

2026-03-16 OPEN COUNCIL - ORDINARY MEETING ATTACHMENTS

6.1 COUNCIL COMMITTEES - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.....	3
6.1.1 2026-02-03 Campbell Town District Committee Minutes.....	3
6.1.2 MINUTES Evandale District Committee 3 February 2026 Final.....	9
6.1.3 LDC MINUTES 4 Th MARCH 2026 With Addendum And NO Trucks.....	19
6.1.4 Minutes 3 March 2026 CTDF.....	46
6.1.5 ECIC Minutes 10 Feb 2026.....	47
6.1.6 MINUTES Of MPMC General Meeting Wednesday 11 Th February 2026.....	50
6.1.7 Liffey Hall Committee - MINUTES FEBRUARY 2026.....	53
8.16 TOURISM & EVENTS AND HERITAGE HIGHWAY TOURISM REGION	
ASSOCIATION (HHTRA) UPDATE.....	57
8.16.1 Big Sing 2. Credit Christine Gorringe.....	57
11.1 PLN-25-0207 - MULTIPLE DWELLINGS (3) AT 9 ZIRCON PLACE, PERTH.....	58
11.1.1 PL N-25-0207 Agenda Attachment.....	58
14.1 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) - 2026 GENERAL	
ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE.....	88
14.1.1 ALGA 2026 Discussion Paper.....	88
14.1.2 Councillors Allowances Travelling And Other Expenses.....	112
14.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA (LGAT) - 10 APRIL 2026	
GENERAL MEETING.....	116
14.2.1 City Of Hobart Motion Second Generation Rodenticides.....	116
14.2.2 West Tamar Council Motion - Changing Local Government's Role In	
Delivering Immunisation Programs.....	118

15.1 MONTHLY REPORT: FINANCIAL STATEMENT.....120

15.1.1 Monthly Financial Report - February 2026.....120

**16.1 NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL DARK SKY POLICY AND SUPPORT OF ROSS AS
A DARK SKY COMMUNITY.....121**

16.1.1 Dark Sky Policy.....121

16.1.2 Ross Dark Sky Community Council Brief.....125

16.1.3 International Dark- Sky Community Program Guidelines 2018.....165

16.1.4 The Dark Sky Project - Presentation To NMC.....179

MINUTES-Campbell Town District Committee Ordinary meeting on Tuesday 3 February 2026 at 9:30am

- 1 **Present:** Elizabeth Porter, Sally Hills, Jill Davis, Danny Saunders, Barry Pyke, David Gatenby OAM and Ken Reid.
- 2 **In Attendance:** Councillor Alison Andrews, Councillor Paul Terrett and NMC Secretary Vivien Tan
Guests: -
- 3 **Apologies:** Nicole Graham
- 4 **Acknowledgement of Country:**

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners, and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather today and acknowledge Elders – past, present, and emerging.

5 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, Part 5, S48A – S56, 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. *It should be noted that any person declaring an interest is required to notify the General Manager, in writing, of the details of any interest declared within 7 days of the declaration.” Nil

6 Confirmation of Minutes:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Campbell Town Local District Committee held on Tuesday 2 December 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceeding *subject to the mover of item 7.8 be noted as D Gatenby OAM.*

Election of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary (For the remainder of the 2024–2026 term)

9:45am The Acting Chairperson stepped down from the Chair.

Councillor Paul Terrett assumed the Chair and conducted the election process, calling for nominations for the positions of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary for the remainder of the 2024–2026 term. The Committee resolved to nominate and vote on the positions as required.

Election of Chairperson

Councillor Paul Terrett called for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Nomination:

- **Elizabeth Porter**
 - **Nominated by S Hills**
 - **Seconded by Ken Reid**

There being no further nominations, the nomination was put and CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

That Elizabeth Porter be elected as Chairperson for the remainder of the 2024–2026 term.

Election of Vice Chairperson

Councillor Paul Terrett called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson.

Nomination received from

- **Danny Saunders**

There being no further nominations, the nomination was put and CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

That Danny Saunders be elected as Vice Chairperson for the remainder of the 2024–2026 term.

Election of Committee Secretary

Councillor Paul Terrett called for nominations for the position of Secretary.

Nomination received from

- **Sally Hills**

There being no further nominations, the nomination was put and CARRIED.

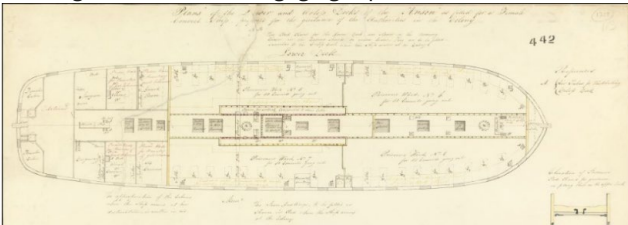
RESOLVED:

That Sally Hills be elected as Secretary for the remainder of the 2024–2026 term.


Business Arising:

		ACTION
7.1	Christmas Lights The committee expressed strong interest in the Christmas Lights	Youth Officer has seen survey response from students at Campbell Town District High

