

# MINUTES

**MEETING OF THE CAMPBELL TOWN DISTRICT FORUM HELD IN THE UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM AT THE TOWN HALL, CAMPBELL TOWN ON TUESDAY, 4 JULY 2017 COMMENCING AT 9:31AM**

## 1 PRESENT

Mrs Jill Clarke (Chairperson), Mr Bevis Perkins ESM, Mr John Ashman, Ms Sally Hills, Mr Michael Roach, Mr Owen Diefenbach, Mr Rob Rakich, Mrs Jill Davis

## 2 IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Leisa Gordon, Mrs Kerin Smith-Harvey (Guest), Miss Georgina Brown (Executive & Communications Officer)

## 3 APOLOGIES

Mrs Debbie Thomas, Mrs Judith Lyne

## 4 DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a member of a Special Committee must not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in respect to which the member:

- a) has an interest; or
- b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

A member has an interest in a matter if the matter was decided in a particular manner, receive or have an expectation of receiving or likely to receive a pecuniary benefit or pecuniary detriment.

Nil declared

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*Mr John Ashman/Mrs Jill Davis*

The minutes of the meeting of the Campbell Town District Forum held on **Tuesday, 6 June 2017** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

## **6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **6.1 Campbell Town CBD Urban Design Strategy**

A public consultation session to be facilitated by GHD. The Forum to be advised of further details once confirmed.

A concern was raised regarding the effect the development may have on trade for shops and businesses located along High Street.

The Forum hope the Northern Midlands Council and GHD consultants will liaise closely with business owners.

### **6.2 Campbell Town Oval Redevelopment**

Council has received the Development Application. The Forum to receive notice of planning application once Officers have reviewed the submission.

It was noted the 2017 football season concludes in September 2017. The Forum are eager for the project to progress.

### **6.3 Motions to Council**

**6.3.1 Motion (15/05/2017):** *The Campbell Town District Forum request Council expedite the selection and installation of steps at the Campbell Town swimming pool by the start of the 2017 swimming season.*

#### ***Update:***

Council Officers provided the Pool Committee with a step design. This design has been approved by the Pool Committee. Council Officers have authorised production of the steps.

Once the steps are constructed, Council Officers are to install. It is expected the steps will be in place by the start of the 2017 swimming season.

The Campbell Town War Memorial Oval Redevelopment encompasses access to the Campbell Town Swimming Pool with the kiosk located within the development. The Forum discussed the location of the kiosk, access to the pool and management of ticket sales.

**6.3.2 Motion (15/05/2017):** *The Campbell Town District Forum support Blackburn Park to remain as a free, overnight camping site. The Forum generally support the proposal received from CMCA for a separate overnight camping location in Campbell Town. King Street Oval has been identified as an alternative site.*

#### ***Update:***

A report was presented at Council's June meeting seeking Council's position on progressing the proposal by the CMCA to establish a members-only RV park in Campbell Town.

Council decided to defer the report to its July meeting, pending further information.

The report presented to Council at its June meeting outlines the public access

requirements of the area.

#### 6.4 Website

As part of Council's website redevelopment, the township subsites will receive a fresh design. The initial design of the Campbell Town subsite to be shared with the Forum.

A copy of the design concept was presented at the meeting.

An enquiry was made with regard to accessing the Campbell Town subsite.

**Action:**

Miss Brown to confirm the Campbell Town subsite web address.

#### 6.5 Conara Bush Track

Council Officers investigated the potential danger of falling limbs along the Conara walkway. The Department of State Growth confirm fallen limbs are not usually removed from bush tracks to preserve the natural habitat of the wildlife.

It was mentioned Conara residents are concerned by tree limbs that have not yet fallen and are hanging above the walking track. It was noted there are 10-12 spots along the track which pose a risk to the public who use the trail.

**Action:**

Mr Rakich to provide photographs of the areas of concern along the Conara bush track.

#### 6.6 Support to Change the Date of Recognition of Australia

The Northern Midlands Council has received a letter dated 12 May 2017 from Alderman Sue Hickey, Lord Mayor of Hobart seeking Council's support of the following motion to be presented to the Local Government Association of Tasmania General meeting on 26 July 2017:

*That LGAT be requested to lobby Tasmania's 29 councils to consider efforts they could take to lobby the federal government to change the date of recognition of Australia Day.*

Council decided at its June meeting to obtain feedback from its Local District Committees.

The Forum to provide its position on changing the date of recognition of Australia.

**Mr Michael Roach/Mr John Ashman**

The Campbell Town District Forum does not believe it is a Council issue to initiate social change.

Carried unanimously

## 6.7 Australia Day Event

Council's 2018 Australia Day event is to be held in Campbell Town.

Council Officers to engage with stakeholders to commence planning for the event.

The Forum were generally pleased Council's Australia Day event will be held in Campbell Town in 2018.

## 6.8 Conara Masterplan

Council decided at its June meeting not to proceed with initiating a master plan for the site. Council to request the Department of State Growth to progress.

## 7 NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 Campbell Town History

The Hospital Working Group is collating information to produce a book on the history of Campbell Town. It was noted the group have uncovered significant artefacts and it is intended these items be on public display.

**Action:**

Miss Brown to provide information on Council's Special Project funding.

### 7.2 Customer Requests

Completed customer request forms were collected by Miss Brown.

It was reported that several customer requests have not received a response from Council.

**Action:**

Miss Brown to provide this feedback to Council's Works Manager to pass on to the Works Department.

### 7.3 Driver Safety in Foggy Conditions

The Forum discussed the danger foggy conditions pose to road users.

**Mrs Jill Clarke/Mr Bevis Perkins**

The Campbell Town District Forum recommend Council approach the Department of State Growth to consider implementing more adequate measures to improve road safety in foggy conditions.

Carried unanimously

#### **7.4 Northern Lights Project**

All street lights across the Northern Midlands municipality are to be upgraded to LED lights as part of the Northern Lights Project.

Work is scheduled to commence 2017/2018 financial year.

#### **7.5 Pedestrian safety**

A concern was raised with regard to the safety of pedestrians crossing the road on High Street, from the school to the Campbell Town War Memorial Oval.

*Mrs Jill Clarke/Mr Bevis Perkins*

The Campbell Town District Forum request Council to consider improving safety for pedestrians crossing the highway from outside the Campbell Town District High School to the War Memorial Oval precinct.

Carried unanimously

#### **7.6 Thank you**

Ms Hills thanked the Council for installing a hand dryer in the female toilet at the Campbell Town Hall.

#### **7.7 Red Bridge Repair Work**

The Department of State Growth have recently completed repair work to the Red Bridge after a motorist caused damage to the bricks.

The Forum recommend Council liaise with the Department of State Growth to undertake a cleaning process to the Red Bridge to enhance the red colour of the bricks.

The Heritage Recognition Award ceremony is to be held at the Red Bridge on 9 November 2017 with the Governor to attend.

**Action:**

Miss Brown to raise request with Council's Engineering Officer to investigate.

#### **7.8 Council Budget**

The Northern Midlands Council adopted a \$20.4 million operating budget for 2017/2018 at its Council meeting held on Monday, 26 June 2017, and a stimulating \$16 million capital works program.

Details of the budget allocation relevant to Campbell Town will be provided by the Corporate Services Manager in due course.

### **7.9 Campbell Town District Forum August Meeting**

The next Forum meeting is to be held Tuesday, 1 August 2017. A member of the Forum is required to take the minutes for this meeting.

### **8 CLOSURE**

Chairperson closed meeting at 10:37 am.

Next meeting to be held on **1 August 2017** at the Town Hall, upstairs meeting room.