone: (03) 6259 1245

Oatlands District High School

Kinder to Year 10

Church Street, Oatlands 7120

Phone: (03) 6254 1110

CHILDCARE CENTRES

Bagdad Child Care Centre

Midland Highway, Bagdad 7030

Phone: (03) 6268 6664

Hours: Monday to Friday – 7.30am to 6pm

Lady Gowrie Child Care Centre

34 Wellington Street, Oatlands 7120

Phone: (03) 6254 1254

Hours: Monday to Friday – 8.30am to 4.30pm

Waste Management Services

Roadside Household Garbage & Recycling Collection

Wednesdays BAGDAD
DYSART
KEMPTON
MANGALORE
MELTON MOWBRAY

Thursdays CAMPANIA
COLEBROOK
OATLANDS

Thursdays WOODSDALE (*fortnightly service only*)
LEVENDALE (*fortnightly service only*)

Note:

Residents are asked to have all bins placed roadside by 5.00 am on the day of collection.

- The recycling bin should only contain tins, aluminium cans, recyclable plastic bottles and glass.
- ***Refuse is the responsibility of the owner until the contractor collects it. Loose rubbish should be cleaned up by the owner.***

Waste Transfer Stations

Opening Hours

<p>CAMPANIA Waste Transfer Station Brown Mountain Road, Campania</p> <p>Tuesday 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm</p> <p>Thursday 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm</p> <p>Saturday 8.00 am to 12 noon</p> <p>Sunday 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm</p> <p><i>Note:</i> <i>Loads in excess of 3 m³ are not accepted at this site</i></p> <p>Closed <i>Monday, Wednesday & Friday</i></p>	<p>DYSART Waste Transfer Station Huntingdon Tier Road, Dysart</p> <p>Tuesday 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm</p> <p>Saturday 12 noon to 5.00 pm</p> <p>Sunday 10.00 am to 5.00 pm</p> <p><i>Note:</i> <i>Loads in excess of 3 m³ are not accepted at this site</i></p> <p>Closed <i>Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday</i></p>	<p>OATLANDS Waste Transfer Station Inglewood Road (off Tunnack Main Road), Parattah</p> <p>Tuesday 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm</p> <p>Friday 11.00 am to 3.00 pm</p> <p>Saturday 8.00 am to 12 noon</p> <p>Sunday 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm</p> <p>Closed <i>Monday, Wednesday & Thursday</i></p>
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Waste Transfer Stations

Schedule of Fees

General Refuse:

The following fees for the disposal of general refuse will be imposed on **'out-of-area' users** (i.e. non-residents of the Southern Midlands Council area). These fees **do not apply to residents of the Southern Midlands**:

General Refuse: *(applies only to non ratepayers/residents)*

Carboot/Station Wagon (0.5 m ³)	\$ 5.00
Utility/Single Axle Trailer (1.0 m ³)	\$ 10.00
Double Axle Trailer (2.0 m ³)	\$ 20.00
Light Truck (up to 3m ³)	\$ 30.00

(Note - loads in excess of 3m³ cannot be accepted)

Disposal of Other Items:

The following fees will apply to **ALL Users**, including ratepayers and residents of the Southern Midlands. These fees need to be imposed, because the items cannot be readily managed on-site, and need to be subsequently removed.

Car / Motorbike tyres	\$ 3.00
4WD / Light Truck tyres	\$ 5.50
Heavy Truck tyres	\$ 11.00
Whitegoods (per item)	\$ 5.00
Car Bodies (per item)	\$ 30.00
Large Construction materials (per cubic metre) <i>(includes building and demolition waste, road pavement material, concrete, bricks, roofing iron, large quantities of plaster/timber)</i>	\$ 10.00
Recyclable Materials	Free of Charge

Ferrous Scrap Metal:

Council has established a recycling centre for ferrous scrap metal at the Oatlands Waste Transfer Station where ferrous scrap metal can be deposited without charge. This includes such items as old stoves, washing machines, roofing iron, car bodies etc.

Method of Identification (Southern Midlands residents):

Users will be asked to provide a means of identification to demonstrate that they are residents/ratepayers of the Southern Midlands Council i.e. Drivers Licence, or documentation verifying home address. This will avoid the need to pay disposal fees for general refuse.

Dog Control & Registration

The Southern Midlands Council recognises the importance of dogs within the community, especially the role they play within the family environment as companions and as working dogs on farming properties.

Council encourages owners to comply with the Dog Control Act 2000 and ask that owners take responsibility of their dogs to ensure all rights of members of the community are recognised and respected.

