

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN MIDLANDS
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2014 AT THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICES, 85 MAIN STREET, KEMPTON COMMENCING
AT 10:10 A.M.**

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Planning Reforms Facts Sheets, No.s 1, 2, 3 & 4.

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Item 15.1.2 Historic Heritage Strategy 2014-18 (to be distributed Monday)

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OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

1. PRAYERS

Councillors recited the Lord's Prayer.

2. ATTENDANCE

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

In Attendance: Mr T Kirkwood (General Manager), Mr D Cundall (Planning Officer) Mr B Williams (Manager – Heritage Projects) and Mrs K Brazendale (Executive Assistant).

3. APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor M Jones OAM.

C/14/09/004/19818 DECISION

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

THAT the apology from Deputy Mayor M Jones OAM be received and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	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

The Minutes of the previous meeting of Council held on the 27th August 2014, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

C/14/09/005/19819 DECISION

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

THAT the Minutes of the previous meeting of Council held on the 27th August 2014, as circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED

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

5.2 SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Special meeting of Council held on the 10th September 2014, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

C/14/09/005/19820 DECISION

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

THAT the Minutes of the previous Special meeting of Council held on the 10th September 2014, as circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	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 and Recreation Committee – meeting held 12th September 2014. (including additional detailed report)**
- **Lake Dulverton and Callington Park Management Committee – meeting held 8th September 2014.**

RECOMMENDATION

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

C/14/09/006/19821 DECISION

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

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

CARRIED

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

Clr B Campbell declared an interest and left the meeting at 10.34 a.m.

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 and Recreation Committee – meeting held 12th September 2014.**
- **Lake Dulverton and Callington Park Management Committee – meeting held 8th September 2014**

Note: Community Small Grants is listed as a separate agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION

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

C/14/09/007/19822 DECISION

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Clr M Connors

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

CARRIED

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

Clr B Campbell returned to the meeting at 10.45 a.m.

Clr J L Jones OAM left the meeting at 10.46 a.m.

Mr J Lyall (Manager Works and Technical Services) attended the meeting at 10.46 a.m.

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 – Nil**
- **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 meetings be received.

DECISION

DECISION NOT REQUIRED

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** – Nil
- **Southern Waste Strategy Authority** – March 2014

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report(s) from the Joint Authority be received.

C/14/09/010/19823 DECISION

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

THAT the report from the Joint Authority be received.

CARRIED

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	

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/14/09/011/19824 DECISION

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Clr M Connors

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	

Clr J L Jones OAM returned to the meeting at 10.51 a.m.

7. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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. Tasmanian Community Fund – concerns raised regarding the abolition of the TCF Board. The General Manager made reference to a Media Release issued by the Regional Councils Group expressing similar concerns and lobbying for the retention of the independent Board.
2. Callington Mill – Old Cap (Status report) – refer draft Expression of Interest document which formed part of the Minutes of the Lake Dulverton and Callington Park Management Committee meeting (8th September 2014) – since endorsed.
3. Australia Day Award(s) – recognition of Volunteers – any person(s) can be nominated as part of these Awards.
4. Traffic Statistics (i.e. Vehicle counts) – Clr Green tabled statistics obtained from the Department of State Growth which are considerably out-of-date. Council needs to undertake more frequent vehicle counts to assist in the prioritisation of works (i.e. Budgeting process); and encourage State agency to do similar.
5. Midland Highway, Dysart (Constitution Hill) and Midland Highway (Approach to Bagdad township) – use of exhaust brakes – community concerns regarding noise are to be referred to the Department of State Growth.
6. Oatlands Council Chambers Meeting Table – confirmed not suitable for relocation to Kempton Chambers.

C/14/09/012/19825 DECISION

Moved by Clr J L Jones OAM, seconded by Clr A R Bantick

THAT Item 13.12.1 ‘Manager – Works & Technical Services Report’ be brought forward on the Agenda.

CARRIED

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

13.12.1 Manager - Works & Technical Services Report

File Ref: 3/075

AUTHOR MANAGER – WORKS & SERVICES
DATE 16TH SEPTEMBER 2014

ROADS PROGRAM

Maintenance grading is being undertaken at Lovely Banks Road heading towards Colebrook.

BRIDGE PROGRAM

Brown Mountain Road, Campania - Bridge is currently being cast at Latrobe. Bypass operating well

WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

All sites operating with no issues

TOWN FACILITIES PROGRAM

Kerb and Guttering - Wellington Street, Oatlands will commence during the school term break.

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

- Campania Waste Transfer Station – extra collection(s) arranged as required
- Campania Recreation Ground – removal of poplar trees following receipt of report from Arborist – quote from contractor to be arranged and progressed ASAP
- Lake Dulverton Walking Track – trees adjacent to track on the Tunnack Main Road (vicinity of ‘Hilly Park’ property) – located within the area subject to a Part 5 Agreement - cost estimate to be prepared for removal of trees - subsequent decision by Council
- Jericho Main Road – junction with Lower Marshes Road – appreciation for removal of pine tree
- Woodsdale Road – maintenance required (i.e. bitumen patching)

RECOMMENDATION**THAT the information be received.****C/14/09/014/19826 DECISION**

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

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

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

*Clr D F Fish declared an interest and left the meeting at 11.23 a.m.***Quotation – Gravel Crushing (Interlaken Road, Quarry)**

The Manager – Works & Technical Services detailed a quote received from Fieldwicks for the crushing of gravel at the Interlaken Road quarry. Approx. 11,000 tonnes of 25mm material are to be crushed at a cost of \$7.60 per tonne (excl. GST).

C/14/09/014/19827 DECISION

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

THAT the quote from Fieldwicks for crushing of approximately 11,000 tonnes of 25mm material at a cost of \$7.60 per tonne (excl. GST) be accepted.

CARRIED

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	



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Quotation

Quote Number: FMC 20-34
Date: 2 September 2014
Client: Southern Midlands Council
Contact: Jack
Validity: 3 months
Project: Mobile Crushing Fish's Quarry

Please find detailed below our quoted rate for crushing material.

Crush approx. 11,000 tonne of 25mm material @ \$ 7.60 per tonne + GST

- Rates include all establishment and setup costs
- Fieldwick's to supply all operators, machinery and fuel
- Council to push off benches and fines material for blending with shot rock

No allowance for:

- moving or breaking oversize, or quarry preparation
- Testing of materials

Please call if you have any queries.

Regards

Steven Fieldwick

Clr D F Fish returned to the meeting at 11.26 a.m.

The meeting was suspended for a short break at 11.26 a.m. and resumed at 11.35 a.m.

Council Presentation

Prue Slatyer has recently completed a Diploma of Tourism Management at UTAS and undertook an initial scoping study of the possibility of a long-distance (around 50km) walking trail through the landscapes of the Southern Midlands. She is currently refining the proposal and planning logistics, with view of exploring funding models to bring back to Council for future consideration. Council resolved that it was an excellent concept and agreed that further consultation should be undertaken with landowners to identify the preferred route and assess what issues may arise.

Copy of presentation available on request.

Clr J L Jones OAM left the meeting at 12.08 p.m.

The presentation concluded at 12.10 p.m.

8. 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 General Manager reported that the following item needs to be included on the Agenda. The matter is urgent, and the necessary advice is provided where applicable:-

- Callington Mill – Advertising proposal (TDT Television)

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/14/07/017/19828 DECISION

Moved by Clr D F Fish, seconded by Clr M Connors

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
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	

9. 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*.

The following declarations were recorded:

Clr D F Fish – Item 13.12.1 ‘Manager – Works & Technical Services Report’ – Quotation for Gravel Crushing

Clr B Campbell – Item 5.3.2 - Special Committees of Council - Endorsement of Recommendations (relating to Parattah Jubilee Hall).

Clr J L Jones OAM – Item 16.8 – Southern Midlands Council Community Small Grants Program 2014 (relating to Rural Alive and Well)

10. 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.

Mayor A E Bisdee OAM advised the meeting that no formal questions on notice had been received for the meeting.

This session was held later in the meeting at the prescribed time.

10.1 PERMISSION TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

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

- Prue Slatyer – Presentation / Progress Report into the ‘Proposal for a Long Distance Walking & Cycling Trail’

11. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDER REGULATION 16 (5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2005

Nil.

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

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

12.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Nil.

12.2 SUBDIVISIONS

Nil.

12.3 MUNICIPAL SEAL (PLANNING AUTHORITY)

11.3.1 COUNCILLOR INFORMATION:- MUNICIPAL SEAL APPLIED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO SUBDIVISION FINAL PLANS & RELATED DOCUMENTS

File Ref: (Refer PID numbers in table below)

Nil.

12.4 PLANNING (OTHER)

12.4.1 Reforming Tasmania’s Planning System - Changes Proposed by the State Government

File Ref: 9/084

AUTHOR MANAGER DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (D MACKEY)

DATE 17TH SEPTEMBER 2014

- ENCLOSURES**
1. Correspondence from the Minister for Planning & Local Government, dated 2 September 2014.
 2. Reforming Tasmania’s Planning System - A Position Paper on the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendments Bill 2014.
 3. Planning Reforms Facts Sheets, No.s 1, 2, 3 & 4.