	<p>concept, noting the success of the Oatlands Christmas event and the positive coverage of the Oatlands Christmas Parade in the <i>Southern Midlands News</i>.</p> <p>Community Engagement</p> <p>It was agreed that fostering stronger community spirit would be essential. This would require active involvement and backing from key stakeholders, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local schools • Churches • Community groups and other stakeholders <p>There was consensus that broader community participation is needed to ensure the event reflects and engages the whole town. Discussion focused on whether:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising activities would be required. • Sponsors would be sought and who would manage sponsorship. • A dedicated committee should be established to plan and deliver the event. <p>These matters were identified as requiring further consideration.</p> <p>Location and Activities</p> <p>Valentines Park was identified as a suitable central location for activities, providing an opportunity to activate the heart of the town and create a focal point for the event.</p> <p>Partnerships and Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The potential involvement of Brick Trail representatives was discussed, including ways to encourage their participation in the event. • The Football Club was identified as a possible key partner, with the opportunity to join forces with other community groups to deliver a whole-of-town event. <p>The Council Youth Officer was identified as a key liaison to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support engagement with the school. • Assist coordination with the Football Club 	<p>School – “ All come together and decorate the town for Christmas”</p>
<p>7.2</p>	<p>Significant Trees</p>	<p>Awaiting final report. Ongoing</p>
<p>7.3</p>	<p>Recycle Rewards – refund scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site installed King Street outside IGA • Tasmania’s First Solar powered Recycle Rewards site is installed in Campbell Town. • Tomra Cleanaway is producing social media videos. Initial testing is only open for four days. This may change in the future. • Currently open from wed to Saturday from 10am – 1 PM If the solar batteries are being tested to see if this site can be run 7 days a week. 	<p>Committee members noted that the river seemed cleaner and that the youth were collecting bottles to recycle. Resolved – remove from next agenda.</p>
<p>7.4</p>	<p>Blackburn Park Toilet - Update</p> <p>Committee requests the commencement date of the Blackburn Park toilet facility. <u>The budget was formally adopted in late July.</u></p> <hr/> <p>Public Shower Facilities</p> <p>Motion: That council consider adding a shower facility to the new toilet block at Blackburn Park or Valentines Park toilet block.</p> <p>7.1.4 Public Shower Facilities In Campbell Town MINUTE NO. 25/156 That Council assesses the viability and necessity of an additional public shower.</p>	<p>This is budgeted for 2025-2026. Council will be including a Shower facility when the new toilet is constructed. Construction will be this year 2026.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>7.5</p>	<p>Meeting Dates for 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March Budget Submission to council (date TBC) • March 3, 2026 • March 31, 2026 • April Council Bus Tour or Municipality (date TBC) 	<p>Officer comment: The venue for 2026 meetings will be: Campbell Town Guide Hall, 20-30 King Street Campbell Town</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 5, 2026 • June 2, 2026 • July 7, 2026 • August 4, 2026 • September 1, 2026 • October 6, 2026 • November Christmas Dinner in Ross (date TBC) • November 3, 2026 • December 1 2026 	
<p>7.6</p>	<p>Convict Brick Trail Existing 'convict ships' were installed on the Queen Street corner footpaths. These works were completed in November of 2021. The installations will include approximately twenty-four ship outlines, each containing one hundred existing printed convict brick elements. Accompanying these ship elements will be a series of convict arrow pavement insets, designed to connect each of the twenty-four convict brick ship elements. This thoughtful arrangement will lead visitors to explore the entire streetscape and adjoining businesses, creating a cohesive and engaging experience.</p>  <p><small>Tasmanian Archives: Plan-Ship Anson-lower & orlop decks-fitted out for a female convict ship. Architect, Chatham Yard, U.K. PWD266/1/679</small></p> <p>4 November 2025; Motion: The plan of the Convict Brick Trail to be displayed on the notice board. Move: E. Porter Second B. Pyke CARRIED</p> <p>5/11/25 (information provided by email to District Committee members and Councillor Reps 5/11/25)</p> <p>Committee Discussion February 3, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee discussed the potential use of ship-shaped elements to help tell the story of the convict ships. • It was noted that the ships could serve as a record of the vessels and convicts who travelled from the United Kingdom. • The Councillor advised that interpretation and informational content is intended to be displayed as part of the original concept design. 	<p>Interpretative signage can be considered after the streetscape is complete. Ongoing</p>
<p>7.7</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Watch suggested as a topic for discussion at another meeting.</p>	<p>Deferred to next meeting</p>
<p>7.8</p>	<p>Footpath Maintenance and Gutters Committee member noted that the areas around the bins had leaked fluids such as coffee and food waste. Local businesses can also take pride in their shop entrances.</p>	<p>Committee member to notify council works when they see this by phone 6397 7303 or through the "let us know" on council website.</p>

8. Budget Items/Requests Table 2026-2027

	Budget Items/ Request List for the 2026/2027 BUDGET	Budget
8.1	<p>East St from William to King Street to ease local traffic. Investigate the feasibility of opening up East St. from William St. to King St. to ease local traffic using High Street and to ease congestion on the corner of King and High Streets.</p>	Budget Request made in 2025/26.
8.2	<p>Footpaths – South of the Red bridge Motion: That council look to constructing footpaths along the highway from the Red Bridge to New Street. <u>7.1.5 Footpaths - South Of Red Bridge MINUTE NO. 25/157</u> That Council notes the Committee's request and investigates further. There is currently no footpath access south of the Red Bridge and there is a need to continue the footpath going south from the town Background From Red Bridge to New Street along the main road is where many new families are living. (West side of the road) Committee members note that there are families with young children that walk into the town (pushing prams and riding bikes) and that there is no safe footpath to walk on.</p>	Budget Request made in 2025/26. Committee requests that council look for VRUP funding for a footpath from Red Bridge up to new Street on the west side of the highway.
8.3	<p>Play Area at the Campbell Town Rec Ground Motion: June 3, 2025, That the council look to extend the playground at the Campbell Town Recreation Ground and put in a ¼ or ½ court netball/ basketball court and /or other amenities for older children. 7.1.2 Play Area At The Campbell Town Recreation Ground MINUTE NO. 25/154 That Council notes the Committee request and considers it for inclusion in future budgets or grant funding opportunities.</p>	Budget request made in 2025/26.
8.4	<p>Upgrade of Children’s Play equipment at Valentine Park (referencing the Transit of Venus space theme)</p>	Budget Request made in 2025/26
8.5	<p>Off lead Dog Park and signage</p>  <p>Council recommended location Animal control and Works Manager recommend a triangular area by Elizabeth River, car access by King Street (site is approx. 37mx35mx37m). Motion: Off Lead Dog Park Moved B Pyke Seconded D Saunders The committee agrees with the location but requests that the area be extended. Motion was considered operational and not included in Council agenda. Committee Members remarked that this location is too small and will look at other site possibilities weather permitting</p>	Request for fencing and signage to be included in the budget for 2026-27.
8.6	<p>Gatty Memorial and Quarry Redevelopment of the Harold Gatty Memorial Reserve is listed as a Community Infrastructure and Health and Wellbeing Priority Project of Northern Midlands Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project is designed to ensure the Gatty Memorial restoration and upgrade continues and is ultimately completed to reflect the achievements of one of the world’s greatest Tasmanian born aviators. The redevelopment is in the area to the west of Glenelg Street that overlooks the Gatty Memorial. The concept is to design and develop an area reflecting the history of Campbell Town during World War 2 encompassing the period 1941-1945. Story boards depicting the hospitals, airfields, Ross fuel dump facility and military camps that were established during this period would admirably support both the Gatty Memorial and the region’s history during that period. <p>Additional information and plan can be found here: Strategic Projects - Northern Midlands Council</p>	Plan has been emailed to the committee and is available on the Council website.

