

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN MIDLANDS  
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012 AT THE  
MUNICIPAL OFFICES, 85 MAIN STREET KEMPTON COMMENCING AT  
10:00 A.M.**

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**ENCLOSED**

**Council Meeting Minutes & Special Committees of Council Minutes  
General Information Bulletin  
Enclosures**

- Draft Constitution (Item 12.5.1)
- Southern Midlands Council Heritage Projects Program Annual Report 2011-12 (Item 14.1.1)
- Transfer Deed (Item 16.2.1)

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10:00 A.M.**

## OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

### 1. PRAYERS

Christine Knight conducted Prayers.

### 2. ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor M Jones OAM, Clr A R Bantick, Clr C J Beven, Clr B Campbell, Clr M Connors, Clr D F Fish, Clr A O Green and Clr J L Jones OAM.

**In Attendance:** Mr A Benson (Manager - Deputy General Manager) and Mrs K Brazendale (Executive Assistant).

### 3. APOLOGIES

Mayor A E Bisdee OAM (attending the LGAT General Meeting) and Mr T Kirkwood (IPWEA Training Session).

#### **C/12/09/004/19141 DECISION**

Moved by Clr B Campbell, seconded by Clr J L Jones OAM

THAT the apologies from Mayor Bisdee OAM and Mr T Kirkwood be noted.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

### 4. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

## 5. MINUTES

### 5.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES

THAT the Minutes of the previous meeting of Council held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

#### **C/12/09/005/19142DECISION**

Moved by Clr J L Jones OAM, seconded by Clr D F Fish

THAT the Minutes of the previous meeting of Council held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012, as circulated, be confirmed.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

### 5.2 SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Nil.

#### **C/12/09/005/19143DECISION**

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Clr J L Jones OAM

THAT the meeting be suspended for the Council Address at 10.03 a.m.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

**Council Address:**

Destination Southern Tasmania CEO Ben Targett and Deputy-Chair Malcolm Wells attended the meeting and gave a briefing in relation to the activities of Destination Southern Tasmania (DST). They also provided Councillors a copy of the DST 12/13 Membership Prospectus and DST 12/13 Spring/Summer Marketing Prospectus.

*The address concluded at 10.38 a.m. and the meeting took a short break  
The meeting resumed at 10.45 a.m.*

**C/12/09/006/19144 DECISION**

Moved by Clr D F Fish, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT the meeting be resumed.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

### 5.3 SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL MINUTES

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

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

- **Southern Midlands Facilities & Recreation Committee** – Meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012
- **Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee** – Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

#### **C/12/09/007/19145 DECISION**

Moved by Clr C J Beven, seconded by Clr D F Fish

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

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

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

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

- **Southern Midlands Facilities & Recreation Committee** – Meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012
- **Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee** – Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

*It's noted that the costs associated with the Maher's Point Cottage, Future Planned Works be further discussed with Council before any works are commenced.*

#### **C/12/09/008/19146 DECISION**

Moved by Clr D F Fish, seconded by Clr C J Beven

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

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	



#### 5.4 JOINT AUTHORITIES (ESTABLISHED UNDER DIVISION 4 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993)

##### 5.4.1 Joint Authorities - Receipt of Minutes

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

- **Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority** – Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> August 2012
- **Southern Waste Strategy Authority** - Nil

*Note: Issues which require further consideration and decision by Council will be included as a separate Agenda Item, noting that Council's representative on the Joint Authority may provide additional comment in relation to any issue, or respond to any question.*

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

#### C/12/09/009/19147 DECISION

Moved by Clr J L Jones OAM, seconded by Clr C J Beven

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

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

#### **5.4.2 Joint Authorities - Receipt of Reports (Annual and Quarterly)**

Section 36A of the Local Government Act 1993 provides the following;

##### ***36A. Annual reports of authorities***

*(1) A single authority or joint authority must submit an annual report to the single authority council or participating councils.*

*(2) The annual report of a single authority or joint authority is to include –*

*(a) a statement of its activities during the preceding financial year; and*

*(b) a statement of its performance in relation to the goals and objectives set for the preceding financial year; and*

*(c) the financial statements for the preceding financial year; and*

*(d) a copy of the audit opinion for the preceding financial year; and*

*(e) any other information it considers appropriate or necessary to inform the single authority council or participating councils of its performance and progress during the financial year.*

Section 36B of the Local Government Act 1993 provides the following;

##### ***36B. Quarterly reports of authorities***

*(1) A single authority or joint authority must submit to the single authority council or participating councils a report as soon as practicable after the end of March, June, September and December in each year.*

*(2) The quarterly report of the single authority or joint authority is to include –*

*(a) a statement of its general performance; and*

*(b) a statement of its financial performance.*

Reports prepared by the following Joint Authorities, as circulated, are submitted for receipt:

- **Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority** – Quarterly Report June 2012
- **Southern Waste Strategy Authority** – Quarterly Report March 2012

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the reports received from the Joint Authorities be received.**

### C/12/09/011/19148 DECISION

Moved by Clr J L Jones OAM, seconded by Clr M Connors

THAT the reports received from the Joint Authorities be received.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

## 6. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*, the Agenda is to include details of any Council workshop held since the last meeting.

It is reported that no Council workshops have been held since the last ordinary meeting of Council.

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the information be received.**

### C/12/09/012/19149 DECISION

Moved by Clr B Campbell, seconded by Clr A R Bantick

THAT the information be received.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

## 7. 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 2005*, 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.

The Deputy General Manager reported that the following item be included on the Agenda. The matters are urgent, and the necessary advice is provided (if applicable):-

- Bio-diversity Offsets (Item 20.1)

### 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 2005*.**

### C/12/09/013/19150 DECISION

Moved by Clr J L Jones OAM, seconded by Clr D F Fish

THAT the Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with the above listed supplementary item not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

**8. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*, 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 2005*.

*Nil*

**9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (SCHEDULED FOR 12.30 PM)**

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*, the agenda is to make provision for public question time.

In particular, Regulation 31 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005* states:

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

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

***Deputy Mayor M Jones OAM advised the meeting that no formal questions on notice had been received for the meeting.***

***Refer to item held later in the meeting***

**9.1 PERMISSION TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Permission has been granted for the following person(s) to address Council:

- Destination Southern Tasmania CEO Ben Targett and Deputy-Chair Malcolm Wells will attend the meeting at 10.00 a.m. They will brief Council in relation to the activities of Destination Southern Tasmania (DST).

**10. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDER REGULATION 16 (5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2005****10.1 TASMANIA POLICE SERVICES – SOUTHERN MIDLANDS**

Clr J L Jones OAM has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

“That the Southern Midlands Council writes to the State Government (Premier & Minister for Police) seeking an assurance that police services, and more specifically police numbers, will not be reduced in the Southern Midlands area as a result of recent police officer redundancies”.

**BACKGROUND COMMENTS**

At this point of time, it is confirmed that at least two senior officers currently stationed within the Southern Midlands area (Oatlands and Kempton) have accepted redundancies from Tasmania Police. This is alarming given that this represents fifty percent (50%) of our current appointments. Council needs to seek an assurance that these officers will be replaced.

**C/12/09/016/19151 DECISION**

Moved by Clr J L Jones OAM, seconded by Clr D F Fish

That the Southern Midlands Council writes to the State Government (Premier & Minister for Police) seeking an assurance that police services, and more specifically police numbers, will not be reduced in the Southern Midlands area as a result of recent police officer redundancies.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	



**11. 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.*

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**11.2 SUBDIVISIONS**

Nil.

**11.3 MUNICIPAL SEAL (PLANNING AUTHORITY)**

Nil.

**11.4 PLANNING (OTHER)**

Nil.

**12. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – INFRASTRUCTURE)**

**12.1 ROADS**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 13**

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

Nil.

**12.2 BRIDGES**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 14**

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

Nil.

**12.3 WALKWAYS, CYCLE WAYS AND TRAILS**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 14**

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

Nil.