1. ISSUE

Provision of input to the Local Government Association of Tasmania on the State Government’s proposed reforms to the planning system, for formulation into a collective response from Local Government.

2. BACKGROUND

The Minister for Planning and Local Government, Peter Gutwein MP, has written to all Councils advising of the State’s intended reforms to the planning system seeking support for them, (refer enclosure No.1).

The government has simultaneously released a position paper (refer enclosure No.2, and four ‘fact sheets’, (refer enclosure No.3).

The State Government has set a tight timeframe for progressing the reforms, and is seeking comment from Local Government by the first week of October 2014. It is understood it plans to send the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendments Bill 2014 to parliament in mid-October.

The State is seeking collective input from Local Government via the Local Government Association of Tasmania, (LGAT). An officer-level workshop is being held by LGAT on 23 September 2014, in the north of the State. This will be attended by the Manager Development & Environmental Services following his attendance at the first part of the

Council meeting on that day, which will provide an opportunity for the elected members to advise of their thoughts on the various issues.

If time permits at the Councillor workshop prior to the Council meeting, the issues set out below can be work-shopped with elected members.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 Overview - Progressing the Current Interim Planning Schemes

The Government's reforms are to be undertaken in two phases. According to the Position Paper, this first phase focusses on "*urgent amendments that are required to support the finalisation of the interim planning schemes and address a number of the Government's commitments and recommendations from the (Planning) Taskforce on urgent matters that can be addressed within this timeframe*". The second phase of reforms is proposed to occur in 2015.

In terms of planning scheme reform, this first phase is concerned with finishing the previous government's reform agenda as soon as possible. In other words: progressing all the current interim planning schemes (those in the north and northwest) and draft interim planning schemes (those in the south) to fully approved status.

This means, for the 12 southern draft interim planning schemes:

- Declaring them to be 'interim planning schemes' (i.e. operational).
- Undertaking the statutory public exhibition process.
- Councils formulating a 'view' on the submissions received and reporting to the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC).
- The TPC holding the public hearings.
- The TPC making recommendations to the Minister.
- The Minister granting full approval to the schemes.

Most of the schemes in the north and northwest have already been declared to be 'interim planning schemes' and have been publicly exhibited. They now need to go through the public hearing process at the TPC.

One interim scheme, the Launceston scheme, is in the public hearing process and is understood to be close to final approval.

Many of the proposed amendments in the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendments Bill 2014 are intended to fast-track the current interim schemes and draft interim schemes to fully approved status. It is understood that the intention is that the southern draft interim schemes will become interim schemes by the end of 2014 and that all interim schemes will be fully approved in 2015. Without these amendments, the Government estimates it would take four years to get all schemes to fully approved status.

The first phase reforms do not include any legislation provisions pertaining to the Government's election commitment to introduce a single statewide planning scheme. These are to be part of phase two in 2015.

However, it is a significant decision on the part of the State Government that the 'road map' to a single statewide planning is to include first finalising the current interim planning schemes.

As Councillors are aware, this will produce a suite of planning schemes across the state that are based on the same overall template, but have a high level of commonality only within each of the three regions. The thinking of the new government appears to be that it will be easier to create a single statewide planning scheme working from three regional models rather than 30+ quite different schemes.

Finally, it is noted that a copy of the actual Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendments Bill 2014 has not been provided. It is understood this will be finalised only after the State Government receives feedback from Local Government on the principles of the proposed reforms, (as described in the documents enclosed with this report).

3.2 Measures to 'Fast-Track' the Interim Schemes

- Reduced public exhibition timeframe, from two months to one month.
- Reduced timeframe for Councils to report back to the TPC from four months to two months.
- The TPC will hold regional hearings focussing on "strategic issues", rather than individual hearings for each submission.
- The TPC will be able to resolve some issues based on written submissions only, (i.e. no public hearing).
- Matters raised in submissions that relate to the zoning of land that require a further public process will be deferred to be resolved after final approval of the scheme through a new streamlined amendment process.

Officer Comment:

It is unclear how all issues raised by the public will be able to be sorted into 'strategic issues' and 'non-strategic issues'. For some issues, this may be very debateable.

It is also unclear how the hearings for 28 schemes, however shortened by the proposed changes, could be undertaken within the 12 month timeframe, given the resources available to the TPC.

Shortening the statutory timeframes as proposed is considered reasonable, although it will require the public to be very responsive during the public exhibition, and will require a more intensive, but shorter, application of council resources to formulate a view on the submissions and prepare a report back to the TPC.

3.3 A Streamlined Planning Scheme Amendment Process

- The one process will apply to all schemes, whether ‘interim’ or fully approved.
- Some amendments will not require public exhibition. A set of criteria will be provided to determine this.
- Statutory timeframes for certain parts of the amendment process will be reduced. This includes public exhibition, although the TPC can specify a longer process if considered necessary in particular cases for more complex or significant draft amendments.
- Additional information requirements will be clearer.
- The TPC will be able to provide greater clarity to all parties on the information necessary to be provided.

Officer Comment:

These changes are supported as they will simplify and clarify what is currently a confused process.

As with the changes interim scheme process, tighter timeframes will require all parties concerned, including Councils, to apply more resources in a shorter, sharper process to meet the timeframe requirements.

3.4 Other Key Phase One Amendments

- **A 21-Day Assessment Timeframe for Permitted Uses**
 - Currently all development applications (except if involving Level 2 activities under EMPCA) must be dealt with by Council within 42 days. This is regardless of whether it is a permitted application or a discretionary application.
 - It is proposed to change the timeframe to 21 days for permitted applications.

Officer Comment:

This is considered a positive amendment. Council generally deals with permitted applications significantly within the 42-day timeframe, and we should be able to meet a 21-day time frame.

This simple amendment may also negate industry pressure for ‘private planning certification’, which is generally opposed by local government.

- **A Higher \$600 Appeal Fee for Third Parties**
 - The current application fee for third parties (usually neighbours opposing a development) in an appeal is \$153.
 - It is proposed to increase this to \$600.

Officer Comment:

This change may reduce some appeals of a frivolous and vexatious nature, but will also limit the ability of those from lower socio-economic groups to proceed with legitimate grievances.

- **Interim Planning Directives**

- There is no 'interim planning directive' mechanism at present.
- Planning Directives are a mechanism within the planning system for ministerial-level policy to be implemented. To date Planning Directives have been used to introduce:
 - The statewide planning scheme template.
 - The statewide bushfire code for planning schemes.
 - The statewide standard provisions from dwellings in the residential zone.
- It is envisaged the Planning Directive mechanism will be used to introduce more standard state-wide planning scheme provisions, and potentially even the Government's proposed single statewide planning scheme.
- The process to create a Planning Directive is lengthy and involves public exhibition and public hearings at the TPC. History has shown that this process can be very long indeed.
- The creation of 'interim' planning directives would enable new statewide planning scheme provisions to be introduced quickly by the Minister.

Officer Comment:

This is supported as it will enable a decisive Minister to implement new statewide provisions quickly.

It will also enable the interim provisions to be 'road tested' in the real world for a period of time prior to the TPC assessment/hearings and final decision process.

- **Additional 2-Year Planning Permit Extension**

- Currently planning permits are valid for two years.
- On application, Council can provide a one-off extension for a further two years.
- It is proposed to allow for a second two-year extension, providing the possibility for permits to be valid for up to 6 years.

Officer Comment:

This is considered reasonable.

An alternative to the proposed 2 + 2 + 2 year system would be a 3 + 3 year system.

- **Additional Provisions for Reconstruction of Accidentally Destroyed Buildings**

- It is proposed to enable accidentally destroyed buildings to be rebuilt without the need for a new planning permit for all uses, not just non-conforming uses.

Officer Comment:

This is considered reasonable and desirable.

- **Clearer Provisions for Minor Amendments to Permits**

- It is proposed to clarify the changes to a proposed use or development that can be considered to be ‘minor’, and therefore not needing a new planning application.

Officer Comment:

This is considered reasonable and desirable.

- **Changes to Subdivision Legislation - Clarification that Subdivision can be Designated as a Permitted Use in Planning Schemes**

- Subdivision legislation is contained with the Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993.
- This contains a provision that purport to provide that a planning scheme can designate subdivision to be ‘permitted’.
- However, relatively recent legal interpretations of other provisions of the Act are that this is impossible.
- It is proposed to change the act to clarify that it is indeed possible.

Officer Comment:

This is considered reasonable and desirable. It is implementing what the existing legislation purports to provide.

RECOMMENDATION**(Subject to Councillor workshop prior to the Council meeting)**

THAT the Manager Development & Environmental Services provide comments consistent with those outlined in the ‘Officer Comment’ sections of the above report to the Local Government Association of Tasmania, for its submission to the State Government on the Government’s proposed planning reforms.