9. New Business:

<p>9.1</p>	<p>Campbell Town Cemetery Motion: Moved: D Gatenby OAM Seconded: S Hills Carried That Council investigate opportunities to purchase suitable land for the establishment of a community cemetery to address current and future burial needs in Campbell Town.</p> <p>Background discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident raised concerns about the lack of available burial space in Campbell Town. • It was noted that Church-owned land contains hundreds of unmarked graves and is now full, with the Church experiencing difficulty identifying additional land. • The Anglican cemetery is also full, except for plots that are already reserved. • The Parish has undertaken investigations to locate suitable land for future burials, without success to date. • A suggestion was made to consider establishing a memorial garden in Campbell Town, with future burials potentially directed to Ross. • A Councillor advised that Council is currently considering the development of a broader plan to address cemetery and burial needs. 	<p>Motion will be raised to the 16 March 2026 Council meeting.</p>
<p>9.2</p>	<p>Weeds Complaint Campbell Town Motion: That Council get rid of the Weeds in Campbell Town Moved Ken Reid Seconded B Pyke CARRIED</p> <p>Background: A member of the committee reported the King Street footpath is overgrown with weeds and thistles, creating an untidy appearance and potential hazard to pedestrians.</p> <p>In relation to Campbell Town, Council does allocate funding for weed spraying and vegetation control on local roads, footpaths, parks and reserves, including areas such as King Street and surrounding streets.</p> <p>Weed spraying in Campbell Town is delivered as part of Council’s municipality-wide spraying program, which operates under a biennial, hourly-rate contract. Instead, costs are incurred as work is required, based on factors such as seasonal growth, safety risks, inspections and reported issues.</p> <p>Works in Campbell Town are prioritised alongside other towns based on risk, location and available operational budget.</p> <p>Council also operates a No Spray Register. Where a property in Campbell Town is approved for inclusion on this register, chemical spraying does not occur along the adjoining road reserve, and responsibility for weed control in that frontage transfers to the adjoining landholder. This can reduce chemical use and associated costs in some locations.</p> <p>Northern Midlands Weed Management Strategy 2024 2029 is available on the council website.</p> <p>General Investigation into Weed Action Fund eligibility – request to NRE sent 13/2/26</p>	<p>This issue is considered operational in nature. The motion has not been submitted to the council.</p> <p>Parks and Reserve team have mowed the nature strips. King Street will be flat sprayed by end of February. Grass will be reseeded when the weather is more appropriate.</p>
<p>9.3</p>	<p>Letter regarding Campbell Town Hall sale read by the Chair for the Committee</p>	<p>Remove from March agenda.</p>
<p>9.4</p>	<p>Congratulations to the Northern Midlands Council for a fabulous Australia Day event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee discussion - this was a real showcase for the town. • It was the biggest and most successful event that some members had been to over the years of attending these events 	
<p>9.5</p>	<p>Macquarie Road – Safety and Speed Limit Reduction Moved: D Gatenby Seconded: S Hills Carried Against B Pyke Motion That Council: Requests that the appropriate authority reduce the speed limit on Macquarie Road to 80 km/h as an interim safety measure until further assessment or remediation works can be undertaken and to include Macquarie road in the budget for rebuilding.</p>	<p>This issue is considered operational in nature. The motion has not been submitted to the council.</p> <p>Remedial works</p>

	<p>Macquarie Road – Condition and Safety Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macquarie Road was constructed approximately 50 years ago and has not been resealed since. • The road surface is now in a sub-standard condition, presenting significant safety risks to road users. • Current conditions are dangerous, particularly when heavy vehicles and trucks are passing. • Vehicles are often required to move off the sealed surface to allow trucks to pass safely. • It was agreed that the speed limit should be reduced to 80 km/h due to the deteriorated road condition and safety concerns. 	<p>are currently being undertaken. Resealing works to make good areas that have failed. New materials have been delivered onsite. Ongoing.</p>
9.6	<p>West Street, Campbell Town Moved: E Porter Seconded: B Pyke Carried Motion That Council resolves to investigate a full reconstruction and resealing of West Street, from Pedder Street at the crossroads through to the highway, to provide a long-term and safe road outcome.</p> <p>Background: It was noted by committee that West Street requires full reconstruction and resealing from West Street through to the highway, including Pedder Street at the crossroads. Existing pavement condition has deteriorated to the point where patching is no longer effective. Repaired sections are failing and now require frequent and ongoing maintenance. It was agreed that continued patching is not a sustainable solution and that a full rebuild is necessary to address the underlying issues and ensure long-term road safety and serviceability.</p>	<p>This issue is considered operational in nature. The motion has not been submitted to the council.</p> <p>Council officers have been requested to inspect and assess road conditions on West Street.</p>
9.7	<p>Charity shop Parking Committee raised concerns that there would not be access to the Charity shop at the Church. For any questions about Streetscape works, please contact Sarah on 0418 828 896</p>	<p>There are no plans for works outside of the Church. Remove from agenda.</p>
9.8	<p>Bridge Street Road Conditions Moved: K Reid Seconded: B Pyke Carried That council check the condition of Bridge Street and corners of King and Queen Street.</p> <p>Council officers have been requested to inspect and assess road conditions on Bridge Street and at the corners of King Street and Queen Street, and report back on any required maintenance or traffic management measures. The motion has not been submitted to the council.</p>	<p>This issue is considered operational in nature. Council officers have been requested to inspect and assess road conditions on Bridge Street.</p>
9.9	<p>Campbell Town Streetscapes work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 1 is Queen to William - High Street. Currently being completed • Stage 2 is Queen to Red Bridge - High Street. 	<p>Community engagement officer contact details.</p>

10.The Chair closed the meeting at 11 am.

Next meeting – Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 9:30am. Campbell Town Guide Hall, 20-30 King Street.

MINUTES- Evandale District Committee Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 3 February 2026 starting at 4:05pm

ATTENDANCE

1. **Present:** David Swann, Jean-Luc Curtis-Godillon, Bruce Argent-Smith, Robyn Williams, Barry Lawson (Acting Chairman)

In Attendance: Councillor Paul Terrett (*entered the meeting at 4:20pm*) and NMC Secretary Vivien Tan

2. **Guest:** Heidi Kent

Apologies: Councillor Janet Lambert, Stephanie Kensitt, Jo Archer and Andrea Westbrook

3. **Acknowledgement of Country:**

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners, and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather today and acknowledge Elders – past, present, and emerging.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: D Swann Seconded: B Argent-Smith Carried

That the minutes of the meeting of the Evandale Committee held on Tuesday 2 December 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

5. DECLARATIONS 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

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES


	Description	Action
6.1 (A)	<p>Pioneer Park - Improvements</p> <p>The Park already has a significant investment in trees that should be cared for.</p> <p>Moved: G Divall Seconded: J Archer Carried</p>	<p>Include in community feedback for the need for complete irrigation plans in the Pioneer Park Master</p>

	<p>Motion Irrigation System of Pioneer Park</p> <p>That the committee requests the council to complete a check on the irrigation system of the Pioneer Park, maintain and conduct regular checks to protect the existing trees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion regarding the ability of having community led plantings. This would need to work with the Master Plan • Possible formation of subcommittee - apply for community grants. Council requested to apply for grants <hr/> <p>February 3, 2026</p> <p>Motion: Moved: JL Curtis-Godillon Seconded: D Swann CARRIED</p> <p>Council undertake a full assessment of the Pioneer Park irrigation system, carry out necessary repairs, and implement regular scheduled maintenance to support the ongoing health of existing trees.</p> <p>Discussion: The Committee noted that the irrigation system at Pioneer Park is currently not functioning. Members expressed concern regarding the risk to the Park’s established trees and acknowledged the need for Council to undertake repairs and regular maintenance.</p>	<p>Plan when funding has been sought.</p> <p>Listed as a Council Priority Project. Awaiting funding opportunities.</p>
<p>6.1(B)</p>	<p>Pioneer Park – Picnic Shelter</p> <p>Cold prevailing winds at the Picnic Shelter – could future design have increased protection. Ideas for fixed window/ louvre windows. Close in on three sides with Perspex or clear to let light in. Consider future design with Masterplan. Will be requested in the Master Plan.</p>	<p>Listed as a Council Priority Project.</p> <p>Awaiting funding opportunities.</p>