**12.4 LIGHTING**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 14**

- 1.4.1a Improve lighting for pedestrians.
- 1.4.1b Contestability of energy supply.

Nil.

**12.5 SEWERS****Strategic Plan Reference – Page 15**

1.5.1 Increase the number of properties that have access to reticulated sewerage services.

**12.5.1 State Water and Sewerage Corporation – Draft Constitution**

*File Ref:*

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER  
DATE 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

ATTACHMENT: Nil  
ENCLOSURE: Draft Constitution

**ISSUE**

Council to consider the draft Constitution prepared for the single state-wide Corporation.

**BACKGROUND**

Councillors have previously been provided with a copy of the draft Bill which is consistent with Local Government's requirements relating to the governance and management of a single water and sewerage Corporation.

The draft Constitution provides the level of detail to support the legislation, and is an amended version of the existing Constitutions for the regional corporations.

The LGAT has indicated that it will prepare a supporting document which provides more detail of the treatment and reasoning behind some of the issues.

**DETAIL**

Whilst noting that some matters of procedure and practice will be addressed in the Shareholders Letter of Expectation, there are a number of issues within the Constitution which require highlighting and acknowledgement. They being:

Share Class Structure – 29 classes of shares for each owner Council.

Clause 5 – Meetings:

The need to conduct two general meetings in each calendar year (the latter being the Annual General Meeting).

5.7 – Decisions at general meetings;

Clause 6 - Constitution

- Modification of Constitution requires at least 75% of members

Clause 8 – Owners’ Representatives

- Timeframe for appointment as an Owner representative is unlimited
- Owners representatives to be appoint a chief and deputy chief
- Functions – are as previously agreed by Council

Clause 9 – Role of Selection Committee

*Note: At a meeting of the Owners Representatives of Tasmanian Southern Councils (Held 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012), the following persons were appointed as the four southern members of the Selection Committee:*

*Mayor A E Bisdee*

*Mayor G Bury*

*Mayor D Chipman*

*Mayor T Foster*

Clause 10 – Directors

- Not more than 7 Directors (includes the Chair)
- Limited to a ten year appointment, unless extended by a majority of Owners’ representatives;
- 10.19 – limitation on sale or disposal of main undertaking

Clause 11 – Board Reporting and Communication

- Worth noting the requirements under this Clause

Clause 14 – Distribution of Profits

- Deletion of the provisions relating to priority dividends. The new Corporation will have no obligation to continue with priority dividends as these will have been resolved prior to commencement.

Schedule 4 – Special Majority Members Resolution

- Issues which require a special majority members resolution (i.e. at least 75% of the votes cast by members entitled to vote on the resolution).

Schedule 5 – Unanimous Members Resolution

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – Council has previously considered the financial implications of a single state-wide corporation. This consideration forming part of the decision to support the proposed merger.

*Note: The projected dividend distributions for the Southern Midlands Council would increase to \$2.824 million (total for the 8 year period end 2020/21) compared to \$2.503 million standalone.*

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – N/A.

**Policy Implications** – Policy position.

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – The LGAT requires feedback on the draft constitution be early November. Council may elect to finalise its comments at the next meeting.

## RECOMMENDATION

**Submitted for discussion and direction.**

### C/12/09/021/19152 DECISION

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Clr J L Jones OAM

THAT the item be deferred until the next meeting pending further comments to be received.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

**12.6 WATER**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 15**

1.6.1 Increase the number of properties that have access to reticulated water.

Nil.

**12.7 IRRIGATION**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 15**

1.7.1 Increase access to irrigation water within the municipality.

Nil.

**12.8 DRAINAGE**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 16**

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

Nil.

**12.9 WASTE**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 16**

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

Nil.

**12.10 INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 16**

1.10.1 Improve access to modern communications infrastructure.

Nil.

**12.11 SIGNAGE**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 16**

1.11.1 Signage that is distinctive, informative, easy to see and easy to understand.

Nil.

**12.12 OFFICER REPORTS – WORKS & TECHNICAL SERVICES (ENGINEERING)**

**12.12.1 Manager - Works & Technical Services Report**

*File Ref:* 3/075

AUTHOR MANAGER – WORKS & SERVICES

DATE 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

**ROADS PROGRAM**

Gravel re-sheeting in the Stonehouse area and maintenance grading of the Glenmorey Road.

**BRIDGE PROGRAM**

The bypass for the Eldon Road Bridge has been completed and will be in operation next week. Works will commence on the Bridge on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

No current issues.

**TOWN FACILITIES PROGRAM**

General mowing and spraying activities being undertaken within townships.

**The following Works and Technical Services issues were raised for discussion:**

Roads Program – Barrack Street, Oatlands Sandstone edging Mr J Lyall (Manager – Works & Technical Services) to discuss with Mr B Williams (Manager – Heritage Projects) on ways to undertake repairs required. Draining and culvert works on Swan Street / East Bagdad Road waiting on Engineering design / report. General potholing works required at Stonehenge and Inglewood Road area. York Plains Road requires dig out works, this to be commenced within couple week. Banticks Road, Bagdad fencing issue, an onsite meeting to be arranged.

Bridge Program – Swanston River (Little Swanport) the load limit for this bridge will be reduced to a 5t load limit. Burns Creek Bridge (Lyalls Road) will be restricted to 10t load limit.

Shene Road, and Brown Mountain Road Bridge will be brought forward on the bridge replacement program.

Town Facilities Program - Tree trimmers commencing 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the information be received.**

**C/12/09/024/19153 DECISION**

Moved by Clr D F Fish, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT the information be received.

**CARRIED.**

<b>Vote For</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote Against</b>
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	



**12.12.2 Tenders – Supply of Mowers (unit 35I & 35G)***File Ref:*

AUTHOR                   WORKS COORDINATOR – OATLANDS (C WHATLEY)  
 DATE                      20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

ATTACHMENT:    Nil.  
 ENCLOSURE:      Nil.

**ISSUE**

Council to consider tenders received for the supply of replacement Mowers for Units 25I and 35G (including trade-ins).

**BACKGROUND**

Units 35I & 35G were purchased in November 2009 for an amount of \$32,000 each. They have a current book value (residual value) of \$10,000 each. The mowers are due to be replaced in November 2012, based on Council's current replacement policy of 3 years for Mowers.

**DETAIL**

Four Tenders were received for the supply of new Mowers (including Trade-ins). Three separate tenders were received for purchase of the existing Mowers.

The following is a summary:

Supplier	Description	Price (excl GST)	Trade-In (excl GST)	Balance (excl GST)
Southern Machinery	Ford New Holland G6030 30hp Diesel Warranty – 1 Year	\$42,182	Nil	\$42,182
Midlands Tractors	John Deere 1445 31hp Diesel Warranty – 2 Years	Not specified	Not specified	\$51,420
Tasmania Farm Equipment	Kubota F2880 28hp Diesel	\$64,000	\$24,000	\$40,000

	Warranty – 4 Years (2,500 hours)			
Tasmania Farm Equipment	Iseki SF310 31hp Diesel Warranty – not specified.	\$68,000	\$24,000	\$44,000

Based on an assessment of the tenders, particularly in relation to the prepared specifications, the tender submitted by Tasmania Farm Equipment is the preferred option, with a total changeover of \$40,000. Warranty considerations was also a major factor.

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – The combined budget for the replacement of these Units was \$50,000.00 (net changeover).

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – N/A.