C/14/09/027/19829 DECISION

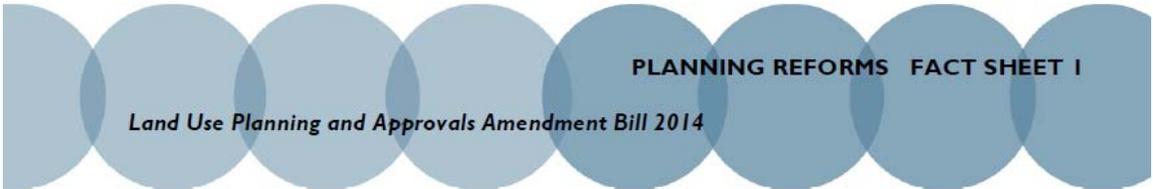
Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Clr M Connors

THAT Council:

- a) endorse the comments provided by the Manager Development & Environmental Services; and
- b) these comments be referred to the Local Government Association of Tasmania for its submission to the State Government on the Government’s proposed planning reforms.

CARRIED

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	


PLANNING REFORMS FACT SHEET I
Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment Bill 2014

OVERVIEW

The Government is committed to reforming our planning system to make it fairer, faster, cheaper and simpler for all Tasmanians.

As the first major step, Government will introduce a Bill to Parliament this year.

We will work closely with local government and stakeholders through the Planning Reform Taskforce to deliver on the reforms.

The Taskforce, reporting to the Minister for Planning and Local Government, will ensure the changes are informed by expert advice to achieve an efficient and effective planning system that supports economic growth.

The proposed Bill will support the transition to a single statewide planning scheme outcome as a key platform of the reforms.

It will also deliver a range of reforms that contribute to a fairer, faster, cheaper and simpler planning system.

Why are the changes needed?

Under the current approach, it could take up to 4 years to finalise the interim planning schemes across the State, in preparation for introducing a single statewide planning scheme approach.

The proposed Bill, along with changes to administrative practice and a streamlined process for amending planning schemes will support the interim schemes being finalised in 2015.

This will give a consistent structure to all our planning schemes, as a basis for the new statewide planning scheme provisions.

These reforms build on the substantial investment by local government in preparing the interim planning schemes.

The Bill will also implement a number of the Government's announced reforms and recommendations from the Taskforce.

What will change?

The Bill will make a series of changes to the process for finalising interim planning schemes.

While the public can still make representations about their concerns there will be greater flexibility in how these issues and public hearings are managed and coordinated regionally.

A single, streamlined process for amending planning schemes will replace the current dispensation process.



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There will also be one consolidated set of criteria in the Act allowing for minor or urgent amendments that do not prejudice the public interest to be made without public exhibition.

Other changes include:

- a shorter assessment timeframe of 21 days for permitted use and development;
- a higher \$600 appeal fee for certain third parties on discretionary permits;
- allowing interim planning directives to replace or revoke existing planning directives to deal with urgent planning matters;
- allowing councils to extend a permit for an additional 2 years;
- providing copyright and indemnity protection for making data on planning schemes available online;
- extending the provision for the reconstruction of accidentally destroyed buildings and works to include conforming uses; and
- clearer provisions for where minor amendments to permits can occur

Changes will also be made to the *Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993* to allow a planning scheme to regulate subdivisions, including determining where a subdivision may be a permitted or discretionary development.

Fact Sheets Available

1. Overview, 2. Interim Planning Schemes, 3. Streamlined Amendment Process, 4. Other Amendments

This fact sheet reflects the proposed changes the Government is consulting on through the Planning Reform Taskforce

Will there be further planning reforms?

The Government intends to introduce further legislation in 2015 to provide a framework for a single statewide planning scheme approach and to implement its remaining planning reforms.

These include commitments relating to major projects, ministerial call-in powers, in-principal approval and further measures relating to third-party appeals.

Government will continue to consult through the Taskforce on these proposed reforms.

The Taskforce will also play a key role in developing the content of the statewide planning scheme provisions.

PLANNING REFORMS FACT SHEET 2

*Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment Bill 2014***INTERIM PLANNING SCHEMES**

A single statewide planning scheme outcome is a key platform of the Government's reforms for a fairer, faster, cheaper and simpler planning system.

Finalising the 29 interim planning schemes across the State will give a consistent structure to all our planning schemes, to support the introduction of the new statewide planning scheme provisions.

The proposed Bill will provide a more efficient process for finalising the interim schemes.

Along with changes to administrative practice and a streamlined process for amending planning schemes, this will allow the interim schemes to be made into final planning schemes in 2015.

These reforms build on the substantial investment by local government in preparing the interim planning schemes.

How does the interim scheme process work now?

The *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (LUPAA)* sets the requirements for declaring, amending and modifying an interim planning scheme.

Councils prepare the draft interim schemes, which come into force on declaration by the Minister.

The interim schemes are then publicly exhibited, with each council reporting to the Tasmanian Planning Commission on the representations it has received.

The Commission must hold a public hearing on each representation and can modify the interim scheme before it is made into a final planning scheme.

Where modifications are made that require a further public process, the interim scheme is re-exhibited.

The Minister can approve certain urgent amendments on the recommendation of the Commission, to ensure an interim scheme meets the requirements of the Act.

If the Commission is satisfied the interim scheme is in order, it must with the approval of the Minister make the interim scheme into a final planning scheme.

The normal process for amending a planning scheme does not apply to interim schemes however the Commission can grant a dispensation that suspends the interim planning controls in relation to a particular piece of land.



LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS AMENDMENT BILL 2014

Why are the changes needed?

Under the current legislation, it could take up to four years to finalise all the interim planning schemes across the State.

The changes to the process for making final planning schemes will ensure these can be finalised much sooner, to support introduction of a single statewide planning scheme approach.

What will change?

The current structure of interim schemes with mandatory planning provisions will be retained as a mechanism for introducing the new statewide planning scheme provisions.

The public exhibition and reporting periods will be modified to support making all of the interim schemes into final planning schemes in 2015.

The changes will allow the Commission to hold hearings regionally to focus on strategic issues, and determine some matters based on written submissions.

Any matters relating to the zoning of land that require a further public process will be able to be dealt with under the streamlined amendment process after the final planning scheme is made, without holding up making of the final scheme.

Fact Sheets Available

1. Overview, 2. Interim Planning Schemes, 3. Streamlined Amendment Process, 4. Other Amendments

This fact sheet reflects the proposed changes the Government is consulting on through the Planning Reform Taskforce

The Commission will also be able to report to the Minister on common provisions at a regional or State level to inform the development of the statewide planning scheme provisions.

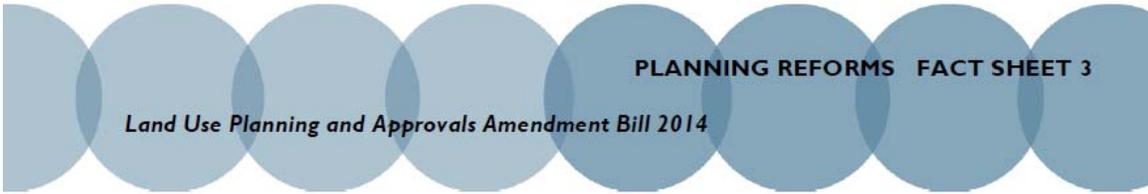
When will the single statewide planning scheme approach be introduced?

Further changes will be required to LUPAA to create a framework for a single statewide planning scheme approach.

The Government intends to introduce a second Bill in 2015 to provide the framework for this and to implement the remaining planning reforms.

Government will continue to consult through the Planning Reform Taskforce on the proposed reforms, including the legislative model for delivering a single statewide planning scheme outcome.

The Taskforce will also play a key role in developing the content of the statewide planning scheme provisions.


PLANNING REFORMS FACT SHEET 3
Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment Bill 2014**STREAMLINED AMENDMENT PROCESS**

The proposed Bill will provide a streamlined process for amending planning schemes.

This process will apply to all planning schemes under the Act, and replace the dispensation process for interim planning schemes.

The changes are an important step towards achieving a fairer, faster, cheaper and simpler planning system for Tasmania.

The changes will also support finalisation of the interim planning schemes in 2015, in preparation for introducing a single statewide planning scheme approach.

How are planning schemes amended now?

The *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPAA) sets a process for amending planning schemes, including where a permit has been applied for at the same time.

This process applies where an applicant has requested an amendment, and where a council has initiated an amendment on its own motion.

The Commission can dispense with the requirements for public exhibition of a draft amendment in certain circumstances.

The Minister can also authorise the Commission to make 'urgent amendments' to an interim planning scheme in certain circumstances.

There is a process for seeking dispensations from the planning controls in interim schemes. Dispensations may require the scheme to be modified before it is made into a final scheme, or an amendment to the final scheme after it has been made.

Why are the changes needed?

There are currently different processes for amending interim schemes and other planning schemes, and different sets of criteria for when an amendment can occur without public exhibition and hearings.