<p>6.1 (C)</p>	<p>Pioneer Park - Master Plan</p> <p>Motion 3/12/2024 Moved B Lawson Seconded S Kensitt Carried That council consider any activity or works currently being done in Pioneer Park in the overall scheme of the Master Plan and provide a copy of the Master Plan report.</p> <p>Pioneer Park Master Plan</p> <p>Motion 5/8/25 Moved G Divall Seconded D Swann The Committee requests that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A Council officer/ consultant to clarify the breakdown of the \$350,000 allocated to the Pioneer Park Masterplan and play equipment update. 2) To include a timeframe of the next steps for the expenditure of the funds 3) Time and place for the committee presentation which could be a mutually convenient time. <hr/> <p>Moved: B. Argent-Smith Second: J Archer Carried</p> <p>Motion: Further Discussion on Pioneer Park Development Sequencing</p> <p>That Council arrange a dedicated workshop and presentation for the committee to review and discuss the proposed sequencing of works under the Pioneer Park Landscape Master Plan, including staging priorities, timelines, and funding options, prior to commencement of implementation.</p> <p>Motion for the 18 August 2025 Council meeting 2025-09-15 OPEN COUNCIL - ORDINARY MEETING 7 1.2 Pioneer Park - Master Plan - Evandale MINUTE NO. 25/276 DECISION Carried Unanimously That Council note the request and that the committee will receive the information when the project progresses. Listed as a Council Priority Project. Looking to secure funding opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee discussed the use of lighting around the playground. Keep the lighting with a heritage look • Removal of the pine bark for safety as there have been needles and broken glass found in the mulch • Fix the old equipment and irrigation 	<p>The tenders for design and construct tenders will go out this first quarter and thereafter consultation.</p> <p>Works manager will be available to meet in the March District Committee meeting</p>
<p>6.2</p>	<p>Lighting at the Entrance to Evandale – Garden Bed Up lights</p> <p>The council installs lights at the road entrance sign into Evandale. Location: under the Evandale entrance statement</p>	<p>Budgeted for solar light – maintenance.</p>

	<p>- Consider the daffodils and street trees near the signage.</p> <p>Committee notes that the daffodils planted were mowed over.</p> <p>Works have a verbal confirmation to use the electricity from the light pole to run power to the area. This will enable an up light to be installed.</p>	<p>Committee requests a timeline for this installation.</p>
<p>6.3</p>	<p>Significant Trees Register</p>	<p>Awaiting final report</p>
<p>6.4</p>	<p>Bicycle Racks - Location and Style</p> <p>MINUTE NO. 25/005 2025 01-20 Open Council – Ordinary Meeting <u>DECISION</u></p> <p><i>That Council notes the Committee’s recommendation to consider any bike rack installation to be located so that it is not within the streetscape and, where possible be sympathetic to the heritage look of the town with the use of antique-style bike racks.</i></p> <p>Motion Moved J Archer Seconded JL Godillon Carried</p> <p>The committee requests from the Council the Status of the Bike rack installation if.</p> <p>A) The budgeted amount allocated for the bike racks will be carried forward to the new budget,</p> <p>B) How much was the allocated amount,</p> <p>C) Can they confirm the suggested locations were considered and accepted,</p> <p>D) Date of work to commence.</p> <p>Background: Proposed locations were NOT accepted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Hall – 2 • Old Bakery – 2 <p>Committee recommends alternative sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report Evandale Bike Rack – location and style options 11 April 2025 <p><i>Discussion Paper – April</i></p> <p><i>Discussion Report provided by J Archer.</i></p> <p><i>Evandale Bike Rack – location and style options 11 April 2025</i></p> <p><i>The committee resolved to meet Tuesday 6 May at 4pm at the Evandale Community Centre to mark locations on the map.</i></p> <p><i>June 3, 2025, Motion was considered an operational matter and not included in the council agenda</i></p> <p><i>Reports received:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Evandale Bike Rack options post JO edit</i> • <i>Bike racks Russel St 1104205.pdf</i> <p><i>Project Officer is sourcing supplier. 8 December 2025</i></p> <p>Committee would like to see a copy of the design.</p> <hr/> <p>February 3, 2026</p>	<p>Quotations are being obtained for a vintage penny farthing style of bike rack</p> <p>Evandale Committee requests to see proposed designs and or photos and a general understanding of timelines.</p> <p>Works will follow up with Project officer to manufacture.</p> <p>Motion to Council</p>

	<p>Moved: B Lawson Seconded: JL Curtis-Godillon CARRIED</p> <p>Motion: Bike Rack Production Design, Location and Installation Timeline</p> <p>That Council formally advised the Evandale District Committee of the proposed production design, confirmed location(s), and the expected timeline for installation of the new bike racks, and that this advice includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details of the final design, including visual references and materials, consistent with previous committee recommendations that installations be sympathetic to the heritage character of the township and avoid visual intrusion into the streetscape. 2. Confirmation of the approved locations, noting prior committee recommendations regarding alternative suitable sites and the need to ensure accessibility and minimal impact on the heritage streetscape. 3. An update on project scheduling, including procurement status, supplier arrangements, and estimated commencement and completion dates for installation. 4. Clarification of any budget allocations associated with the installation, including whether funds have been carried forward and the amount allocated (as previously queried by the Committee). <p>The Committee has repeatedly requested updates on design specifications, location decisions, budget allocation, and installation timelines for the bike racks to ensure the project aligns with local heritage character and community expectations. Enhanced transparency will support community engagement and timely project delivery.</p>	
<p>6.5</p>	<p>Heritage Tunnel and Watercourse - 2025-01-20 Council – MINUTE NO. 25/006</p> <p>That the council’s planning department will consult with the developer and the Tasmanian Heritage Council regarding the Committee’s motion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Tasmania’s Regional Heritage Advisor wrote to Council on 14/1/25 stating: <p>‘The Council’s incorporation of the #6 Shaft into public open space would appear to be a positive heritage outcome that is, with appropriate management and interpretation, consistent with the objectives of the Heritage Council’s Development Guidelines for the heritage listed Evandale-Launceston Water Scheme’.</p>	<p>The land was sold and no additional developments have occurred.</p> <p>Monitor for future planning applications.</p>
<p>6.6</p>	<p>Honey Suckle Banks – Dump Point and Area Plan</p> <p>Officer will undertake a detailed review of the proposed Honeysuckle Banks plan to gain a clearer understanding of the</p>	<p>Council has no plans to construct another area for the carpark at this time.</p>