**Policy Implications** – N/A

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

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Council accept the Tender submitted by Tasmania Farm Equipment for the supply of two new Mowers, including trade-in allowances, being a net changeover of \$40,000.00.**

### C/12/09/026/19154 DECISION

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Clr C J Beven

THAT Council accept the Tender submitted by Tasmania Farm Equipment for the supply of two new Mowers, including trade-in allowances, being a net changeover of \$40,000.00.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

**C/12/09/027/19155 DECISION**

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT the items in closed session be brought forward onto the agenda.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT Council move into “Closed Session” and the meeting be closed to the public.**

**C/12/09/028/19156 DECISION**

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT Council move into “Closed Session” and the meeting be closed to the public.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

## **CLOSED COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **21. BUSINESS IN “CLOSED SESSION “**

**EXCLUDED FROM THE MINUTES PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 (2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2005.**

**T F KIRKWOOD  
GENERAL MANAGER**

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GENERAL MANAGER**



**EXCLUDED FROM THE MINUTES PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 (2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2005.**

**T F KIRKWOOD  
GENERAL MANAGER**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**C/12/09/034/19159 DECISION**

Moved by Clr B Campbell, seconded by Clr D F Fish

THAT Council move out of “Closed Session”.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT Council endorse the decision made in “Closed Session”.**

**C/12/09/034/19160 DECISION**

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Clr D F Fish

THAT Council endorse the decision made in “Closed Session”.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

**13. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – GROWTH)**

**13.1 RESIDENTIAL**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 17**

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

Nil.

**13.2 TOURISM**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 18**

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

Nil.

**13.3 BUSINESS**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 19**

2.3.1a Increase the number and diversity of businesses in the Southern Midlands.  
2.3.1b Increase employment within the municipality.  
2.3.1c Increase Council revenue to facilitate business and development activities (social enterprise)

Nil.

**13.4 INDUSTRY**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 20**

2.4.1 Retain and enhance the development of the rural sector as a key economic driver in the Southern Midlands.

Nil.

**13.5 INTEGRATION**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 21**

2.5.1 The integrated development of towns and villages in the Southern Midlands.

Nil.

*The meeting was suspended for a short break at 12.57 p.m. and resumed at 1.15 p.m.*

### **Council Public Meeting**

The public consultation commenced at 1.15 p.m.

Two members in the gallery Mr Jim & Mrs Denise Rossiter from Nunns Road, Broadmarsh

Mrs Denise Rossiter expressed her concerns regarding her property issues at Nunns Road Broadmarsh and provided the meeting with a letter which documented the issues, in which they raised at the meeting.

It was discussed that an onsite meeting be conducted with Mr J Lyall, Mr A Benson, Deputy Mayor M Jones OAM and Clr A R Bantick.

The Public Consultation concluded at 1.45 p.m. and the meeting resumed

*Clr J L Jones OAM left the meeting at 1.47 p.m.*

## 14 OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – LANDSCAPES)

### 14.1 HERITAGE

#### Strategic Plan Reference – Page 22

- |       |  |
|-------|--|
| 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. |

#### 14.1.1 Heritage Project Officer's Report

AUTHOR      MANAGER HERITAGE PROJECTS (B WILLIAMS)  
 DATE        20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

ENCLOSURE      Southern Midlands Council Heritage Projects Program Annual Report 2011-12

#### ISSUE

Southern Midlands Heritage Projects – report from Manager Heritage Projects

#### DETAIL

During the past month, Southern Midlands Council heritage projects have included:

- The Southern Midlands Probation Stations and Community Heritage Archive projects are progressing.
- Work is being done on assembling a list of places or archaeological sensitivity for incorporation into the new planning scheme.
- Heritage collections audit is continuing.
- Installations for the Oatlands Gaol interpretation are near complete.
- Works towards capping and stabilisation of the Oatlands Gaol walls are underway.
- Recording works are being undertaken by student volunteers at the Picton Road Station site.

The Southern Midlands Council Heritage Projects Program Annual Report 2011-12 is enclosed for Councillor's information.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the information be received.**

### **C/12/09/038/19161 DECISION**

Moved by Clr C J Beven, seconded by Clr A O Green

THAT the information be received.

**CARRIED.**

<b>Vote For</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote Against</b>
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	

**14.2 NATURAL****Strategic Plan Reference – Page 23**

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

**14.2.1 Landcare Unit – General Report**

*File Ref: 03/082*

AUTHORS NRM PROGRAMS MANAGER (M WEEDING)

DATE 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

**ISSUE**

Southern Midlands Landcare Unit Monthly Report

**DETAIL**

- The Dulverton Walking Track has seen further maintenance works undertaken with the entire 6.9 Km track having been sprayed for weeds. Almost all the native plants that have been planted along the track edge have also been sprayed around. This is to control competitive grass/weed growth that would have competed for moisture over the summer months.
- Work on the Bushlinks500 project continues. The Australian Government has confirmed approval of the detailed project schedule that was submitted. To date, two landholders are interested in becoming involved in the project and site works modelling and planning is currently progressing. The aim is to engage at least one more participant for the coming season.
- The CEEP (Community Energy Efficiency Program) Project to retrofit the Town Hall for energy efficiency has been slightly delayed due to the slow process of finalising the Funding Agreement and Schedules. The Funding Agreement should be finalised in the next few weeks.
- A summary outline of landcare and environmental works covered by the landcare unit over the last twelve months was compiled. The information will now form part of the package that will be provided to the Tidy Towns judging panel viewing the Southern Midlands in October.
- Follow up with landholders that participated in the Biodiversity on Farms project is continuing to ensure that all works have been undertaken in accordance with the original funded activities – such as weed control, fencing of remnant bush areas and planting of sites.

- A meeting between Tasmania Irrigation, Southern Midlands Planning Officers, Southern Midlands NRM / landcare Unit Manager and Council's General Manager was recently held. This was to discuss the planned water being made available for the front section of Lake Dulverton. A second meeting is planned for mid November. It is anticipated that for the next meeting Tas Irrigation will have a lot more detail on the final design /screening process of the water. It is planned that a detailed report be submitted to Council for the December meeting (if the appropriate information is available).

## RECOMMENDATION

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

### **C/12/09/040/19162 DECISION**

Moved by Clr B Campbell, seconded by Clr D F Fish

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

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	



**14.3 CULTURAL**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 23**

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|--------|---|
| 3.3.1a | Increase the retention, documentation and accessibility of the aboriginal convict, rural and contemporary culture of the Southern Midlands. |
| 3.3.1b | Ensure that the Cultural diversity of the Southern Midlands is maximised.   |

Nil.

**14.4 REGULATORY (OTHER THAN PLANNING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEMS)**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 24**

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|-------|---|
| 3.4.1 | A regulatory environment that is supportive of and enables appropriate development. |
|-------|---|

Nil.

## 14.5 CLIMATE CHANGE

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 24**

3.5.1 Implement strategies to address issues of climate change in relation to its impact on Councils corporate functions and on the Community.

### 14.5.1 Energy Efficiency Progress Report for Council Premises and Facilities

AUTHOR: CLIMATE CHANGE & GIS PROJECT MANAGER (G GREEN)

DATE: 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

#### ISSUE

Progress Report on energy efficiency actions for Council buildings and facilities – specific to Action 3.2 in Council’s Climate Change Action Plan.

#### BACKGROUND

Southern Midlands Council’s Climate Change Action Plan was updated in June 2012. The Action Plan covers the following elements:

- Energy auditing (tracking electricity and fuel usage, and associated emissions, across all council functions on a quarterly basis).
- Energy efficiency (using data collected in energy auditing to guide actions that can effectively reduce energy usage and fuel consumption).
- Waste management – approaches to dealing with green waste (which generates the potent greenhouse gas methane if left unmanaged) collected at waste disposal sites and transfer stations.
- Natural resource management e.g. tree planting (for capture and storage of carbon in trees) and regenerative agriculture (to promote capture and storage of carbon in soils).
- Community programs such as energy efficiency advice and information sessions.