Consolidating the different provisions will simplify the processes for amending a planning scheme and reduce the timeframe for these applications to be determined.

The changes will also support finalisation of the interim planning schemes as a platform for transitioning to a single statewide planning scheme outcome.



LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS AMENDMENT BILL 2014

What will change?

The Act will be simplified to create a single process for amendments to all planning schemes and a single set of criteria to determine which amendments do not require public exhibition.

The timeframes for certain parts of the amendment processes under the Act will also be reduced.

There will be a clearer process for requiring additional information from an applicant with a set timeframe and avenues for resolving the requirement for additional information.

The Commission will be able to determine the form of an application, to give greater clarity to all parties on what information can be required from applicants.

The current structure of interim schemes with mandatory planning provisions will be retained as a basis for introducing the new statewide planning scheme provisions.

The Minister will continue to approve any changes to the content of the common provisions on advice of the Commission, through a separate process.

The public exhibition period for draft amendments, including any associated development application, will also be shortened.

However, the Commission will be able to approve a longer public exhibition period where appropriate, to provide flexibility for complex or significant amendments to give the parties adequate time to make representations.

Further changes are required to make the hearings on representations more flexible, including the ability for the Commission to determine a matter based only on written submissions. The applicant will retain their current right to a hearing.

What will happen to any amendments or dispensations that are currently underway?

The Act contains transitional provisions for draft amendments to a planning scheme that are not decided before an interim planning scheme is made.

These provisions will continue, and will be expanded to include any amendments subject to the dispensation process.

Fact Sheets Available

1. Overview, 2. Interim Planning Schemes, 3. Streamlined Amendment Process, 4. Other Amendments

This fact sheet reflects the proposed changes the Government is consulting on through the Planning Reform Taskforce

PLANNING REFORMS FACT SHEET 4

*Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment Bill 2014***OTHER AMENDMENTS**

The proposed Bill will implement a number of the Government's announced planning reforms and recommendations of the Planning Reform Taskforce aimed at streamlining and improving the planning system.

Changes will also be made to the Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 in relation to subdivision developments.

These changes are an important and early contribution to achieving a fairer, faster, cheaper and simpler planning system for Tasmania.

Why are the changes needed?

The proposed changes will deliver on Government's commitments to introduce shorter assessment timeframes for permitted use and development and to increase fees for certain third party appeals on discretionary planning approvals.

The proposed changes will implement the specific recommendations of the Taskforce on those planning issues that should be most urgently addressed.

What will change?

The following changes to LUPAA are proposed:

- a shorter assessment timeframe of 21 days for permitted use and development;
- a higher \$600 appeal fee for certain third parties on discretionary permits;
- allowing interim planning directives to replace or revoke existing planning directives;
- allowing councils to extend a permit for an additional 2 years;
- providing copyright and indemnity protection for making data on planning schemes available online;
- extending the provision for the reconstruction of accidentally destroyed buildings and works to include conforming uses; and
- clearer provisions for where minor amendments to permits can occur


 LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS AMENDMENT BILL 2014

The *Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993* will also be amended so that a planning scheme can allow subdivision to be a permitted development. At present, the LGBMP Act makes all subdivisions discretionary.

The shorter assessment timeframe of 21 days, rather than the current 42 days for permitted use and development will allow applicants to receive approval quickly for the types of use and development that a planning scheme clearly allows for.

The timeframe for a council to require additional information for permitted use and development will also be reduced, from 21 to 14 days.

A higher fee of \$600 will apply to third party appeals on discretionary permits. This higher fee will not apply to applicants, or third parties who are owners and occupiers of adjoining lands that may be impacted by a development.

The current provision where a planning scheme cannot prevent reconstruction of buildings and works that have been unintentionally destroyed or damaged will be extended to include conforming uses.

This seeks to address an issue that arose following the January 2013 bushfires where there were different requirements

for owners seeking to rebuild their homes under different planning schemes.

Changes will be made to support a digital online planning system by clarifying how digital data can be used and providing indemnity for Government, councils and licensed users in relation to copyright.

The changes will allow an interim planning directive to 'replace' an existing planning directive. This seeks to address an issue with the Act where an interim planning directive can only be made if there is no existing planning directive on that issue.

Councils will have discretion to extend a permit for an additional two years, giving a maximum of six years for substantial commencement of a development.

This change recognises that delays in project financing have in some cases led to an entire new development application being required where the term of a permit has expired just prior to financing being achieved.

A clearer mechanism will also be provided for minor amendments to permits including where the permit has resulted from an appeal process. This will mean an applicant is not required to lodge an entire new development application for a minor change to an existing permit.

Fact Sheets Available

1. Overview, 2. Interim Planning Schemes, 3. Streamlined Amendment Process, 4. Other Amendments

This fact sheet reflects the proposed changes the Government is consulting on through the Planning Reform Taskforce

13. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – INFRASTRUCTURE)

13.1 ROADS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 13

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

Nil.

13.2 BRIDGES

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 14

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

Nil.

13.3 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.

13.4 LIGHTING

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 14

1.4.1a Ensure Adequate lighting based on demonstrated need.
1.4.1b Contestability of energy supply.

Nil.

13.5 BUILDINGS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 15

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

Nil.

13.6 SEWERS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 15

1.6.1 Increase the capacity of access to reticulated sewerage services.

Nil.

13.7 WATER

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 15

1.7.1 Increase the capacity and ability to access water to satisfy development and Community to have access to reticulated water.

Nil.

13.8 IRRIGATION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 15

1.8.1 Increase access to irrigation water within the municipality.

Nil.

13.9 DRAINAGE

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 16

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

Nil.

13.10 WASTE

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 17

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

Nil.

13.11 INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 17

1.11.1 Improve access to modern communications infrastructure.

Nil.

13.12 OFFICER REPORTS – WORKS & TECHNICAL SERVICES (ENGINEERING)

Item considered earlier in the meeting.

14. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – GROWTH)

14.1 RESIDENTIAL

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 18

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

Nil.

14.2 TOURISM

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 19

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

Nil.

14.3 BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 20

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.

14.4 INDUSTRY

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 21

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

Nil.

14.5 INTEGRATION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 21

2.5.1 The integrated development of towns and villages in the Southern Midlands.
2.5.2 The Bagdad Bypass and the integration of development.

Nil.

15 OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – LANDSCAPES)

15.1 HERITAGE

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 22

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| 3.1.1 | Maintenance and restoration of significant public heritage assets. |
| 3.1.2 | Act as an advocate for heritage and provide support to heritage property owners. |
| 3.1.3 | Investigate document, understand and promote the heritage values of the Southern Midlands. |

15.1.1 Heritage Project Officer's Report

File Ref: 3/097

AUTHOR MANAGER HERITAGE PROJECTS (B WILLIAMS)
DATE 18TH SEPTEMBER 2014

ENCLOSURE: 5x5x5 project

ISSUE

Southern Midlands Heritage Projects – report from Manager Heritage Projects

DETAIL

During last month, Southern Midlands Council heritage projects have included:

- Alan Townsend has been on leave.
- A detailed project plan has been developed for the 5x5x5 project (5 regions, 5 projects/year, 5 skills streams), in conjunction with Brighton, Derwent Valley, Glamorgan/Spring Bay and Tasman Councils. This project aims to train youth in heritage skills whilst maintaining community heritage assets. This has been submitted to Stage 2 of the Tasmanian Community Fund's targeted (youth) round and notification is expected in late October/early November. A copy of the application is provided to Councillors as an enclosure for information.
- A consultation draft of the *Southern Midlands Council Historic Heritage Strategy 2014-18* has been drafted and forms a separate report to this meeting.

- Jennifer Jones has given notice of her intention to finish employment at SMC at the end of October and is leaving for Sydney to take up employment as a consultant archaeologist. Jennifer has made an extremely valuable contribution to the Heritage Projects Program over the last 18 months on-staff (and preceding 18 months as a volunteer) and she will be very much missed.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

C/14/09/040/19830 DECISION

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

THAT:

- a) the information be received; and
- b) Council formally acknowledge the standard of work that has been undertaken by Jennifer Jones during her period of employment with Council and appreciation be expressed accordingly.

CARRIED

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	

Clr J L Jones OAM returned to the meeting at 12.16 p.m.

15.1.2 Southern Midlands Council Historic Heritage Strategy 2014-18

AUTHOR MANAGER HERITAGE PROJECTS (B WILLIAMS)
DATE 23RD SEPTEMBER 2014

ENCLOSURE: Historic Heritage Strategy 2014-18

ISSUE

This report seeks in-principle endorsement of the draft *Southern Midlands Council Historic Heritage Strategy 2014-18* (hereinafter referred to as the strategy) for a round of public consultation to occur ahead of seeking formal endorsement at Council's October 2014 meeting.

BACKGROUND

The *Southern Midlands Council Historic Heritage Strategy 2009-14* was endorsed by Council on 26th November 2008 and aimed to set a strategic direction for the Heritage Program for the following five years. That strategy pulled together a range of initiatives related to council's management of historic heritage, heritage tourism, heritage education and partnerships and an annual report reported on achievements against those initiatives.