<p>project specifications. This review will include consideration of the proposed parking arrangements, the location of amenities such as toilets and the dump point, and the grading of the area. The Committee will be updated once plans are drawn up.</p> <p>(Works request has been submitted Doc ID 1591963)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dump point is planned to be placed by year end 2025 by Hudson Civil. • Current Water table has prohibited installation <p>Honeysuckle Banks</p> <p>The 48-hour free area for self - contained caravans & mobile homes is located at the Honeysuckle Banks Reserve, Leighlands Road Evandale</p> <p>The dedicated free area is sign posted and is only permitted from NOVEMBER TO APRIL, summer months. Permits are required.</p> <p><i>Photo showing the graded street parking available at Honeysuckle Banks. Dec. 25</i></p>  <p>February 3, 2026</p> <p>Moved: B Lawson Seconded: R Williams CARRIED</p> <p>Motion: Establishment of Rock Barrier and Signage to Define Caravan Area Along the Riverbank within the grassed area beyond the locked gate.</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigates the installation of a rock barrier within the grassed area beyond the currently locked gate for the purpose of clearly defining and limiting the designated caravan parking/stay area. 2. Notes that the installation of such a barrier will help ensure equitable access for local residents and visitors to the river for fishing, recreation, and general public use. 3. Develops and installs clear, permanent signage indicating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the designated area for caravans only, ○ any conditions of use, including time limits and permit requirements (consistent with current caravan and camping practices in the Northern Midlands <p>Committee noted that during summer months the access to the riverbank is obstructed by caravans and the car parking area is</p>	<p>The grassed gated area is only opened in the dry periods and/or during certain event times for Evandale. i.e.. Penny Farthing and Glover events</p> <p>This area can be monitored over this summer period, and if another area is deemed necessary, costing to be undertaken and then placed in the budget for consideration 26/27.</p> <p>On site – Large tanks delivered. Works is finalising the crew for installation</p> <p>Motion to Council</p>
---	---

	<p>taken over. Evandale residents cannot access the riverbank and need to park off the main road. Is it possible for the gate to be open so that caravans can park on the grassed area?</p>	
<p>6.7</p>	<p>Motion: Restricting Heavy Vehicle Access — Murray Street and Rodgers Lane approach to Macquarie Street, Evandale</p> <p>Moved: B Argent-Smith Seconded: JL Curtis-Godillon Carried</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the road safety risk associated with heavy vehicle turning movements from Rodgers Lane into Macquarie Street due to the constrained carriageway width and turning geometry, and the conflict created when trucks swing into the oncoming traffic lane at this location. 2. Assessment of the Murray Street – Rodgers Lane – Macquarie Street interface, including (but not limited to): 3. swept-path analysis for common heavy vehicle classes (e.g., rigid trucks and semi-trailers), 4. an options analysis of feasible controls such as gross vehicle mass (GVM) / load limits, length-based turn restrictions, time-of-day restrictions, “Local Deliveries Only” access, and minor civil/line marking improvements, and 5. an implementation plan, costs, and signage scheme 	<p>Traffic Counter Deployment</p> <p>Counters have been deployed and will be rotated within each area to capture varied data.</p> <p>Purpose: Assess traffic flow across all three motions for planning and analysis.</p> <p>There were light vehicles using the access however there is no registration information. It seems it is mainly local delivery vehicles.</p>
<p>6.8</p>	<p>Motion: Evandale Shopping Precinct: Safer 40 km/h Speed</p> <p>Moved B Argent-Smith Seconded: JL Curtis-Godillon Carried</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the safety risks within the Evandale shopping precinct arising from its narrow carriageway and verges, high pedestrian activity (including children, older persons, mobility-scooter users, and cyclists), and the need to protect the township’s historic streetscape and infrastructure. 2. Supports in principle the reduction of the posted speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h within the Evandale shopping precinct, defined for the purposes of this motion as; Russell Street between High Street and Macquarie Street. 3. Engages with local traders and residents to confirm precinct boundaries, staging, and a communications plan (including event overlays such as the Penny Farthing weekend). <p>Background:</p> <p>Road environment & vulnerable users: Evandale’s main street functions as a high pedestrian activity area with constrained widths, historic fabric, frequent visitor activity and mobility scooter</p>	<p>Traffic Counter Deployment</p> <p>Counters have been deployed and will be rotated within each area to capture varied data.</p> <p>Purpose: Assess traffic flow across all three motions for planning and analysis.</p> <p>The results are with the Traffic Engineer for recommendation.</p> <p>Committee awaiting report from Traffic Engineer</p>

	<p>users. Reducing to 40 km/h materially lowers kinetic energy in any conflict and improves driver reaction margins at crossing points.</p> <p>Committee requests an update and report from the Works department when the information is available.</p>	
6.9	<p>Motion: Restriction of Parking – Rodgers Lane to Murray Street on Sundays Moved: B Argent-Smith Seconded: JL Curtis-Godillon Carried The committee requests council to restrict parking to “No Standing” zones along Rodgers Lane through to Murray Street on Sundays and Install appropriate signage to clearly indicate the “No Standing” restriction for the designated area.</p> <p>Background: The section of Rodgers Lane to Murray Street experiences significant congestion on Sundays due to increased visitor traffic. This creates safety concerns for pedestrians and obstructs emergency vehicle access. Implementing a “No Standing” restriction will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve traffic flow and reduce bottlenecks. • Enhance pedestrian safety. <p>Similar measures have been successfully applied in other areas, such as Coachmans Road and Saddlers Court, following community consultation and Council resolution. Purpose: Assess traffic flow across all three motions for planning and analysis.</p>	<p>Traffic Counter Deployment</p> <p>Counters have been deployed and will be rotated within each area to capture varied data.</p> <p>2 /12/25 Committee requests actual data of:</p> <p>How many vehicles? Types of Vehicles? and What are the times of the day?</p> <p>The results are with the Traffic Engineer for recommendation.</p>
6.10	<p>Committee Meetings for 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March Budget meeting • March 31, 2026 (instead of April 7) • June 2, 2026 • August 4, 2026 • October 6, 2026 • December 1, 2026 	
6.11	<p><u>School Bus Shelter</u></p> <p>Requires more information from Parents or Bus companies as to where a possible location would be.</p>	ongoing

7. COMMUNITY GROUPS – General Discussion

1. **Community Centre:** Update of Visitor numbers for January are 517 tourists and 215 other (Total visitors is 732. There was a loss of 3 volunteers however with the big recruitment drive the Centre has gained 10 new volunteers. Onboarding of these volunteers has meant that the Centre can stay open 7 days a week. Sundays are open.
2. **Neighbourhood Watch:** Defer to next meeting. Nothing to report

3. **History Society:** Defer to next meeting. Nothing to report.