To help minimise the potential of problems caused by dogs, it is important that all dog owners ensure that their dogs are:-

- (a) registered;
- (b) not allowed to cause a noise nuisance;
- (c) kept under effective control at all times;
- (d) not to attack a person or animal; and
- (e) not allowed to roam free during the day or night.

The Animal Control Officer regularly patrols all areas of the municipality and an after hours service is available in case of an emergency.

Below are some frequently asked questions about Dog Registrations. If you would like to know more or require assistance in registering your dog please do not hesitate to contact the Municipal Offices at either Oatlands or Kempton.

Dog Control Act 2000

The Dog Control Act 2000 states it is a legal requirement for all dogs in Tasmania over the age of six (6) months to be registered by their owner with the local council. *It is the owner's responsibility to provide proof of the dog's age.*

Registration is designed to assist owners, dogs and the community. If your dog is unregistered and becomes impounded, then the Council has no information to assist them to reunite the dog with the owner. Under the Act any impounded dog that is not claimed may be disposed of after three (3) days.

Can I transfer my Dog Registration?

Yes you can. Registration is transferable from owner to new owner and between Councils. Failure to notify the Council of changes can lead to a fine of up to \$100.00. For information on how to transfer registration contact the Municipal Offices.

How do I register my Dog?

Obtain an “Application for Registration of a Dog” from the Municipal Offices. After completion of the form, return it by mail or in person with the appropriate registration fee.

When the application is processed the Council will give you or post to you a disc marked with a registration number, the Council name and the expiry date.

How does registration help?

It is a means of identification if the dog is lost, injured or separated from its owner.

- If a dog becomes lost, injured or impounded, and is wearing a collar with a current registration disc it can be quickly re-united with its owner. All attempts are made to return the dog home.
- If a dog is impounded and is wearing a collar with a current registration disc, then Council is bound to notify the owner of the impounding and cannot dispose of the dog for five (5) business days.

This is why it is important to register your dog and also notify Council of a change of address or loss of a tag.

When do I renew my dog's registration?

Registrations need to be renewed annually. They expire on the 30th June of each year and should be renewed before the 31st July. If paid after this date then the standard registration fee will not apply, and the owners will be charged a higher fee.

Council will send you a renewal notice in June as a reminder. However, it is your responsibility to renew the registration. If for some reason you do not receive a renewal notice, this is not a valid excuse for not renewing the registration.

Rates & Charges

Rates & Charges 2017/18

2017/2018 RATES AND CHARGES RESOLUTION

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

Under section 90 (3) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (“the Act”) Council makes a general rate of 8.1691 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 \$310.00

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) or rateable land upon which a dwelling or dwellings are constructed:

Waste Management Charge = \$144 × 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 = \$48.00

3. Garbage Removal Charge

- a) Under section 94 (1) of the Act Council makes a separate services charge of \$150.00 in respect of the service of waste management called the Garbage Removal Charge upon all rateable land.

- b) Under section 107 (1) (c) and section 94 (3A) of the Act the Council declares that the Garbage Removal Charge is varied according to the locality of the land and the level of service provided as follows:

- (i) for the land identified by Property Identification Number 7462339 the charge is \$3,150.00;

- (ii) for land in the Broadmarsh / Elderslie areas to which the Council provides a fortnightly garbage removal service (utilising wheelie bins) and kerbside recycling service, the charge is \$200.00.
- (iii) for land in the Tunbridge area to which the Council provides a fortnightly garbage removal service (utilising wheelie bins) and kerbside recycling service, the charge is \$200.00.
- (iv) for land to which the Council does not provide either a weekly garbage removal service and kerbside recycling service, or a fortnightly garbage removal service (utilising wheelie bins) 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 0.4139 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of all rateable land subject to a minimum amount of \$39.00;
- (b) for all other land in the municipal area an amount of 0.350919 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of the land subject to a minimum amount of \$39.00.

5. Instalments

These rates and charges are for the year commencing 1st July, 2017 and ending 30th June 2018 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 30th November 2017, the third by 4.30 p.m. on 31st January 2018 and the fourth by 4.30 p.m. on 30th March 2018.

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 30th June 2018. Penalty and interest will not be applied on any of the 2017-18 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 7.5% 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.

Feedback / Further Information

The Southern Midlands Council values your feedback and comments. Further information on various items such as Payment of Account, Development & Environment Services, Community and Corporate Development, Recreation & Facilities, Community Noticeboard, Visitor Information and Council documents and publications can be found at www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

If you require any further information that is not available on our web page, please do not hesitate to contact us direct.

Any feedback can be submitted via our online feedback form at www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au or complete the form below and post to:-
Southern Midlands Council, PO Box 21, Oatlands Tas 7120

For any enquiries, complaints or requests, our online service request form can be found at www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au or phone (03) 6254 5000

Thank you for your assistance.



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