This report provides an update of progress made with Action 3.2 from the Action Plan which reads as follows:

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>	<b>RESOURCING</b>	<b>COLLABORATORS</b>	<b>TIMEFRAME</b>
<b>3.2 Energy usage tracking</b> (electricity and fuel) to gauge performance, build upon the database of energy consumption, to track trends, and to establish appropriate and cost-effective ways to reduce energy consumption.	Quarterly reporting and review since 2008, with data back to 2005.	Internal	Planet Footprint	Current & ongoing

## DETAIL

Southern Midlands Council made solid progress with energy efficiency in 2011/12 cutting energy consumption by 6%. Energy usage and costs for Council's major facilities is provided in Table 1. While overall electricity consumption fell by 6%, total cost for electricity (\$114,000) was up by 11% from the previous year. Had Council maintained electricity consumption at the same level as the previous year, the annual bill would have amounted to \$121,000, amounting to a minimum saving of \$7,000 for the year.

Table 1: SMC energy usage and costs for 2011/12

Site	Energy Use (kilowatt hours)			Energy Cost		
	2011/12	Previous year	Change from previous year	2011/12	Previous year	Change from previous year
Swimming Pool	118,670	158,854	-25%	\$12,850	\$13,510	-5%
Oatlands Offices	59,352	66,087	-10%	\$12,900	\$14,150	-9%
Tourism Centre	53,505	32,640	+64%	\$13,132	\$7,430	+77%
Kempton Offices	34,050	36,950	-8%	\$8,241	\$8,060	+2%
Oatlands Gaolhouse	27,060			\$7,035		
<b>Whole Organisation</b>	<b>491,111</b>	<b>521,944</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>\$114,000</b>	<b>\$103,000</b>	<b>+11%</b>

Improvements in energy efficiency at both the Oatlands and Kempton offices were partly attributable to improved awareness by staff on energy efficiency matters, together with an incentive offered by management to improve performance.

Continuing improvement in performance is an aspiration for the current year. Energy efficiency auditing is currently being conducted for the Oatlands Gaolhouse and the Central Tasmanian Tourism Centre. This work is being conducted by Dr John Todd in

response to staff concerns about large electricity bills at the two sites. This work will build upon the detailed audit work conducted by Dr Todd for the Oatlands and Kempton offices and is expected to offer a range of potential solutions to reducing energy consumption.

Work is expected to commence on the Town Hall Oatlands in the coming months to improve the energy efficiency of the premises. The work will largely be funded by a grant received from the Australian Government's Community Energy efficiency Program (CEEP) (\$27,000), together with a contribution of \$15,000 from Council. Once completed, the work is expected to result in reduction in energy usage of 18,000 kilowatt hours per year, or the equivalent of nearly \$5,000 year in energy costs.

Work on the Town Hall will include:

- Replacement of 2000 W fan heaters with 160W 'thermofilm' under-desk personal heaters - 5 units.
- Rebuild front foyer - add comfort plus laminate glass, restore & seal double doors, and insulate ceiling with R4.1 batts.
- Public access point 2 – Stutzer Street side entry foyer - air-lock installed with new doors and 'closer' to restrict cold air entry to building.
- Double-glazed poly glass ceiling built & installed in the vaulted ceiling of the Works & Technical Services Section.
- Air leaks in all opening window sashes of Town Hall sealed. All fireplaces sealed.
- Roof of Works & Technical Services Section removed, R4.1 batts and sarking installed, iron reinstated.
- Double-glazed skylight unit built & installed in council's 'print room'.
- Perspex units retro-fitted to internal side of windows in offices and meeting rooms - for a 'double-glazed' effect.
- Sensor-operated lighting installed at appropriate locations (toilets kitchen).

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

#### *Human resources*

Management of Council's approach to energy efficiency is undertaken by the Project Manager as part of existing duties (climate change, energy efficiency, vegetation and biodiversity management)(0.5 FTE).

***Financial implications***

Council contributes approximately \$2,500 annually towards auditing of electricity usage, fuel usage and greenhouse gas emissions (conducted for Tasmanian Councils by Planet Footprint). Grant income from the CEEP will amount to \$18,706 in the current financial year which will cover materials for the Town hall refit, and a contribution to wages and administrative costs.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications**

***Community consultation*** - Not applicable

***Public relations*** - There are potential positive public relations outcomes from Councils efforts in energy efficiency.

**Web site implications** - Not applicable

**Policy Implications** - At this stage Council does not have a formal policy on electricity efficiency measures.

**Priority – Implementation Timeframe** - Not applicable

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the information be received.**

**C/12/09/045/19163 DECISION**

Moved by Clr B Campbell, seconded by Clr A R Bantick

THAT the information be received.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	

**15 OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING LIFESTYLE**

**15.1 COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 25**

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

**15.2 YOUTH**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 25**

4.2.1 Increase the retention of young people in the municipality.

Nil.

**15.3 SENIORS**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 26**

4.3.1 Improve the ability of the seniors to stay in their communities.

Nil.

**15.4 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 26**

4.4.1 Ensure that appropriate childcare services as well as other family related services are facilitated within the Community.

Nil.

**15.5 VOLUNTEERS**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 26**

4.5.1 Encourage community members to volunteer.

Nil.

**15.6 ACCESS**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 27**

- 4.6.1a Continue to explore transport options for the Southern Midlands Community.
- 4.6.1b Continue to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.

Nil.

**15.7 PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 27**

- 4.7.1 Monitor and maintain a safe and healthy public environment.

Nil.

**15.8 RECREATION**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 28**

- 4.8.1 Provide a range of recreational activities and services that meet the reasonable needs of the Community.

Nil.

**15.9 ANIMALS****Strategic Plan Reference – Page 28**

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

**15.9.1 Animal Control Officers Report**

*File Ref:* 3/027

**AUTHOR** ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (G DENNE)

**DATE** 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

**ISSUE**

**Consideration of Animal Control Officer's monthly report.**

**DETAIL**

Refer Monthly Statement on Animal Control for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012.

DYSART: One aged ewe was killed in a dog attack, I am continuing my investigations and liaising with the Kempton police.

YORK PLAINS: This attack has been well advertised, I understand the police are developing theories about this matter. Councils Dog Trap has been set on site.

OATLANDS/PARATTAH: The Mercury reported that chooks had been attacked in Oatlands and a sheep attacked at Parattah. Neither of these matters was reported to Council however my advice is that the concerned parties have sorted it out between themselves.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Animal Control Officer's Monthly report be received.**

**C/12/09/048/19164 DECISION**

Moved by Clr D F Fish, seconded by Clr A O Green

THAT the Animal Control Officer's Monthly report be received.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	



**SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL  
MONTHLY STATEMENT ON ANIMAL CONTROL  
FOR PERIOD ENDING 31/8/2012**

**Total of Dogs Impounded:** 3  
**Dogs still in the Pound:** -

**Breakdown Being:**

ADOPTED	RECLAIMED	LETHALISED	ESCAPED
1	2	-	-

**MONEY RECEIVED**

**Being For:**

<b>Pound</b>	<u>\$209.09</u>
<b>Reclaims</b>	<u>\$7330.21</u>
<b>Dog Registrations</b>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<b>Kennel Licence Fee</b>	<u>\$390.00</u>
<b>Infringement Notices</b>	<u></u>
<b>Complaint Lodgement Fee</b>	<u></u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$8029.30</u>

**COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FOR PERIOD ENDING 31/8/2012**

**Dog at Large:** 3  
**Dog Attacks:** 2  
**Request Pick-ups:** 3  
**After Hours Calls:** 6  
**TOTAL** 14

**Number of Formal Complaints Received:** -  
**Number of Infringement Notices Issued:** -

**Animal Control Officer:** **Garth Denne**

**15.10 EDUCATION**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 28**

4.9.1 Increase the educational and employment opportunities available in the Southern Midlands.

Nil.

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

**16.1 RETENTION**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 29**

5.1.1 Maintain and strengthen communities in the Southern Midlands.

Nil.

## **16.2 CAPACITY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

### **Strategic Plan Reference – Page 29**

5.2.1 Build the capacity of the Community to help itself and embrace the framework and strategies articulated by the Social Inclusion Commissioner to achieve sustainability.