4. **Morven Park:** Defer to next meeting. Nothing to report.

Train festival: September Steam Festival will be settled in the coming weeks and the committee would like to open it out to include stalls/ crafting stands/ demonstrations of tatting and spinning. This would be a sort of heritage fair using the oval which is an empty space whilst the trains are running. There would also be live entertainment - making use of the scoreboard for showing live screening/viewing.

8. BUDGET ITEMS/REQUESTS TABLE

	<p>Budget Items/ Request List 2026/2027</p> <p>Items that were not funded in 2025/2026 will be included here for next year’s budget consideration. Carried over from 2025/2026. New items for 2026/2027</p> <p>Items to be listed and include the itinerary for the Municipal Bus Tour by the councillors.</p>	<p>B Lawson will send around the table for District Committee comments</p>
--	---	---

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Footpath at the end of Russel Street

The footpath at the end of Russel Street has deteriorated significantly and is now posing a safety risk. There is heavy pedestrian use in this area, and the worsening condition of the surface increases the likelihood of trips, falls, and mobility issues, particularly for older residents and parents with prams.

Request that Council investigate submitting a VRUP (Vulnerable Road User Program) funding application to address the deteriorating and unsafe footpath at the end of Russel Street, and that the Evandale Walkability Report be used to support the evidence base for the application and prioritisation of works.

9.2 Street light Cleaning

- Committee requests the streetlights be cleaned before the Penny Farthing weekend and Glover exhibition.
- There is one streetlight that is broken (outside of the Prince of Wales) where it needs to be fixed.
[Action: To make request to Networks](#)

9.2 High Street Footpath to Honeysuckle Banks

- The Committee noted that access to Honeysuckle Banks from the Evandale township could be improved for pedestrians.
- Members noted that this has been an ongoing issue with some people wanting to keep the heritage feel with gravel and others wanting a safer option. It was suggested that installing an exposed-aggregate footpath using a similar gravel to the existing gravel would enhance pedestrian safety while complementing the heritage character of the area.

[Action: To put in a works request.](#)

9.3 Public Waste Collection – Service Availability

- The Committee discussed current hard waste collection services and whether these could be extended to all residents. It was noted that Council provides a hard waste collection service for pensioners and concession card holders, which is available upon request and must be arranged by contacting Council.
- Reference was also made to the annual extra waste collections historically undertaken in township areas during December.
- A councillor advised that extending hard waste collections to all households would have budget implications and would need to be considered within existing financial constraints.

The Committee noted the information provided. No further action was taken.

9.4 Sewer Odour – Collins Street / Main Street

A committee member raised a question regarding a manhole near the corner of Collins Street and Main Street. It was noted that TasWater has been contacted. Due to this time of year, water is sitting in the manhole and becoming stagnant, resulting in a strong and unpleasant odour.

9.4 Traders in Purple

Tasmanian Planning Commission has requested Council to undertake a review, and the matter is being progressed accordingly. This is being reviewed in the 16 February 2026 Council meeting.

9.5 Evandale Water and Sewerage issues

- The Committee discussed ongoing concerns regarding Evandale’s water supply and sewerage system.
- It was noted that one member had independently engaged with a TasWater hydrologist prior to release of the Tas Water Master Plan to better understand current and future water supply capacity, operational issues, and constraints affecting Evandale.
- The Committee requested clarification on what the current TasWater Master Plan is for Evandale’s water and sewerage infrastructure, including any planned upgrades or servicing strategies.
- The Committee also noted the need to review the new TasWater pricing regime, particularly in relation to potential impacts on Evandale residents and businesses.
- It was further observed that sewerage flows tend to slow during dry periods and increase significantly during heavy rainfall, suggesting seasonal variability and possible wet weather inflow issues that warrant further investigation.

[Actions: Request to TasWater for the information. Access to water guarantees and allocations. Off stream storages. Master plan is now being released.](#)

10. CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closes the meeting at 5:30 pm. The next meeting of the Evandale District Committee is scheduled for 31 March 2026, at 4pm at the Evandale Community Centre.

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD DISTRICT COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH 2026. COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM
HELD AT LONGFORD WAR MEMORIAL HALL, MEETING ROOM 1**

1. **PRESENT** – Peter Munro (Chair), Annette Aldersea, Bronwyn Baker, Christine Darke, Kenneth Richards, Frances Stewart, Neil Tubb (to 6:00pm)
2. **IN ATTENDANCE** – Cr. Dick Adams, Cr. Paul Terrett (Guest)
3. **APOLOGIES** – Joanne Clarke
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.

[No declaration of any pecuniary interest was declared by any person present.](#)

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners, and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather today and acknowledge Elders – past, present, and emerging.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Longford District Committee held on 4th FEBRUARY, 2026 confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

[MOVED: Neil Tubb](#)

[SECONDED: Annette Aldersea](#)

[CARRIED](#)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.0 PROMOTIONAL ISSUES:

7.1 Signage for Longford Roundabout.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

NMC 17/11/25. Exec Assistant – NMC Works Order to be submitted to Dept. State Growth.

NMC 8/1/26. NMC Officers working with DSG on Crown consent and works permit conditions.

NMC 3/2/26 DSG working on Permit Application.

[Continue to Monitor.](#)

7.2 Proposed relocation of the stone Longford entrance wall to the Woolmers end of Longford.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

NMC 17/11/25 Exec Assistant – Information to be forwarded to Dept. State Growth for approval.

NMC 3/12/25 Exec Assistant – Wall to remain in situ. Works permit application to DSG for kerb installation to be submitted.

ACTION: Continue to monitor.

7.3 New Promotional Signage either side of Longford Roundabout on Illawarra Road.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

ACTION: Continue to monitor.

7.4 Directory of Clubs & other organizations & their branches in Longford – including sign.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes. Continue to Monitor

ACTION: Add to Budget Request items 2026/27. Cr. Dick Adams to follow up.

7.5 Shopfront Christmas Window Competition

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

ACTION: Item closed until July 2026.

7.6 Blue Tree

7/1/26 Cr. Matthew Brooks asked LDC if there were any suggestions or nominations for a replacement Blue Tree.

4/2/26 Christine Darke suggested a permanent rust metal Blue Tree, possibly cut and erected by the local ironmonger in Longford, as an option – to be quite high, although not as high as previous tree, bolted to a concrete slab and with a cut-out going down the trunk of the tree to spell “BLUE” (which would help alleviate wind pressure). For reference, there are examples online – some with letters “RUOK” on a branch, some painted blue. It would be another landmark for Longford, Solar powered lighting could be added to extend its visibility.

ACTION: LDC can include a “seeking suggestions for a replacement blue tree” post on LDC Facebook page. Add metal BLUE tree to Budget Items 2026/27.