Whilst an addendum to that plan was endorsed in February 2013 (chiefly to add initiatives related to 79 High Street and the Oatlands Commissariat), the plan is now outdated and requires a new plan to be put in place, essentially 'ticking-off' completed initiatives, reviewing as yet incomplete initiatives and adding new initiatives that have been identified during the last five years.

Council's participation in heritage management dates back to the 1980s, with the recognition of a statutory heritage list through the former *Municipality of Oatlands Planning Scheme 1988*, which was absorbed into the current *Southern Midlands Planning Scheme 1998*. Council have also taken a proactive role in non-statutory project management over the last three decades, with projects such as Callington Mill, the Oatlands Gaol and Supreme Court House and the formation of the Centre for Heritage at Oatlands being examples of major heritage projects managed by Council. All of these projects have progressed substantially over the last five years, emphasising the need for a re-drafting of the strategy.

DETAIL

The strategy document provides a contextual overview of Council's approach to heritage management this far, by collation of all reports and projects undertaken by Council to date, and provides detail on the two general streams of heritage management undertaken, that of statutory heritage management, and non-statutory heritage management (projects). The strategy also considers Council's role as an advocate of heritage and how that diffuses into community development. The strategy is driven by the heritage initiatives deriving from the *Southern Midlands Council Strategic Plan 2014-23* (which are detailed within the strategy).

The strategy aligns current and developing statutory and strategic planning aspects of heritage, such as the *Joint Land Use Planning Initiative*, *Southern Midlands Heritage Project*, *Oatlands Integrated Development Strategy*, *MEDALS* and draft planning scheme processes (although noting that there will need to be an amendment to the strategy once the planning scheme is adopted to reflect new process and provisions). The strategy consolidates recommendations of other endorsed heritage planning documents, such as the Callington Mill, Oatlands Gaol and Oatlands Commissariat master plans.

Overall, the strategy does not introduce any new initiatives to Council, however formalises and aligns the many and varied initiatives which are in different stages of inception and development as drawn from previously endorsed plans and strategies.

Human Resources & Financial Implications

The implementation and advancement of the strategy will require ongoing financial and human resources, however all of the initiatives contained within the strategy have already been initiated by Council – this document being the means of gaining cohesion between projects towards the common overall directions.

Endorsement of the strategy will act to affirm Council's commitment to proactive and sustainable heritage management, which will be a favourable consideration for funding bodies, possibly increasing the chance of external grants into the future (as has been demonstrated by the success of obtaining external funding partly based upon the previous heritage strategy).

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications

This report seeks council's in-principle endorsement of the strategy, subject to a two-week round of public consultation to be undertaken during early October. Any public submissions received will be considered and any amendments to the strategy considered necessary will be made prior to the final strategy being present to council for consideration at the October meeting.

Policy Implications

The SMHHS encompasses a range of strategies deriving from the *Southern Midlands Council Strategic Plan 2014-23*, which relate to heritage and tourism, as well a range of strategies arising from the previous historic heritage strategy and other endorsed plans/strategies etc.

No amendment to current Council policy or strategic direction is consequent from endorsement of the SMHHS.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame

The SMHHS sets a five-year plan for the progression and achievements of certain milestones, although it does acknowledge that many of these achievements are subject to external factors which may be beyond Council's control (i.e. external funding, partnerships etc). Timeframes and priorities have been developed as closely as possible to current strategic directions in the *Southern Midlands Council Strategic Plan 2014-23*, as well as individual project timelines and priorities.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council provide in-principle endorsement of the *Southern Midlands Council Historic Heritage Strategy 2014-18* for a round of public consultation to be undertaken, with the final draft of the strategy to be presented to council's October meeting for consideration of endorsement.

C/14/09/043/19831 DECISION

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

THAT Council provide in-principle endorsement of the *Southern Midlands Council Historic Heritage Strategy 2014-18* for a round of public consultation to be undertaken, with the final draft of the strategy to be presented to council's October meeting for consideration of endorsement.

CARRIED

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

15.2 NATURAL**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 23/24**

3.2.1 Identify and protect areas that are of high conservation value.

3.2.2 Encourage the adoption of best practice land care techniques.

15.2.1 Landcare Unit & Climate Change – General Report*File Ref: 03/082*

AUTHOR NRM PROGRAMS MANAGER – (M WEEDING)

DATE 16TH SEPTEMBER 2014**ISSUE**

Southern Midlands Landcare Unit and GIS Monthly Report

DETAIL

- The Bushlinks 500 project continues to progress. Graham Green and Helen Geard are currently working on planting trees on the Leamington property at Pawtella. Maria has prepared the financial report ready to be sent to the Australian Government for the reporting period to 30th June 2014. Graham has been working on the project milestones report to 30th June. This information is due by the end of September.
- Graham Green has spent some time on mapping work for Council's Development and Environmental Services staff.
- Some annual maintenance continues to be undertaken on sections of the Dulverton Walkway in relation to the planted native vegetation.
- On Wednesday 27th August 2014 several Councillors and some staff members enjoyed a tour of the Floods Creek pump station and power station, before viewing the pump station at Woodbury. At Woodbury Councillors were shown how the outlet control system works. The Lake Dulverton water line was activated into operation. Upon return to Oatlands, Councillors viewed the water flowing into the Lake from the scheme.
- Lake Dulverton: The water level marker has now been placed. The frame to support the valve at the bund wall is in the process of being made. A meeting with Tas Irrigation has been set for Tuesday 23rd Sept re the lake water.
- Helen Geard will be on leave for three weeks, from 16th September, returning 6th October.

RECOMMENDATION

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

C/14/09/045/19832 DECISION

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

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

CARRIED

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

Mr B Williams (Manager – Heritage Projects) left the meeting at 12.27 p.m.

Public Consultation Session

Two (2) members of the public attended the meeting at 12.38 p.m.

Mr Mike Burnett and Mr Bruce Forster(both residents of East Bagdad Road, Bagdad) raised issues relating to the ongoing problem of stormwater being directed towards their properties from the subdivision adjoining their rear boundaries.

After considerable discussion it was acknowledged that the Municipal Engineer (from Brighton Council) would inspect and report. Engineer to meet with both persons on-site.

Public consultation concluded at 12.50 p.m. and the meeting was suspended for lunch.

The meeting resumed at 1.15 p.m.

15.3 CULTURAL

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 24

3.3.1 Ensure that the Cultural diversity of the Southern Midlands is maximised.

Nil.

15.4 REGULATORY (OTHER THAN PLANNING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEMS)

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 25

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

Nil.

15.5 CLIMATE CHANGE

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 25

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

Nil.

16 OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING LIFESTYLE

16.1 COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 26

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

Nil.

16.2 YOUTH

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 26

4.2.1 Increase the retention of young people in the municipality.

Nil.

16.3 SENIORS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 27

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

Nil.

16.4 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 27

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

Nil.

16.5 VOLUNTEERS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 27

4.5.1 Encourage community members to volunteer.

Nil.

16.6 ACCESS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 28

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 (DDA).

Nil.

16.7 PUBLIC HEALTH

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 28

4.7.1 Monitor and maintain a safe and healthy public environment.

Nil.

16.8 RECREATION**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 29**

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

16.8 SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL COMMUNITY SMALL GRANT PROGRAM 2014

AUTHORS RECREATION OFFICER (G HUNT)

DATE 17th SEPTEMBER 2014

BACKGROUND

Council would recall that the genesis of the Southern Midlands Council Community Small Grants Program was a recommendation in the Southern Midlands Recreation Plan Report – April 2006. The attached summary represents the outcomes of this rigorous assessment which initially were assessed in alphabetical order; The monies allocated by the Recreation Committee amounted to \$23,055 (100% of the budget allocation for 2014/2015) against a total request of \$ 52,978.33.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the process undertaken by the Assessment Panel of the Recreation Committee be endorsed and the financial allocations for the ninth round of the Southern Midlands Council Community Small Grants 2014 be in accordance with the Summary report.

Due to 'pecuniary interests', considered of the recommended Grants were in a staged process.

C/14/09/048/19833 DECISION

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

THAT the following grants be approved:

1. Anglicare Tasmania – amount of \$2,000;
2. Broadmarsh CWA – amount of \$249;
3. Broadmarsh / Elderslie Progress Association – amount of \$2,500;
4. Kempton Volunteer Fire Brigade – amount of \$363;
5. Levensdale Cricket Club – amount of \$2,000; and
6. Midlands Swimming Club – amount of \$2,800.

CARRIED

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

C/14/09/049/19834 DECISION

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

THAT the following grants be approved:

1. Oatlands District School - amount of \$1,550;
2. Oatlands Football Club - amount of \$800;
3. Oatlands RSL & Bowls Club – amount of \$1,000;
4. Oatlands School & Community Garden – amount of \$1,993;
5. SM Community Radio - amount of \$2,500;
6. Southern Midlands News (MILE Inc.) – amount of \$1,800; and
7. Tunbridge Town Hall - amount of \$1,500.