### **16.2.1 Colebrook Online Access Centre – 22 Richmond Road, Colebrook (PID 7194354)**

*File Ref:*

AUTHOR                    GENERAL MANAGER  
DATE                        19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

ATTACHMENT:        Extract from Council Meeting Minutes - November 2011  
ENCLOSURE:            Transfer Deed

### **ISSUE**

Council to approve terms and conditions and authorise signing the Deed to finalise the transfer of the DHHS property situated at 22 Richmond Street, Colebrook (Colebrook Online Access Centre).

### **BACKGROUND**

Council, at its meeting held in November 2011, resolved to take ownership of the Colebrook Online Access Centre at 22 Richmond Road, Colebrook (PID 7194354) and initiate the process through the Department of Health and Human Services.

A copy of the report provided to that meeting is included as an attachment.

### **DETAIL**

The Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment has now written to Council confirming that the property will transfer to Council under section 12 of the *Crown Lands Act 1976* on the same basis as properties that transferred to Council under the Crown Land Assessment and Classification (CLAC) project.

In recognition that no consideration will be payable, a “determinable” interest is to transfer containing conditions that require Council to use the property only for “community” (Including Online Access Centre) purposes. Council also must not sell the property, or any part of it, without prior written approval of the Minister.

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – Whilst no consideration will be payable, Council will be responsible for all costs associated with the issue of a Title for the property and its transfer into Councils' name.

There is no specific budget allocation for this matter, however costs are expected to be in the vicinity of \$1,500. Currently seeking confirmation of this amount.

Refer previous report in regard to other financial implications.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – Transferring ownership of the building will provide the Southern Midlands Council with full control of the building and its use as a community resource.

**Policy Implications** – N/A

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

## RECOMMENDATION

### THAT:

- a) Council acknowledge and approve the proposed terms and conditions; and
- b) authorise signing the Deed to finalise the transfer of the DHHS property situated at 22 Richmond Street, Colebrook (Colebrook Online Access Centre).

### C/12/09/052/19165 DECISION

Moved by Clr B Campbell, seconded by Clr C J Beven

### THAT:

- a) Council acknowledged and approved the proposed terms and conditions; and
- b) authorised signing of the Deed to finalise the transfer of the DHHS property situated at 22 Richmond Street, Colebrook (Colebrook Online Access Centre).

### **CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2011 COUNCIL MEETING**

**17.2 CAPACITY**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 24**

5.2.1 Build the capacity of the Community to help itself.

**17.2.1 Colebrook Online Access Centre – 22 Richmond Road, Colebrook (PID 7194354)**

*File Ref:*

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER  
DATE 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011

ATTACHMENT: Nil  
ENCLOSURE: Nil

**ISSUE**

**Council to consider an offer from the Department of Health and Human Services to take ownership of the Colebrook Online Access Centre property.**

**BACKGROUND**

The Southern Midlands Council currently leases the above property from the Department of Health and Human Services. The lease is for a period of 99 years and commenced on 1st August 1968.

Whilst the purpose of the Lease was for the operation of a Medical Centre, the building has been utilised as an Online Access Centre for a number of years. Council does not recoup any rent and the operational expenses are met by the Centre.

Strictly speaking, the lease is to be forfeited if the premises are used for any purpose other than a medical centre.

**DETAIL**

The Department is seeking to determine from Council whether it is interested in taking over ownership of the property.

It is proposed that the transfer would be at nil consideration but that Council would need to met all costs associated with the transfer, and that the existing arrangements, such as not charging rent for operating the Online Access Centre are maintained into the future.

It should be noted that the Minister for Crown Lands must first approve the transfer of Crown Land before a transfer can proceed.

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – A detailed assessment of the building has yet to be undertaken to determine its condition, however it could already be argued that Council has a responsibility to maintain the building under the existing Lease. Council has spent limited funds on the premises in the past.

The property has a total Capital Value of \$36,000 (includes Land Value of \$11,000) and inclusion of this property on Council’s Asset Schedule would increase depreciation by approximately \$500 per annum. Hence this would be an additional expense in the Operating Statement. The Department also currently pays the annual rates and charges of \$379.00 (Council) and Water and Sewerage charges are estimated at \$600.00.

It is estimated that the cost of transfer will be in the vicinity of \$1,500 which has obviously not been budgeted for.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – Transferring ownership of the building will provide the Southern Midlands Council with full control of the building and its use as a community resource.

**Policy Implications** – Nil.

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – DHHS to be advised as soon as practicable.

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Council agree to take ownership of the Colebrook Online Access Centre at 22 Richmond Road, Colebrook (PID 7194354) and initiate the process through the Department of Health and Human Services.**

## C/11/11/000/00000 DECISION

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Deputy Mayor M Jones OAM

THAT Council agree to take ownership of the Colebrook Online Access Centre at 22 Richmond Road, Colebrook (PID 7194354) and initiate the process through the Department of Health and Human Services.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	

### **16.3 SAFETY**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 30**

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

Nil.

### **16.4 CONSULTATION**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 30**

5.4.1 Improve the effectiveness of consultation with the Community.

Nil.

### **16.5 COMMUNICATION**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 30**

5.5.1 Improve the effectiveness of communication with the Community.

Nil.

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

### **17.1 IMPROVEMENT**

**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 31**

6.1.1 Improve the level of responsiveness to Community needs.  
6.1.2 Improve communication within Council.  
6.1.3 Improve the accuracy, comprehensiveness and user friendliness of the Council asset management system.  
6.1.4 Increase the effectiveness, efficiency and use-ability of Council IT systems.  
6.1.5 Develop an overall Continuous Improvement Strategy and framework

Nil.

**17.2 SUSTAINABILITY****Strategic Plan Reference – Page 32 & 33**

6.2.1	Retain corporate and operational knowledge within Council.
6.2.2	Provide a safe and healthy working environment.
6.2.3	Ensure that staff and elected members have the training and skills they need to undertake their roles.
6.2.4	Increase the cost effectiveness of Council operations through resource sharing with other organisations.
6.2.5	Continue to manage and improve the level of statutory compliance of Council operations.
6.2.6	Ensure that suitably qualified and sufficient staff are available to meet the Communities needs.
6.2.7	Work co-operatively with State and Regional organisations.
6.2.8	Minimise Councils exposure to risk.

**17.2.1 Australian Local Government Association – 2012 National Local Roads and Transport Congress***File Ref:* 29/002

AUTHOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (K BRAZENDALE)  
 DATE 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

**ISSUE**

Council to consider sending a delegate to the 2012 National Local Roads and Transport Congress.

**DETAIL**

The Australian Local Government Association 2012 National Local Roads and Transport Congress is to be held in Tasmania at Wrest Point Casino, from the 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – The registration is \$960.00 per delegate. Accommodation will not be arranged by the conference organisers and accommodation close to the venue will need to be made separately. Accommodation would be required for 2 nights, with an estimated cost of \$190.00 per night.

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

**Policy Implications** – Whilst Council does not have a formal policy, it has been normal practice for the Mayor to attend.

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – Registrations to be lodged and accommodation booking made.



**RECOMMENDATION****Submitted for consideration by Council.****C/12/09/057/19166 DECISION**

Moved by Clr C J Beven, seconded by Clr D F Fish

THAT Mayor A E Bisdee OAM attend the ALGA – 2012 National Local Roads and Transport Congress on behalf of Council.

**CARRIED.**

<b>Vote For</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote Against</b>
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	

*Clr J L Jones OAM returned to the meeting at 2.05 p.m.*

**17.3 FINANCES****Strategic Plan Reference – Page 33 & 34**

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|-------|---|
| 6.3.1 | Maintain current levels of community equity.  |
| 6.3.2 | Major borrowings for infrastructure will reflect the inter-generational nature of the assets created.   |
| 6.3.3 | Council will retain a minimum cash balance to cater for extra-ordinary circumstances.   |
| 6.3.4 | Operating expenditure will be maintained in real terms and expansion of services will be funded by re-allocation of service priorities or an increase in rates. |
| 6.4.4 | Sufficient revenue will be raised to sustain the current level of community and infrastructure services.  |

**17.3.1 Monthly Financial Statement (August 2012)**

*File Ref: 3/024*

AUTHOR FINANCE OFFICER  
DATE 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

Refer enclosed Report incorporating the following: -

- a) Current Expenditure Estimates
- b) Capital Expenditure Estimates

*Note: Refer to enclosed report detailing the individual capital projects.*

- c) Rates & Charges Summary – as at 14<sup>th</sup> September 2012
- d) Cash Flow Statement – July to August 2012.