8.0 SAFETY & AESTHETIC ISSUES:

8.1 Pullover area/Viewing Platform – Alternative Location.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes. Continue to Monitor

8.2 Wellington & Marlborough Streets – Sticky Beaks Intersection – STOP sign

Ref. Addendum to Minutes. Continue to Monitor

8.3 Environmental & Noxious weeds.

A Public Forum was held 29th May 2024, regarding the Northern Midlands Weed Management Strategy.

- Awaiting report from the consulting firm RMCG to come back to Council.
- NMC Budget Report notes Management Plan review is still in progress.
- Cr Dick Adams reported that NMC held a workshop to update the policy, which is close to being finalized. It is a government issue to allocate funding for a Weeds Officer.

- NMC Weed Management Strategic Plan has been finalized, now needs public awareness and circulation.
- NMC Minutes 10 January 2025 – Strategic Plan to be incorporated into Works Program and future Budgets.
- Cr. Dick Adams noted State Government Funding is available for some weeds control programs.
- 3/9/25 Frances Stewart to ask Vivien @ NMC if an A4 flyer with targeted weed images might be circulated this Spring.
- 1/10/25 Vivien Tan to follow up with with Dept. NRE – North.
- 3/12/25 Vivien Tan circulated to LDC a council flyer from 2019, however there is nothing currently planned due to lack of funds. LDC discussion resolved that this represents a false economy – if the community is unaware of weeds, it rests solely with council employees to control and risks weed populations being missed on private property.
- 7/1/26 Vivien Tan working with NRM North.

ACTION: Budget Request Item 2026/27. Continue to Monitor

8.4 Wellington Street and Marlborough Street Speed Limit Reduction.

NMC Executive assistant sent letter to the Minister 12th March 2024, and are awaiting a response.

- NMC Minutes 19 August 2024: 10/1/25 Engineering Officer awaiting response from minister. Noted that a speed camera has a regular presence – which would improve with leaving overnight or early morning.
- NMC Minutes 14/4/25 Engineering Officer awaiting response from State Growth.
- 2/4/25 LDC discussion included comments regarding the high volume of traffic and that farmers prefer 40km/hr.
- NMC Action Items p24. Awaiting response from State Growth 16/6/25.
- 4/8/25 NMC Letter sent to General Manager State Growth.
- 3/9/25 LDC suggest the speed limit reduction to 50kmh should apply throughout Longford and approaches, which would also address some of the safety concerns at Sticky Beaks Corner.
- 1/10/25 LDC discussed this with Inspector Fox. It was noted that these main streets are also pick up & drop off points for school students. Consensus was that with the high volume of heavy traffic, which takes longer to stop in an emergency, a lower speed limit was definitely a reasonable request to reduce risk of further accidents through the township. Discussion was also had regarding the suitability of a STOP sign instead of a Give Way on Wellington Street at Sticky Beak's Corner, which was felt to be a reasonable measure to increase safety. LDC requested Inspector Fox follow up Speed Camera results and crash data, to support the case for a lowered speed limit.
- 3/12/25 NMC 17/11/25 Exec Assistant – Awaiting Traffic Engineer's Report. Inspector Fox follow up - Speed Camera and crash data: "As far as the Speed camera goes – it has been placed on Marlborough Street in the past few weeks but I'm not sure if it has been "active" in the early hours, but I can check. I have asked our traffic police and local police to give the area attention but the early morning time slot creates some issues with rostering and our award compliance with shift start times."
- NMC 12/11/25 Exec Assistant – Awaiting Traffic Engineer's Report for supporting justification or otherwise.

ACTION: Frances Stewart to follow up with Inspector Fox. Continue to Monitor.

8.5 Pedestrian Safety Concerns – Wellington and Marlborough Streets.

LDC MOTION tabled at Council meeting 22.04.2024 – Minute NO: 24/0128

DECISION: “That Council note the concerns raised by the Local District Committee and consider the relocation/installation of a refuge in the vicinity of the library in future budget deliberations”.

- NMC Minutes 20th May 2024 – Action Items – Matter is under consideration. Residents continue to raise safety concerns for pedestrians.
- NMC Minutes 24 June 2024 – Action items – 17/06/2024 Executive Assistant Letter sent, DSG Progressing
- NMC Minutes 22 July 2024 – Action items – Matter still under consideration
- NMC Minutes 19 August 2024 – Action Items – Council unanimous in decision that speed limit should be set to 50km/hr.
- Cr. Dick Adams reported that Dept State Growth are considering the request and he will put forward a motion to NMC to fix the dip in the road near the Library/Village Green.
- 5/3/25 Bron Baker spoke to Rebecca White regarding the issue. Discuss as Budget Item.
- 2/4/25 LDC discussed pedestrian island options and a lower speed limit.
- 14/4/25 NMC Action Items: Dept State Growth repairing pavement damage near Lyttleton St and undertaking repairs on Wellington Street. Matter under consideration.
- NMC Action Items p25. Pedestrian Refuge near library under consideration. *No update.*
- 6/8/25 MOTION: Longford District Committee request Northern Midlands Council review the traffic calming option of a flat top road hump on Wellington Street between Sticky Beaks corner and Lyttleton Street and its potential to improve both traffic and pedestrian safety. Longford District Committee ask that, if found to be appropriate, a request be made to State Growth for action.

MOVED: Neil Tubb SECONDED: Frances Stewart Carried Unanimously.

- 1/10/2025 NMC Minute No. 25/277: DECISION That Council
 1. note the Longford District Committee concerns;
 2. confirm that this is not a Council owned road and any requests should be directed to the Department of State Growth (DSG); and
 3. advise State Growth of the committee’s concerns.
- 3/12/25 NMC Letter to DSG advising of LDC concerns.
 Inspector Fox follow up – Correspondence from Garry Hills, Principal Analyst Traffic Engineering DSG: “Hello Craig – thank you for reaching out to us. There are already a number of pedestrian crossing points on Marlborough Street by way of refuge islands. These are the most appropriate pedestrian facility for this environment, but I expect the local group are wanting priority crossings like zebra markings or traffic signals. Generally, these types of treatments will be very difficult to justify due to the relatively low pedestrian demand and moderate traffic volumes (i.e. people will not generally need to wait long to find a gap in traffic so they can cross – particularly so at the existing refuge island points where users only need to pick a gap in one lane of traffic at a time). Marlborough Street (and Wellington Street to the north of Sticky Beaks corner) is a State road. However, where State roads pass through built-up areas, local Councils are responsible for roadside areas, including parking, footpaths and street furniture and are typically best placed to advise on pedestrian requirements.”

MOTION: The Longford District Committee is aware that Northern Midlands Council has received written correspondence from Dept. State Growth relating to items outstanding on the

Longford District Committee Minutes. The Longford District Committee requests that this correspondence be released and LDC be informed.