CARRIED

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

Clr J L Jones OAM declared an interest and left the meeting at 1.24 p.m.

C/14/09/049/19835 DECISION

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

THAT Rural Alive and Well (RAW) be granted an amount of \$2,000.

CARRIED

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	

SMC SMALL GRANT APPLICANTS 2014

Group/ Club	Ausp. By	Project	Project Cost	Grant Sought	Will Accept	Approved
1	Anglicare Tasmania	Lift the Lid Outlands	\$4000	\$3000	\$3000	\$2000
2	Australian Breastfeeding Assoc.	Breastfeeding Management Resources to assist mothers	\$1667	\$1067	\$600	
3	Brighton Equestrian Club	TASSHEP Storage facility @ Mangalore Recreation Grounds	\$4500	\$3000	\$2800	
4	Broadmarsh CWA	New P.A System	\$299	\$249	\$249	\$249
5	Broadmarsh/Elderslie Progress Association	Women's toilet upgrade	\$3200	\$3000	\$2500	\$2,500
6	Hobart Gun Club	Safety Improvements	\$5665	\$3000	\$2500	
7	Kempton Primary School	School Tennis Court	\$2963	\$2963	\$2963	
8	Kempton Volunteer Fire	Communication UHF's	\$363	\$363	\$363	\$363
9	Levendale Cricket Club	Pitch resurfacing	\$2700	\$2700	\$2000	\$2,000
10	Life Without Barriers	Hawthorn House Respite Service	\$3365	\$3000	\$3000	
11	Midlands Swimming Club	Lane Rope Trolley	\$3058.50	\$3000	\$2800	\$2,800

Group/ Club	Ausp. By	Project	Project Cost	Grant Sought	Will Accept	Approved
12.	Oatlands Community Hall	Essential Maintenance & Repair	\$3000	\$3000	\$2000	
13	Oatlands District School	Wooden Rowing Scull Restoration	\$2000	\$2000	\$2000	\$1,550
14	Oatlands Football Club	Secure Storage Room	\$4608.03	\$3000	\$3000	\$800
15	Oatlands RSL & Bowls Club	Uniform Replacement	\$3250	\$1100	\$1000	\$1,000
16	Oatlands School & Community Garden	Stage 2 Development	\$2993.40	\$2993.40	\$2493.40	\$1,993
17	Parattah Jubilee Hall Committee	Hall Restoration & Upgrade	\$1375	\$1375	\$1300	
18	RAW	Meal from a Mate	\$3000	\$3000	\$2500	\$2,000
19	SM Arts Advisory Committee	M.I.L.E Heritage Skills in Heritage Buildings	\$4300	\$3000	\$2000	
20	SM Community Radio	Outside Broadcast	\$3000	\$3000	\$2790	\$2,500
21	Southern Midlands News	(M.I.L.E) SMN Computer Upgrade	\$2167.93	\$2167.93	\$1800	\$1,800
22	Tunbridge Town Hall	Re-furnishing – chairs	\$3120	\$3000	\$1500	\$1,500
TOTAL			\$64,594.86	\$52,978.33	\$45,158.40	

Clr J L Jones OAM returned to the meeting at 1.35 p.m.

16.9 ANIMALS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 29

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

16.9.1 Animal Control Report

AUTHOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (G DENNE)

DATE 16TH SEPTEMBER 2014

ISSUE

Consideration of Animal Control Officer’s monthly report.

DETAIL

BAGDAD - At least six chooks were killed on a property in Swan Street, no one was home at the time and the neighbours didn’t hear or see any dog(s).

TEA TREE - A property owner reported that he has lost two sheep to attacks over the last few weeks. The sheep were not mauled, but had wool pulled out, and the owner believes a small dog is responsible. There hasn’t been any sighting of dog(s) at large in the area.

Refer Monthly Statement on Animal Control for period ending 31ST August 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

C/14/09/052/19836 DECISION

Moved by Clr D F Fish, seconded by, Clr M Connors

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

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

16.10 EDUCATION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 29

4.10.1 Increase the educational and employment opportunities available within the Southern Midlands.

Nil.

17 OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – COMMUNITY)

17.1 RETENTION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 30

5.1.1 Maintain and strengthen communities in the Southern Midlands.

Nil.

17.2 CAPACITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 30

5.2.1 Build the capacity of the Community to help itself and embrace the framework and strategies articulated through social inclusion to achieve sustainability.

Nil.

17.3 SAFETY

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 31

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

Nil.

17.4 CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 31

5.4.1 Improve the effectiveness of consultation and communication with the Community.

Nil.

18. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – ORGANISATION)

18.1 IMPROVEMENT

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 32	
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.

18.2 SUSTAINABILITY

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 33 & 34	
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.

18.2.1 Local Government Association of Tasmanian (LGAT) – 2014 election of President.

AUTHOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT – (K BRAZENDALE)
 DATE 15TH SEPTEMBER 2014

ISSUE

To seek Council’s input for the selection of the LGAT President in the 2014 election

BACKGROUND / DETAIL

The Tasmanian Electoral Commission is conducting the 2014 election of President to serve until the conclusion of the 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Association.

The Ballot Paper requires the boxes to be numbered from 1 to 5 in order of your choice. The following nominations are:

Cheryl ARNOL – Glamorgan Spring Bay Council
 Doug CHIPMAN – Clarence City Council
 Barry John JARVIS – Dorset Council
 Steven KONS – Burnie City Council
 Daryl Herbert QUILLIAM – Circular Head Council

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Nil.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Nil.

Policy Implications – Nil.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Completed voting papers need to be returned by 22nd October 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council select the nominations in order of 1 to 5 for the completion of the Ballot Paper.

C/14/09/056/19837 DECISION

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

THAT Council vote in the following order:

1. Doug CHIPMAN – Clarence City Council
2. Barry John JARVIS – Dorset Council
3. Cheryl ARNOL – Glamorgan Spring Bay Council
4. Daryl Herbert QUILLIAM – Circular Head Council
5. Steven KONS – Burnie City Council

CARRIED

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

Clr J L Jones OAM departed the meeting at 1.50 p.m.

**18.2.2 Local Government Association of Tasmania – General Meeting Agenda
(Consideration of Motions)**

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER (T KIRKWOOD)
DATE 18TH SEPTEMBER 2014

ENCLOSURE: General Meeting Agenda (24th September 2014)

ISSUE

Council to consider and establish a position in relation to the “Items for Decision” (Section 2) on the Agenda of the Local Government Association of Tasmania General Meeting.

BACKGROUND

Nil.

DETAIL

Four motions are listed for decision and are focussed on the following issues:

- State-wide Local Government Performance Index (Clarence City Council)
- Disposal of State Government Owned Property (Devonport City Council)
- Super Trawlers (Break O’Day and Northern Midlands)
- Audit Panels (Meander Valley Council)

Submitted for discussion and direction.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – To be considered as part of the discussion.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – To be considered as part of the discussion.

Council Web Site Implications: *Nil.*

Policy Implications – Policy position

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – General Meeting to be held 24th September 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council consider and establish a position in relation to the “Items for Decision” (Section 2) on the Agenda of the Local Government Association of Tasmania General Meeting.

C/14/09/058/19838 DECISION

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by, Clr M Connors

THAT Council adopt the following position(s) in relation to the Motions:

- State-wide Local Government Performance Index (Clarence City Council) – No support
- Disposal of State Government Owned Property (Devonport City Council) – no support
- Super Trawlers (Break O’Day and Northern Midlands) – to be determined after hearing debate at the LGAT Meeting
- Audit Panels (Meander Valley Council) – maintain an ‘in-principle’ position of discretion as opposed to regulated requirement.

CARRIED

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	

18.3 FINANCES**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 34 & 35**

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| 6.3.1 | Communities finances will be managed responsibly to enhance the wellbeing of residence. |
| 6.3.2 | Council will maintain community wealth to ensure that the wealth enjoyed by today's generation may also be enjoyed by tomorrow's generation. |
| 6.3.3 | Council's finance position will be robust enough to recover from unanticipated events, and absorb the volatility inherent in revenues and expenses. |
| 6.3.4 | Resources will be allocated to those activities that generate community benefit. |

18.3.1 Monthly Financial Statement (August 2014)*File Ref: 3/024*

AUTHOR FINANCE OFFICER (C PENNICOTT)
 DATE 18TH SEPTEMBER 2014

Refer enclosed Report incorporating the following: -

- a) Statement of Comprehensive Income – 1st July 2014 to 31st August 2014 (including Notes)
- b) Current Expenditure Estimates
- c) Capital Expenditure Estimates

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

- d) Rates & Charges Summary – as at 16th September 2014
- e) Cash Flow Statement – August 2014

*Note: Expenditure figures provided are for the period 1st July to 31st August 2014 – approximately 17% of the period.***Comments****A. Current Expenditure Estimates (Operating Budget)****Strategic Theme – Infrastructure**

- **Sub-Program – Lighting** - expenditure to date (\$21,939– 24.38%). One of four quarterly payments have been made. Percentage expenditure consistent with budget.