*Note: Expenditure figures provided are for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 – approximately 17% of the period.*

**Comments****A. Current Expenditure Estimates (Operating Budget)****Strategic Theme – Infrastructure**

- **Sub-Program – Drainage** - expenditure to date (\$8,107 – 24.47%). General maintenance of drainage systems across various towns in municipal area. Budget to be monitored.

- **Sub-Program – Public Toilets** - expenditure to date (\$10,468 – 21.117%). The annual insurance premium has been paid for this program.

**Strategic Theme – Growth**

- **Sub-Program – Tourism** - expenditure to date (\$12,000 – 35.18%). Annual payment to Heritage Highway Tourism Region Association.

**Strategic Theme – Lifestyle**

- **Sub-Program – Child Care** - expenditure to date (\$5,236 – 31.67%). Includes annual payment of \$5,000 to Brighton Family Day Care Service.

**Strategic Theme – Community**

- **Sub-Program – Consultation** - expenditure to date (\$2,068 – 40.79%). Aurora expenses associated with the operation of the Radio Station. Part-reimbursement from Management Committee. The Station is awaiting an electrician to investigate and confirm separate metered connection.

**B. Capital Expenditure Estimates (Capital Budget)**

Nil.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the information be received.**

**C/12/09/059/19167 DECISION**

Moved by Clr C J Beven, seconded by Clr A O Green

THAT the information be received.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

## SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL : CURRENT EXPENDITURE 2012/13

## SUMMARY SHEET

PROGRAM	TOTAL	REVISED BUDGET (GRANTS & OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS)	ACTUAL AS AT 31 AUGUST 2012 17%	VARIANCE (+/-)	% BASED ON REVISED BUDGET 100%
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>					
Roads	1291666	1291666	216990	1074676	16.80%
Bridges	81313	81313	1590	79723	1.95%
Walkways	167192	167192	21740	145452	13.00%
Lighting	82035	82035	0	82035	0.00%
Irrigation	2450	2450	0	2450	0.00%
Drainage	33128	33128	8107	25021	24.47%
Waste	507046	507046	62828	444218	12.39%
Public Toilets	49580	49580	10468	39112	21.11%
Communications	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Signage	12300	12300	1190	11110	9.68%
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:</b>	<b>2226710</b>	<b>2226710</b>	<b>322914</b>	<b>1903796</b>	<b>14.50%</b>
<b>GROWTH</b>					
Residential	2900	2900	0	2900	0.00%
Mill Operations	759628	759628	125218	634410	16.48%
Tourism	34110	34110	12000	22110	35.18%
Business	66250	66250	11354	54896	17.14%
Agriculture	5256	5256	0	5256	0.00%
Integration	27600	27600	0	27600	0.00%
<b>GROWTH TOTAL:</b>	<b>895744</b>	<b>895744</b>	<b>148572</b>	<b>747172</b>	<b>16.59%</b>
<b>LANDSCAPES</b>					
Heritage	293347	293347	37861	255486	12.91%
Natural	132062	132062	25488	106574	19.30%
Cultural	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Regulatory	759930	759930	118086	641844	15.54%
Climate Change	39418	39418	4628	34790	11.74%
<b>LANDSCAPES TOTAL:</b>	<b>1224757</b>	<b>1224757</b>	<b>186063</b>	<b>1038694</b>	<b>15.19%</b>
<b>LIFESTYLE</b>					
Youth	177469	177469	22145	155324	12.48%
Aged	1500	1500	0	1500	0.00%
Childcare	16535	16535	5236	11299	31.67%
Volunteers	41311	41311	134	41177	0.32%
Access	6405	6405	0	6405	0.00%
Public Health	7665	7665	315	7350	4.10%
Recreation	348300	348300	53281	295019	15.30%
Animals	67690	67690	12768	54922	18.86%
Education	0	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>LIFESTYLE TOTAL:</b>	<b>666875</b>	<b>666875</b>	<b>93879</b>	<b>572996</b>	<b>14.08%</b>
<b>COMMUNITY</b>					
Retention	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Capacity	26025	26025	380	25645	1.46%
Safety	51400	51400	9158	42242	17.82%
Consultation	5070	5070	2068	3002	40.79%
Communication	15125	15125	1018	14107	6.73%
<b>COMMUNITY TOTAL:</b>	<b>97620</b>	<b>97620</b>	<b>12625</b>	<b>84995</b>	<b>12.93%</b>
<b>ORGANISATION</b>					
Improvement	5850	5850	0	5850	0.00%
Sustainability	1326000	1326000	298478	1027522	22.51%
Finances	227585	227585	3970	223615	1.74%
<b>ORGANISATION TOTAL:</b>	<b>1559435</b>	<b>1559435</b>	<b>302448</b>	<b>1256987</b>	<b>19.39%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6671141</b>	<b>6671141</b>	<b>1066500</b>	<b>5604641</b>	<b>15.99%</b>

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INFRASTRUCTURE	ROAD ASSETS	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
	Reshelling Program	\$ 700,000	\$ 125,287	\$ 574,713	
	Reseal Program	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ 350,000	
	Reconstruct & Seal	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
		\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 80,000	
		\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000	
		\$ 80,000	\$ 39,878	\$ 40,122	
		\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000	
		\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
		\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
		\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
		\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
		\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
		\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
		\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
		\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
		\$ 6,637	\$ -	\$ 6,637	
		\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	
		\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000	
		\$ 25,600	\$ -	\$ 25,600	
		\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
		\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
		\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	
		\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	
		\$ 5,200	\$ -	\$ 5,200	50% Balance - Property Owner
		\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
		\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
		\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
		\$ 35,000	\$ 12,646	\$ 22,354	
		\$ 110,000	\$ 32,061	\$ 77,939	
		\$ 80,000	\$ 58,680	\$ 1,320	
		\$ 10,000	\$ 300	\$ 9,700	
		\$ 1,799,437	\$ 268,852	\$ 1,530,585	

