



Your Community Heritage Program

Final Report

Project Title	Oatlands Gaol Walls Restoration project
Project ID	YCH-893268-287
Organisation Name	Southern Midlands Council
Project Manager	Brad Williams
Total YCH funding provided for this project (GST exclusive)	\$96,000.00
Actual project completion date	28 th April 2014

Section 1 - Contact Details

Who can we contact to discuss this report?

Name:	Brad Williams	Phone:	
Position:	Manager – Heritage Projects	Mobile:	5 22 [REDACTED]
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Section 2 – Objectives and Outcomes of the Project

2.1 Description of the activities/outcomes in relation to original Project objectives.

This project aimed to conserve and stabilise the sandstone perimeter walls of the Oatlands Gaol (1836). When the site was partially demolished in 1937, the walls were left partially ruined and without capstones. Ingress of water for the last 70+ years has resulted in some collapse and continuing damage to the structural integrity of the walls. This project involved repair, partial reconstruction and total capping of the walls to stop further deterioration. This was achieved.

In 1939 the original archway which housed the main gaol gates was moved to the local school yard – this project also involved moving the archway back to its original location. By moving the arch, a very significant part of the site has been restored, and by conserving the walls – effectively 2/3 of the original façade of the complex is now restored, providing a focus for the entry to the site and the future of this significant historic site is more secure.

*We remind you of your ongoing contractual obligations – please refer to your Funding Agreement

2.2 Notable Achievements

Please provide details any other significant achievements or outcomes relating to the Project, including how you measured its success.

This project included a comprehensive public consultation program, particularly given the removal of the arch to its original location (demolishing a High Street landmark which had stood in its (alternate) location for 80 years. The statutory approvals process for this project attracted no objections.

Tasmania's Legislative Council, on a tour of Oatlands, visited the project in-progress and commended Council on the initiative.

Coupled with the launch of a brochure on the Oatlands Gaol, the site has achieved a marked increase in visitor numbers (measured by statistics of the local tourism centre). Whilst the site is still not complete (hence full public access is not yet available) this shows promise for the future use and appreciation of the site.

2.3 Reporting of Indigenous participation and employment

Did your Project involve the participation of Indigenous people?

Yes No

If so, please provide the number of Indigenous people; either directly employed, subcontracted, and/or engaged as volunteers in the Project:

This community heritage project was undertaken for the benefit of the whole community, and no individual 'group' was singled out.

Section 3 – Project Budget

(Please ensure that you attach a Financial Statement)

3.1 Were the YCH funded components of the Project completed within the approved budget?

Yes

If you answered 'No' to the above question, please provide reasons why.

3.2 Cash and In-Kind contributions

If your Project was supported by other sources please identify here. This could be an estimate of the hours of labour contributed by volunteers, materials donated by a business, a consultant who donated their time, etc.

	Yes	Quantity
Volunteer labour/contractors/consultants/facilitators (number of hours)		100
Materials/supplies/venue hire (dollar value)		
Private business partners/state agency partners (number of partners)		
Other (\$, hours etc)		

Section 4 – Comments / Feedback

Complete this section if there is any additional information you wish to provide the Department in relation to the Project or the YCH Program.

Southern Midlands Council wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the Department for the assistance provided in the conservation and restoration of this key community heritage asset.

With other aspects of the overall Oatlands Gaol Restoration Project progressing, an opening to the public is expected in early 2015. Representatives of the Department will be notified of the opening date closer to the time.

Report prepared by: Brad Williams	Phone: 0418 303184
Signed:	Date: 22/7/14

Section 5 – Checklist

The following attachments are required and should be included as part of this report.

- A.** Evidence of practical completion (i.e. photos, letters from contractors, website information, brochures) Yes
- B.** Evidence of communication/promotion activities and acknowledgement of Australian Government assistance Yes
- C.** Appropriate Financial Statement completed and signed Yes

(there are two Financial Statement Templates available at <http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/heritage/heritage-grants-and-funding/your-community-heritage>. One for projects that received under \$80k (GST Exc) and one for projects that received over \$80k (GST Exclusive).

- D.** Statutory Declaration completed and signed Yes

(Template available at <http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/heritage/heritage-grants-and-funding/your-community-heritage>.)

You may include additional attachments where relevant.

Prior to submitting this report, have you:

Completed all fields on the form? Yes

Once completed, please email this report to: heritagegrants@environment.gov.au

Please post the report and original documents to:

**Your Community Heritage
Small Grants Section
Department of the Environment
GPO Box 787
CANBERRA ACT 2601**



Progress photos – Oatlands Gaol Walls Restoration Project

Arch in its original location – showing the 6-metre high perimeter walls of the gaol



The relocated arch c1950



The original arch site prior to relocation



Damage to the Gaoler's Residence and remainder of walls following relocation of the arch