Strategic Theme – Growth

- **Sub-Program – Business** - expenditure to date (\$48,564– 73.30%). Works undertaken on a recharge basis (e.g. Stornoway Contract – not included in original budget). Expenditure will be offset by income received.

Strategic Theme – Lifestyle

- **Sub-Program – Aged** – expenditure to date (\$1,104 – 73.58%). Expenditure consists of payments associated with the Healthy Communities Initiative which are recovered via operational grants.
- **Sub-Program – Childcare** – expenditure to date (\$5,000 – 66.67%). Expenditure includes annual \$5,000 BFDC Grant to the Brighton Family Day Care.

Strategic Theme – Community

- **Sub-Program – Consultation** - expenditure to date (\$1,736 –34.23%). Expenditure of \$1,099 relates to Aurora expenses associated with the operation of the Radio Station (Transmitter Tower). Apportionment of expenses to be addressed through joint negotiation with Radio Station.

Strategic Theme – Organisation

- **Strategic Theme – Improvement** – expenditure to date (\$9,074 – 88.96%). All costs relate to the joint OH&S / Risk Management project being undertaken by six participating Councils under a resource sharing agreement. The \$9,074 is the total cost and is to be shared between the six (6) Councils with revenue coming back to Southern Midlands
- **Sub-Program – Sustainability** - expenditure to date (\$410,903 – 20.60%). Includes annual insurance renewals payable at the commencement of the financial year.

B. Capital Expenditure Estimates (Capital Budget)

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

C/14/09/060/19839 DECISION

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Clr A R Bantick

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE PERIOD
1st JULY 2014 to 31st AUGUST 2014**

	Annual Budget	Year to Date as at 31st AUGUST	%	To Date	Comments
Income					
General rates	\$ 4,384,707	\$ 4,332,891	98.8%		Budget includes Interest & Penalties to be imposed to end of June 2015
User Fees (refer Note 1)	\$ 614,813	\$ 102,315	16.6%		
Interest	\$ 245,000	\$ 28,042	11.4%		
Government Subsidies	\$ 27,750	\$ -	0.0%		Heavy Vehicle Licence Fees & Road Rescue MAIB reimbursements
Contract Income	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%		
Other (refer Note 2)	\$ 308,188	\$ 27,765	9.0%		
Sub-Total	\$ 5,580,458	\$ 4,491,012	80.5%		
Grants - Operating	\$ 3,250,402	\$ 808,443	24.9%		FAGS Grant \$3.245K; \$5K Campania Structure Plan
Total Income	\$ 8,830,860	\$ 5,299,456	60.0%		
Expenses					
Employee benefits	\$ 3,851,335	\$ 533,938	13.9%		Less Roads - Resheeting Capitalised
Materials and contracts	\$ 2,729,768	\$ 515,903	18.9%		Less Roads - Resheeting Capitalised, Includes Land Tax
Depreciation and amortisation	\$ 2,654,000	\$ 451,180	17.0%		Percentage Calculation (based on year-to-date)
Finance costs	\$ 53,023	\$ 374	0.7%		
Contributions	\$ 178,450	\$ -	0.0%		Fire Service Levies
Other	\$ 228,242	\$ 36,393	15.9%		
Total expenses	\$ 9,694,818	\$ 1,537,787	15.9%		
Surplus (deficit) from operations	-\$	\$ 3,761,669	-435.4%		
Grants - Capital (refer Note 3)	\$ 445,234	\$ 3,604	0.8%		
Donations	\$ 2,500	\$ -	0.0%		
Sale Proceeds (Plant & Machinery)	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%		
Net gain / (loss on disposal of non-current assets)	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%		Budget Amount - Sale of Lots - Kandara Court
Surplus / (Deficit)	-\$	\$ 3,765,272	-904.6%		

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL : CURRENT EXPENDITURE 2014/15

SUMMARY SHEET

PROGRAM	TOTAL	REVISED BUDGET (GRANTS & OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS)	ACTUAL AS AT 31 AUGUST 2014 17%	VARIANCE (+/-)	% BASED ON REVISED BUDGET 100%
INFRASTRUCTURE					
Roads	3044345	3044345	517053	2527292	16.98%
Bridges	415869	415869	64405	351464	15.49%
Walkways	178627	178627	19422	159205	10.87%
Lighting	89995	89995	21939	68056	24.38%
Irrigation	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Drainage	77923	77923	9176	68747	11.78%
Waste	575204	575204	62928	512276	10.94%
Public Toilets	56304	56304	5760	50544	10.23%
Communications	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Signage	12300	12300	746	11554	6.06%
INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:	4450567	4450567	701428	3749139	15.76%
GROWTH					
Residential	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Mill Operations	550291	550291	67808	482483	12.32%
Tourism	201345	201345	31174	170171	15.48%
Business	66250	66250	48564	17686	73.30%
Agriculture	5493	5493	0	5493	0.00%
Integration	25350	25350	0	25350	0.00%
GROWTH TOTAL:	848729	848729	147546	701183	17.38%
LANDSCAPES					
Heritage	304709	304709	44583	260126	14.63%
Natural	147816	147816	13654	134162	9.24%
Cultural	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Regulatory	832085	832085	130134	701951	15.64%
Climate Change	37739	37739	346	37393	0.92%
LANDSCAPES TOTAL:	1322349	1322349	188717	1133632	14.27%
LIFESTYLE					
Youth	205731	205731	20174	185557	9.81%
Aged	1500	1500	1104	396	73.58%
Childcare	7500	7500	5000	2500	66.67%
Volunteers	34500	34500	0	34500	0.00%
Access	6520	6520	0	6520	0.00%
Public Health	7826	7826	392	7434	5.00%
Recreation	380880	380880	41650	339230	10.94%
Animals	70090	70090	13116	56974	18.71%
Education	0	0	0	0	0.00%
LIFESTYLE TOTAL:	714547	714547	81436	633111	11.40%
COMMUNITY					
Retention	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Capacity	35025	35025	11115	23910	31.74%
Safety	56650	56650	7077	49573	12.49%
Consultation	5070	5070	1736	3334	34.23%
Communication	12125	12125	0	12125	0.00%
COMMUNITY TOTAL:	108870	108870	19928	88942	18.30%
ORGANISATION					
Improvement	10200	10200	9074	1126	88.96%
Sustainability	1994595	1994595	410903	1583692	20.60%
Finances	244963	244963	3951	241012	1.61%
ORGANISATION TOTAL:	2249758	2249758	423928	1825830	18.84%
TOTALS	9694820	9694820	1562983	8131837	16.12%

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2014-15
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2014

INFRASTRUCTURE	ROAD ASSETS	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
	Resheeting Program	\$ 600,000	\$ 155,717	\$ 444,283	
	Reseal Program	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000	
	Reconstruct & Seal	\$ 26,400	\$ -	\$ 26,400	
	Remove / Cut Bank Bank (DIER)	\$ 33,000	\$ -	\$ 33,000	
		\$ 6,400	\$ -	\$ 6,400	
		\$ 48,400	\$ -	\$ 48,400	
		\$ 39,600	\$ -	\$ 39,600	
	Construct & Seal (Unsealed Roads)	\$ 39,375	\$ -	\$ 39,375	
		\$ 13,750	\$ -	\$ 13,750	
	Minor Seals (New)	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000	
		\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
		\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
	Unsealed - Road Widening	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
		\$ 20,000	\$ 11,023	\$ 8,977	Budget Incls. \$11,023 expended 13/14
		\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	
		\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
		\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
	Junction Road Realignment/ Other	\$ 211,000	\$ 16,324	\$ 194,676	Budget Incls. \$16,044 expended 13/14
		\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
		\$ 83,000	\$ -	\$ 83,000	
		\$ 25,600	\$ 2,113	\$ 23,487	
		\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
		\$ 20,250	\$ -	\$ 20,250	
		\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	
		\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
		\$ 9,700	\$ -	\$ 9,700	
		\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
		\$ 1,861,475	\$ 185,177	\$ 1,456,298	