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	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
<b>BRIDGE ASSETS</b>				
Chauncy Vale Road (Browns Cave Creek B3763)	\$ 51,320	\$ -	\$ 51,320	
Daniells Road - Marshall's Crk	\$ 26,440	\$ -	\$ 26,440	
Swanston Road - Little Swampport Rv (B 1716)	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	Design Only
Eldon Road - Burns Creek (B436)	\$ 87,340	\$ 34,446	\$ 52,894	
<b>Works In Progress (30/6/12):</b>				
Elderslie Rd (Grahams Creek Bridge)	\$ -	\$ 1,231	\$ 1,231	
Elderslie Rd (Jordan River Bridge)	\$ 804,160	\$ 765,155	\$ 39,005	
Fields Road (No. 1851)	\$ -	\$ 1,469	\$ 1,469	
Rotherwood Road Bridge (No. 1137)	\$ 57,000	\$ 1,653	\$ 55,347	
	<b>\$ 1,065,260</b>	<b>\$ 803,955</b>	<b>\$ 262,305</b>	
<b>WALKWAYS</b>				
Footpaths - General (Program to be confirmed)	\$ 130,000	\$ -	\$ 130,000	
Bagdad Township				
- East Bagdad Road (Le Complete to Highway)	\$ 50,000	\$ 4,969	\$ 45,031	
- Swan Street	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	
Campania Township				
- Reeve Street (Vicinity of Store)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
- Review Management Plan (Site Plan) / Walking Tracks (Bush Reserve)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
Kempston Township				
- Huntingground Road (to School)	\$ 5,500	\$ -	\$ 5,500	
- Kempston Hall (rear of Hall)	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	
- Main Street - Elizabeth St to Shop (excl front of Hotel)	\$ 14,445	\$ -	\$ 14,445	
Margalore Township				
- Blackbrush Road (Mountford Drive down - 300 mm pipe - 110 metres)	\$ 16,500	\$ -	\$ 16,500	
Oatlands Township				
- High Street (Tree Planting)	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000	
Tunnaack Township				
- Various (to be confirmed)	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000	
	<b>\$ 274,445</b>	<b>\$ 4,969</b>	<b>\$ 269,476</b>	
<b>LIGHTING</b>				
Nil Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>DRAINAGE</b>				
Bagdad				
- Hall Lane (opp Community Club)	\$ 18,000	\$ 6,889	\$ 11,101	Carry Forward
- Swan Street - Kerb & Gutter (eastern side - 250 metres)	\$ 21,882	\$ -	\$ 21,882	
- Swan Street - Kerb & Gutter (western side - 400 metres)	\$ 39,388	\$ -	\$ 39,388	
- North of Le Complete Place Subdivision	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
Kempston				
- Louisa Street	\$ 21,740	\$ -	\$ 21,740	
Oatlands				
- High St/Wellington Street Junction	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
<b>Works In Progress (30/6/12):</b>				
Reeve St (Open Drain - north of Telephone Box)	\$ 28,000	\$ 3,750	\$ 24,250	
Stanley Street, Oatlands (Albert Terrace)	\$ 6,140	\$ 4,317	\$ 1,823	
	<b>\$ 150,150</b>	<b>\$ 14,966</b>	<b>\$ 135,184</b>	
<b>WASTE</b>				
Whedde Brns & Crakes	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
Rubbish Receptacles (Heritage) - 15 @ \$700	\$ 10,500	\$ -	\$ 10,500	
	<b>\$ 15,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 15,500</b>	

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	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
<b>PUBLIC TOILETS</b>				
Colebrook - Power Connection & Lighting	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	Carry Forward
	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	
<b>SIGNAGE</b>				
Oatlands Signage	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	Carry Forward
	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>				
Nil Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	
<b>TOURISM</b>				
Avenues of Honour	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	Carry Forward
	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	
<b>HERITAGE</b>				
Court House (Restoration - Toilet & Kitchenette Fac's)	\$ 22,767	\$ 1,330	\$ 21,437	
Kempton Watch House (Fitout)	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
Callington Mill (Master Precinct Plan)	\$ 22,000	\$ -	\$ 22,000	
Goal (Community Heritage Program)	\$ 96,000	\$ -	\$ 96,000	Grant Funded
Gaol (Furnishings & Fitout)	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	
Purchase - 79 High Street Oatlands (Purchase & \$40K)	\$ 166,000	\$ -	\$ 166,000	Loan Funded
	<u>\$ 329,767</u>	<u>\$ 1,330</u>	<u>\$ 328,437</u>	
<b>LANDSCAPES</b>				
Jericho Trees	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	Carry Forward
	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	
<b>REGULATORY</b>				
Kempton Council Chambers - Building & Office Improvements	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
Kempton Council Chambers - Office Equipment	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 3,500	
	<u>\$ 23,500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 23,500</u>	

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LIFESTYLE	RECREATION	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
	Recreation Committee	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	
	Bagdad Iden Park - Table / Chairs	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500	
	Kempston Memorial Hall	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
	Campania Recreation Ground - Cricket Nets	\$ 36,430	\$ 5,646	\$ 30,884	
	Campania Hall - Footpath (adjacent to Hall)	\$ 3,900	\$ -	\$ 3,900	
	Campania Hall - Car Park Imp's (incl. part sea)	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ 35,000	
	Colbrook Recreation Ground (Amenities)	\$ 16,367	\$ -	\$ 16,367	
	Midlands Aquatic & Recreation Centre	\$ 75,000	\$ 756	\$ 74,244	
	Paratiah Recreation Ground	\$ 2,600	\$ -	\$ 2,600	
		<b>\$ 211,797</b>	<b>\$ 6,302</b>	<b>\$ 205,495</b>	
COMMUNITY					
	Road Accident Rescue Unit	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	
		<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	
ORGANISATION					
	SUSTAINABILITY ADMINISTRATION				
	Council Chambers - Building Improvements (\$ for \$)	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
	Council Chambers - Damp Issues & Stonemasonry	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
	Council Chambers (External Windows - Repaint)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	Carry Forward
	Computer System (Hardware / Software)	\$ 22,000	\$ 21,029	\$ 971	
	Town Hall (Chairs)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
	Paintings (ref Mayor)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	
	Town Hall (General)	\$ 8,288	\$ -	\$ 8,288	
	Town Hall (Upstairs) - Rewiring	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
	Asset Management - Computer Software	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
	Web Site - Capital Development	\$ -	\$ 9,664	\$ (9,664)	
	Minor Plant Purchases	\$ 13,500	\$ -	\$ 13,500	
	Radio System	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	
	Security Key System	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000	
	Depot - Glenelg Street (Security Fencing)	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	
	Plant Replacement Program	\$ 494,152	\$ -	\$ 494,152	
	Refer separate Schedule (Net Changeover)	\$ 144,000	\$ 31,709	\$ 112,291	
	Light Vehicles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	(Trade Allowance - \$240K)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Excavator (Approx. 2.70 tonne)	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000	
		<b>\$ 864,938</b>	<b>\$ 62,401</b>	<b>\$ 742,537</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 4,716,794</b>	<b>\$ 1,162,776</b>	<b>\$ 3,554,018</b>	



**SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES LEVIED, REMITTED AND COLLECTED**

	14/09/2012	14/09/2011
Arrears Brought Forward	\$251,900.24	\$212,537.06
ADD Current Rates and Charges Levied	\$3,933,610.20	\$3,740,972.51
ADD Current Interest	\$3,289.96	\$4,196.31
<b>TOTAL Rates and Charges Demanded</b>	<b>\$4,188,800.40</b>	<b>\$3,957,705.88</b>
LESS Rates and Charges Collected	\$775,297.39	\$1,075,590.83
LESS Pensioner Remissions	\$190,867.39	\$179,404.25
LESS Other Remissions	-\$2,348.86	-\$4,087.38
LESS Discounts	\$7,577.73	\$11,024.30
<b>TOTAL Rates and Charges Collected and Remitted</b>	<b>\$971,393.65</b>	<b>\$1,261,932.00</b>
<b>UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES</b>	<b>\$3,217,406.75</b>	<b>\$2,695,773.88</b>
	<b>76.81%</b>	<b>68.11%</b>
	<b>23.19%</b>	<b>31.89%</b>
	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>18.51%</b>	<b>27.18%</b>
	<b>4.56%</b>	<b>4.53%</b>
	<b>-0.06%</b>	<b>-0.10%</b>
	<b>0.18%</b>	<b>0.28%</b>