Scaffolding ready for dismantling the arch November 2012



The arch in the process of removal December 2012



The arch laid out ready for reconstruction February 2013



Commencement of the rebuild of the arch in its original location June 2013





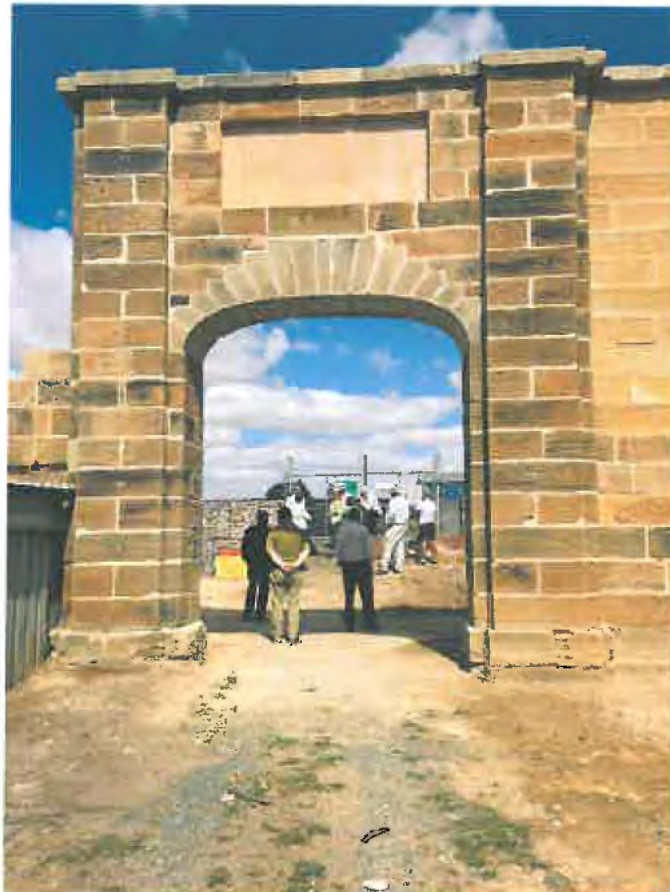
The rebuild progresses June - September 2013



Careful reinstatement of keystones September 2013



Tasmanian MLC's inspect the completed arch on a visit to Oatlands March 2014



The completed arch April 2014



Wall capping and stabilisation works - 2013



Example of promotional material informing the public of the project – signs at both works sites (old and new arch sites) as well as flyers posted in selected business windows at Oatlands. Flyer also distributed at the 2012 and 2013 Oatlands Archaeology Program open days (500+ people at each event).

The Oatlands Gaol Arch & Wall Restoration Project

The Oatlands Gaol arch was moved from its original (1836) location to High Street in 1939. A project is underway to relocate the arch back to its original location. The remaining perimeter walls are also being stabilised and conserved.

The Oatlands Gaol will open to the public in late 2014/early 2015.

Project sponsors

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Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
Your Community Heritage Program

Commonwealth of Australia
STATUTORY DECLARATION
Statutory Declarations Act 1959

*Insert the name,
address and
occupation of person
making the
declaration*

I, Timothy Francis Kirkwood, General Manager – Southern Midlands Council, of 137 Main Street, KEMPTON, Tasmania 7030

(Insert name, address and occupation of person making the declaration)
make the following declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*:

*Set out matter
declared to in
numbered paragraphs*

(1) I am authorised to make this Statutory Declaration on behalf of:
Southern Midlands Council, 71 High Street, OATLANDS, Tasmania 7120
ABN 68 653 459 589

(Insert the name, address and ABN of organisation)

the project grantee and recipient of funding from the Australian Government under the Your Community Heritage Program - **Project YCH –893268-287 The Oatlands Gaol Wall Restoration project** and do so after making diligent inquiry and on the basis of my own knowledge.

- (2) The total funding including noted surplus funds for the project has now been spent in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Funding Deed or as per varied terms.
- (3) The agreed project activities have been undertaken and completed, as detailed in the Your Community Heritage Final Report.

*Signature of person
making the
declaration*



*Place
Day
Month and year*

Declared at Kempton on 23rd of July 2014

*Signature of person
before whom the
declaration is made
(see next page)*

Before me,

*Full name,
qualification and
address of person
before whom the
declaration is made
(in printed letters)*

Bradley Jonathon Allen Williams

Heritage Manager - Southern Midlands Council

107 Main Street, KEMPTON Tasmania 7030

A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years — see section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* — see section 5A of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

Your Community Heritage (YCH) – Financial Statement
\$80k and above (GST Exclusive)

DETAILS

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Grantee Organisation: Southern Midlands Council


INCOME and EXPENDITURE

Exclusive of GST

INCOME	
Your Community Heritage project funding	\$96,000.00
EXPENDITURE	
List all items/project activities purchased with YCH project funds and the cost of each item	
PURCHASE OF STONE (EXCL GST)	\$ 20,000.
WALL STABILISATION	\$
(INCLUDES LABOUR, MATERIALS - SURGRY, PLOTT + EQUIPMENT)	\$ 76,000
	\$
NOTE: EXPENDITURE SHOWN ONLY FOR GRANT	\$
IMPROVEMENT - BALANCE OF PROJECT IN	\$
ACCORDANCE WITH GRANT DEED FUNDED BY	\$
SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL.	
Balance of YCH funds	\$ NIL

CERTIFICATION

I have reviewed the above Statement of Income and Expenditure. In my opinion the Statement presents a true and fair view of the project.

Qualified Accountant's or CFO name: Tim Kirkwood	
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Signature: 	Date: 23/7/2014
Firm: Southern Midlands Council	
ABN: 68 653 459 589	
Registered as an Accountant (please tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> & provide details as applicable),	
<input type="checkbox"/> under the Corporations Law, or <input type="checkbox"/> a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants* in Australia, or <input type="checkbox"/> a member of the Institute of Public Accountants*, or <input type="checkbox"/> a member of CPA Australia*, or <input type="checkbox"/> a member of NTAA Australia*, or <input type="checkbox"/> a member of other national association*	
(*) Accreditation number: [REDACTED]	
Or	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organisation is audited by a State or Territory Auditor General	