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BRIDGE ASSETS	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
C1030003	\$ 436,272	\$ 123,979	\$ 312,293	Brown Mountain Road (Coal River B637)
C1030023	\$ 336,335	\$ 3,225	\$ 333,110	Swanston Road - Little Swanport Rv (B 1716)
C1030028	\$ 156,340	\$ 20,400	\$ 135,941	Rotherwood Road Bridge (No. 1137)
C1030030	\$ -	\$ 905	\$ (905)	Jones Rd (B5083)
C1030041	\$ 142,600	\$ -	\$ 142,600	Krieme Road (Birralee Creek B5175)
C1030044	\$ 81,672	\$ 1,304	\$ 80,368	Grahams Creek Road (Grahams Creek B2510) Elderslie Road
C1030045	\$ 26,440	\$ -	\$ 26,440	Daniels Road - Marshallis Crk
	\$ 60,129	\$ -	\$ 60,129	Noyes Road (Limekiln Creek)
	\$ -	\$ 1,469	\$ (1,469)	Fields Road Bridge (B1851)
	\$ 212,650	\$ -	\$ 212,650	Inglewood Road (Tin Dish Rivulet B4289)
	\$ 107,290	\$ -	\$ 107,290	Muddy Plains Road (Summerfield Creek B417)
	\$ 107,290	\$ -	\$ 107,290	Nala Road (Kittys Rivulet B4264)
	\$ 56,950	\$ -	\$ 56,950	Sandy Lane (Red Rocks Race B4198)
	\$ 1,723,968	\$ 151,281	\$ 1,572,687	
WALKWAYS				
	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	Footpaths - General (Program to be confirmed)
C1040005	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	Campania Township - Reeve Street (Vicinity of Store)
C1040005	\$ 80,000	\$ 8,386	\$ 71,614	- Reeve Street (500 metres)
	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	- Review Management Plan (Site Plan) / Walking Tracks (Bush Reserve)
	\$ 9,100	\$ -	\$ 9,100	Oatlands Township - Esplanade (Roadside Stopover to Infant School)
	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	- High Street (Vicinity of School)
	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000	- High Street (Vicinity of Pancake Parlour)
	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	- Church Street (K&G renewal)
	\$ 7,800	\$ -	\$ 7,800	Turnbridge Township - Various (to be confirmed)
	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	Parallah Township - Tunnack Main Road (Link footpath existing to Bailey's Rd)
	\$ 195,900	\$ 8,386	\$ 187,514	
IRRIGATION				
	\$ 8,262	\$ 1,528	\$ 6,734	Mt Pleasant Rec Ground (10ML) - Balance
	\$ 8,262	\$ 1,528	\$ 6,734	

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		BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
DRAINAGE					
	Bagdad				
	- Midland Hwy/ Swan St Drainage (McShane Property)	\$ 22,500	\$ -	\$ 22,500	
	- Swan Street - Kerb & Gutter (eastern & western side)	\$ 241,882	\$ 124,829	\$ 117,053	Budget - allocated in 2013/14
	- Hyland Crescent	\$ -	\$ 14,351	\$ (14,351)	
	Campania				
	- Reeve Street Open Drain (North Of Telephone Box)	\$ 45,000	\$ 3,750	\$ 41,250	
	Oatlands				
	- Barrack Street(towards Mason St)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
	- High SWWellington Street Junction	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
	- Stanley Street / Lake Dulverton - Extension	\$ 13,000	\$ 1,007	\$ 11,994	
	- Wellington Street (150 metres - kerb replacement)	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ 12,000	
	- William Street (Church St to Gay St)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
		<u>\$ 359,382</u>	<u>\$ 143,937</u>	<u>\$ 215,445</u>	
WASTE					
	C110002	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ 7,500	
	Wheellie Bins & Crates	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ 7,500	
PUBLIC TOILETS					
	C1110001	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
	Colebrook - Power Connection & Lighting	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	
	Campania - Urinal / Plumbing / External Shower Head	\$ 9,000	\$ -	\$ 9,000	
SIGNAGE					
	Municipal Boundary (Brighton Bypass)	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500	
MILL OPERATIONS					
	Visitor Centre - Appliances	\$ -	\$ 426	\$ (426)	
		\$ -	\$ 426	\$ (426)	
HERITAGE					
	C3010002	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
	C3010007	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ (2,000)	
	C3010008	\$ 89,500	\$ 3,423	\$ 86,077	
	Oatlands Gaol - Minor Capital Works	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000	
	C3010009	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ 7,500	
	Kempton Watch House (Fitout)	\$ 124,000	\$ 5,423	\$ 118,577	
LANDSCAPES					
NATURAL					
	C3020004	\$ -	\$ 4,109	\$ (4,109)	
	Lake Dulverton - Improvements	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
	Chauncy Vale - Day Down Cottage (Toilet Upgrade)	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,109	\$ 891	

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL			
SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES LEVIED, REMITTED AND COLLECTED			
	This Financial Year 16th September 2014	Last Financial Year 16th September 2013	
Arrears brought forward as at July 1	\$ 431,103.63		\$ 352,040.89
ADD current rates and charges levied	\$ 4,325,759.24		\$ 4,124,506.03
ADD current interest	\$ 4,670.13		\$ 6,615.92
TOTAL rates and charges demanded	100.00% \$ 4,761,533.00	100.00%	\$ 4,483,162.84
LESS rates and charges collected	17.88% \$ 851,439.75	37.03%	\$ 1,659,998.49
LESS pensioner remissions	4.42% \$ 210,353.08	4.51%	\$ 202,281.44
LESS other remissions and refunds	-0.06% -\$ 2,840.70	-0.10%	-\$ 4,406.98
LESS discounts	0.21% \$ 10,081.66	0.40%	\$ 17,725.96
TOTAL rates and charges collected and remitted	22.45% \$ 1,069,033.79	41.84%	\$ 1,875,598.91
UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES	77.55% \$ 3,692,499.21	58.16%	\$ 2,607,563.93

***** 1st instalment for 2014/15 due 25th Sept 2014
 ***** 1st instalment for 2013/14 due 6th Sept 2013

	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (July 2014)	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (August 2014)	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (Year to Date)
Cash flows from operating activities			
Payments			
Employee costs	- 286,297.46	- 268,596.25	- 554,893.71
Materials and contracts	- 494,622.23	- 306,375.10	- 800,997.33
Interest	- 373.55	-	- 373.55
Other	- 16,354.26	- 20,038.62	- 36,392.88
	<u>- 797,647.50</u>	<u>- 595,009.97</u>	<u>- 1,392,657.47</u>
Receipts			
Rates	96,394.89	127,273.28	223,668.17
User charges	66,467.29	57,926.84	124,394.13
Interest received	17,918.73	10,122.94	28,041.67
Subsidies	-	-	-
Other revenue grants	-	812,046.89	812,046.89
GST Refunds from ATO	-	-	-
Other	- 94,785.41	30,214.61	- 64,570.80
	<u>85,995.50</u>	<u>1,037,584.56</u>	<u>1,123,580.06</u>
Net cash from operating activities	<u>- 711,652.00</u>	<u>442,574.59</u>	<u>- 269,077.41</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant & equipment	- 58,787.91	- 80,497.25	- 139,285.16
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	-	14,720.91	14,720.91
Proceeds from Capital grants	-	-	-
Proceeds from Investments	-	-	-
Payment for Investments	-	-	-
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>- 58,787.91</u>	<u>65,776.34</u>	<u>- 124,564.25</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowings	- 4,262.22	-	- 4,262.22
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	-
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	<u>- 4,262.22</u>	<u>- -</u>	<u>- 4,262.22</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	<u>- 774,702.13</u>	<u>376,798.25</u>	<u>- 397,903.88</u>
Cash at beginning of reporting year	7,992,781.80	7,218,079.67	7,992,781.80
Cash at end of reporting year	<u>7,218,079.67</u>	<u>7,594,877.92</u>	<u>7,594,877.92</u>

18.3.2 Dulverton Masonic Lodge – Request for Rate Remission

File Ref: 5842258 GAY

AUTHOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (K BRAZENDALE)

DATE 16TH SEPTEMBER 2014

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 is as follows:-

Property Id 5842258 – 3 Gay Street, Oatlands

General Rate	285.00
Waste Management	118.00
Fire Levy	37.00
TOTAL	440.00

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, being a total of \$142.50.

C/14/09/069/19840 DECISION

Moved by Clr A O Green seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT Council grant a fifty percent (50%) remission of the General Rate only, being a total of \$142.50.

CARRIED

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	

19. INFORMATION BULLETINS

Refer enclosed Bulletin dated 18th September 2014.

Information Bulletin dated 5th September 2014 circulated since previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Information Bulletins dated 5th September 2014 and 18th September 2014 be received and the contents noted.

C/14/09/070/19841 DECISION

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

THAT the Information Bulletins dated 5th September 2014 and 18th September 2014 be received and the contents noted.

CARRIED

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

20. MUNICIPAL SEAL

Nil.

21. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

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

21.1 CALLINGTON MILL – ADVERTISING PROPOSAL (TDT TELEVISION)

The General Manager tabled an advertising proposal prepared by TDT (Ten) Television. The reduced priced package extends over a three-month period, with a total of ‘120 impressions’ per month. The proposal also involves the engagement of Winning Post Productions to prepare two advertisements, focused on brand and product, at a cost of \$1,500.

C/14/09/071/19842 DECISION

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Clr A R Bantick

THAT Council proceed with the advertising proposal at a total cost of \$5,142.

CARRIED

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	

RECOMMENDATION

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

C/14/09/071/19843 DECISION

Moved by Clr D F Fish, 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
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	

CLOSED COUNCIL MINUTES

22. 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**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council move out of “Closed Session”.

C/14/09/098/19844 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
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	

Note: No decisions required endorsement during the Closed Session.

23. CLOSURE 2.22 P.M.