	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (July 2012)	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (August 2012)	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (Year to Date)
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Payments			
Employee costs	- 357,728.80	- 242,200.74	- 599,929.54
Materials and contracts	- 332,549.49	- 351,467.48	- 684,016.97
Interest	- 888.14	- -	- 888.14
Other	- 9,340.53	- 16,720.50	- 26,061.03
	<u>- 700,506.96</u>	<u>- 610,388.72</u>	<u>- 1,310,895.68</u>
Receipts			
Rates	57,360.96	246,084.53	303,445.49
User charges	91,304.92	96,850.99	188,155.91
Interest received	19,147.65	25,894.70	45,042.35
Subsidies	-	-	-
Other revenue grants	-	-	-
GST Refunds from ATO	-	-	-
Other	67,895.17	59,116.17	127,011.34
	<u>235,708.70</u>	<u>427,946.39</u>	<u>663,655.09</u>
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<u>- 464,798.26</u>	<u>- 182,442.33</u>	<u>- 647,240.59</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Payments for property, plant & equipment	- 48,552.43	- 142,126.33	- 190,678.76
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	12,357.27	-	12,357.27
Proceeds from Capital grants	-	-	-
Proceeds from Investments	-	-	-
Payment for Investments	-	-	-
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<u>- 36,195.16</u>	<u>- 142,126.33</u>	<u>- 178,321.49</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayment of borrowings	- 4,443.64	- -	- 4,443.64
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	-
<b>Net cash from (used in) financing activities</b>	<u>- 4,443.64</u>	<u>- -</u>	<u>- 4,443.64</u>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash held</b>	<u>- 505,437.06</u>	<u>- 324,568.66</u>	<u>- 830,005.72</u>
Cash at beginning of reporting year	7,993,200.13	7,487,763.07	7,993,200.13
<b>Cash at end of reporting year</b>	<u><u>7,487,763.07</u></u>	<u><u>7,163,194.41</u></u>	<u><u>7,163,194.41</u></u>

**17.3.3 Dulverton Masonic Lodge – Request for Rate Remission**

*File Ref:* 5842258 GAY

AUTHOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (K BRAZENDALE)  
DATE 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2012

**ISSUE**

Consideration of a request for a rate remission for the Trustees Dulverton Masonic Lodge situated at 3 Gay Street, Oatlands.

**BACKGROUND**

Trustees Dulverton Masonic Lodge is a not for profit organisation, who frequently make donations to various community groups throughout the Municipality.

**DETAIL**

The details of the property are as follows:-

**Property Id 5842258 – 3 Gay Street, Oatlands**

General Rate	275.00
Waste Management	110.00
Fire Levy	36.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>421.00</b>

In reference to the Policy, Council is to consider granting a remission of Rates and Charges levied on properties, where there is a recognised benefit to the broader community.

**The following procedure is provided for the assessment process:**

Where it is determined that the applicant is eligible for a remission (i.e. there is a recognised benefit to the broader community), then:

- a) Council is to determine a percentage of the General Rate that it is prepared to remit (based on the assessed level of broader community benefit); and
- b) consider a remission of any Service Charges based on the following principles:
  - i. Household Garbage & Recycling Charge – Charge to apply if service provided.
  - ii. Waste Management Levy – Charge to apply in all cases.
  - iii. Fire Service Levy – Charge to apply in all cases.

Based on the above, Council is to determine the level of remission on the general rate only.

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** - Dependant on the level of remission (if any) granted by Council.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** - N/A.

**Policy Implications** - Reference Policy No. 5.6.2.2 – ‘Remissions – Charitable, Community and Sporting Bodies’.

Trustees Dulverton Masonic Lodge, is not recognised in the existing Policy.

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT Council grant a fifty percent (50%) remission of the General Rate only.**

**C/12/09/068/19168 DECISION**

Moved by Clr J L Jones OAM, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT Council grant a fifty percent (50%) remission of the General Rate only (\$137.50).

**CARRIED.**

<b>Vote For</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote Against</b>
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

**18. INFORMATION BULLETINS**

Refer enclosed Bulletin dated 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

Information Bulletin dated 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 circulated since previous meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Information Bulletins dated 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 and the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012 be received and the contents noted.**

**C/12/09/069/19169 DECISION**

Moved by Clr C J Beven, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT the Information Bulletins dated 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 and the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012 be received and the contents noted.

**CARRIED.**

<b>Vote For</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote Against</b>
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

**18.1 QUESTION TIME (COUNCILLORS)**

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

Comments / Update will be provided in relation to the following:

1. Deputy Mayor Mark Jones OAM

The Mayor had asked the Deputy Mayor to raise the matter of signage at Mangalore, with the issue being that the speed limit on the Midlands Highway in a northerly direction from the new roundabout is excessive for vehicles undertaking a left-hand turn into Shene Road. The Mayor asked that this matter be referred to DIER for their advice.

**Action:** General Manager to refer this matter to DIER

2. Deputy Mayor Mark Jones OAM

The Watch House works at Kempton should be finalised as a matter of urgency, tidied up and the appropriate signage/interpretation be installed

**Action:** General Manager to convey comments to Manager Heritage Projects

3. Councillor Alex Green

Raised the matter of the “*yellow i*”, and he noted that the size of this trade mark does vary on Council signage, which could be in contravention of the formal agreement and he asked that this be checked, and remedied where it is found that it does not comply.

**Action:** General Manager to convey comments to Manager Callington Mill Business Precinct and ask that all signage be checked and remedied where it found to be non-compliant

4. Councillor Bob Campbell

A resident of the Southern Midlands mentioned to him that Heritage Building Solutions Pty Ltd had provided a plastering price to her that appeared quite excessive.

Deputy General Manager advised Councillor Campbell that HBS Pty Ltd operates in a private sector environment where competition is alive and well, with many others in that same business space and that this issue is not one for Council to consider or indeed comment upon.

**Action:** Deputy General Manager advises no action

5. Councillor Bob Campbell

Councillor Campbell raised the issue of shipping costs across Bass Strait and that this is an issue to be addressed by State Government if the irrigation project in the Midlands is going to be successful.

**C/12/09/071/19170 DECISION**

Moved by Clr J L Jones OAM, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT the General Manager write to the State government raising the issue of Bass Strait shipping as an impediment to the economic development of the Midlands Water Scheme outcomes.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

6. Councillor Bob Campbell

Councillor Campbell took the opportunity to raise the Oatlands to Parattah Walk n' Ride event during Seniors Week, during the first week in October 2012

**Action:** Noted

7. Councillor John Jones OAM

Councillor Jones mentioned that he had recently hosted forty people in Kempton that were focused on heritage coaching, he mentioned that they were very impressed with the carriages in the Coach House at Kempton and that they provided donations to the sum of \$100.00.

**Action:** Noted

8. Councillor Don Fish

Clr Fish mentioned that the mill signage needs to be finalised and erected as people are still confused as to where to go

The Deputy General Manager advised that the signs have been ordered and that De Neefe signs are in the process of fabrication. They will be erected as soon as they are received.

**Action:** Noted

9. Councillor Alex Green

Clr Green asked when the details on the information in respect to the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) will be tabled for Council Consideration.

The Deputy General Manager responded to Clr A O Green's enquiry saying that the item in respect to the DDA will be tabled at the October 2012 Council as previously agreed.

**Action:** Noted

10. Councillor Tony Bantick

Clr Bantick made the statement that he has been receiving a number of complaints in respect of barking dogs in the Bagdad area and what could Council do in relation to this matter

The Deputy General Manager advised that the issue of barking dogs is covered under the Dog Control Act 2000 and the SMC Dog Management Policy and that on Council's web site there a number of Information Sheets on the issue of barking dogs. Council also has a comprehensive procedure for the handling of barking dog complaints. Also Council does have anti-barking collars that are available for a modest rental. The meeting was advised if a ratepayer has a complaint, that under the Act they are required to lodge a formal complaint on a standard form and pay a fee.

**Action:** DGM to prepare an article for the next newsletter about barking dogs



**19. MUNICIPAL SEAL**

Nil.

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

*Council to address urgent business items previously accepted onto the agenda.*

**20.1 BIO-DIVERSITY OFFSETS**

Councillor J L Jones OAM raised the matter of the STCA position as noted in the STCA Minutes in the briefing papers, in respect to Bio-diversity Offsets and reiterated that Southern Midlands Council had advised the STCA through the consultation process that it did not support the implementation of Bio-diversity Offsets.

**C/12/09/073/19171 DECISION**

Moved by Clr J L Jones OAM, seconded by Clr D F Fish

THAT Council write to the STCA again advising them that SMC does not agree and does not support the implementation of Bio-diversity Offsets.

**CARRIED.**

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

**22. CLOSURE 2.45 P.M.**