MOVED: Neil Tubb

SECONDED: Annette Aldersea

CARRIED

ACTION: Continue to Monitor.

Neil Tubb left meeting 6:00pm

8.6 Illawarra Road West of Roundabout – Safety Concerns.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

4/3/26 Landowners met with DSG and Tasfarmers representatives to discuss unsafe design issues with Stage 2A and 2B.

ACTION: Monitor only.

8.7 Longford Community Meeting 31/8/2024 regarding proposed Fuel Stop, Tannery Rd.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

1/10/25 Annette Aldersea reported that she has met with Tabatha Badger MP for Lyons, who has undertaken to follow up with whether mandatory checks and reports have been provided regarding this project, and various further action that may be taken to continue protesting the suitability of this project.

3/12/25 Inspector Fox raised a Traffic Accident Impact Assessment re. the Fuel Stop.

4/2/26 Annette Aldersea spoke with Jen Butler re. raising again in Parliament.

ACTION: Frances Stewart to follow up with Inspector Fox re. Traffic Accident Impact Assessment. Continue to Monitor

8.8 Tasmulch expansion to bulk landscaping supply – dust issues.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

ACTION: Annette Aldersea and neighbours to write a letter to Tasmulch. Annette Aldersea checking Attenuation guidelines.

8.9 A-Double & B-Double 24 hour access on Illawarra and Longford Main Roads.

Concerns were raised about the effect of the recent A-Doubles and increase in B-Doubles traversing through Longford and the impact upon heritage buildings and noise levels especially during the night.

8/1/25 MOTION: The Longford District Committee requests Northern Midlands Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Kerry Vincent, to ask for clarification on when approval for 24 hour access was given to A-Doubles and B-Doubles to access Illawarra Road and Longford main streets, due to noise and vibration issues causing damage to heritage buildings.

Moved: Frances Stewart. Seconded: Neil Tubb. Carried unanimously.

LDC Motion tabled at NMC meeting 20th January 2025.

COUNCIL DECISION – MINUTE NO. 25/007. That Council Officer investigates and seeks clarification from the Department of State Growth.

- NMC Minutes 14/4/25 - Action Item – Engineering Officer awaiting response from DSG.
- Annette Aldersea reported that Minister Kerry Vincent appeared unaware that A-Doubles have access to Illawarra Road and Longford. To clarify with Minister.
- 4/6/25 Item has been removed from NMC Minutes without conclusion.
- Discussion re: possibility of a truck curfew. Peter Munro suggested door knocking residents first to gauge support.
- NMC Meeting 7/7/2025 Item 4.1 Review Heavy Vehicle Routes within municipal areas.

- 3/9/25 LDC discussion whether a permanent speed camera and more traffic calming measures may encourage compliance with speed limit overnight.
- 1/10/25 LDC discussed this with Inspector Craig Fox, including lowering of speed limit on main streets, (extending down Woolmers Lane South of Brickendon to change 60kmh to 50kmh). Again, the request was for Inspector Fox to follow up speed camera and noise logging results, if possible, to verify the impact of noise and suitability of imposing a night time curfew for heavy vehicles which are diverting from the Midland Highway.
- 9/12/25 NMC Exec Assistant – Works Manager to meet with DSG representatives.

ACTION: Peter Munro to contact NHVR with request to impose curfew for freight vehicles within Longford during 10pm-6am to reduce noise disturbance and vibration issues. Frances Stewart to follow up with Inspector Fox regarding speed camera & noise logging data. Continue to Monitor.

8.10 Marlborough Street beautification of Footpath, Nature Strip & Verge Gardens.

2/4/25 Peter Munro raised the Marlborough Street need for beautification of footpath, specifically the current lack of trees and shade. It was suggested that if NMC could provide a list of suitable tree options for uniformity, a door knock with a flyer could be prepared for relevant resident feedback.

2/7/25 Peter Munro to speak to NMC General Manager Des Jennings re: door knocking.

NMC Special Meeting Budget 4.1.1. Streetscape – Lyttleton, Lator, Union Streets.

3/9/25 Bron Baker presented images of nature strip plantings as examples.

ACTION: Budget Request Item 2026/27. Peter Munro to discuss with Acting General Manager, NMC regarding tree options, door knocking, request for feedback on LDC Facebook etc.

8.11 Hill Street Entry/Exit

Christine Darke raised the idea of having a separate exit onto Wellington Street at Hill Street, adjacent to the BWS, to reduce the increasing congestion of vehicles turning out of the United Service Station which clashes with the vehicles turning in and out of Hill Street Car Park, resulting in a high number of accidents. Discussion was had regarding the necessity of an alternative to the current arrangement, along with the idea of a roundabout at the intersection of Wellington and Union Streets with exiting traffic re-routed behind Hill Street and businesses in Union Street.

2/07/25 Further discussion re: roundabout option be investigated, may involve private land and discussions with DSG.

3/12/25 17/11/25 NMC Minute No. 25/338: Notice of Motion: That Council -

1. Acknowledge the ongoing traffic concerns associated with the Hill Street IGA (formerly Brown's Shopping Complex), particularly regarding right-hand turning movements from Hill Street onto Wellington Street, Longford; and
2. Request the DSG to undertake an updated traffic count and review of traffic movements associated with the complex and surrounding road network; and
3. Request that the DSG prepare a revised Traffic Impact Study identifying possible safety and access improvements, including (but not limited to) the feasibility of a roundabout at the intersection of Union and Wellington Streets; and
4. Seek to engage with the DSG to explore possible options for improving traffic safety and flow in this area. (Cr Terrett/Cr Brooks) NMC Passed Unanimously

9/12/25 NMC Exec Assistant – Letter sent to DSG.

MOTION: Given the lack of progress with Dept. State Growth, the Longford District Committee request that Northern Midlands Council arrange for a new Traffic Report to be completed on

Wellington and Marlborough Streets, Longford, with particular attention to Hill Street, due to the high number of dangerous incidents.

MOVED: Frances Stewart

SECONDED: Bron Baker

CARRIED

ACTION: Continue to Monitor.

8.12 Recycle Rewards.

An email regarding the scheme was forwarded by Vivien Tan. Details including website www.recyclerewards.com.au to be posted on LDC Facebook page.

3/9/25 LDC discussed gauging public interest through Facebook page in requesting a collection point for Longford since there is none close & whether it could be located at Hill St rear carpark.

3/12/25 Discussion about positives of instigating a program encouraging junior recycling efforts - tidy community, pocket money etc. Bronwyn Baker sent email to Recycle Rewards to request information, with the following summary of response:

To host a machine in your community, the site will need to meet the following requirements:

1. The host must be a registered and operational business.
2. The site must have suitable land available for machine installation.
3. The location must be easily accessible to the public.
4. The site must meet all safety requirements to ensure safe access for customers and drivers.

7/1/26 Request must come from a business regarding location – Peter Munro to ask RSL.

4/2/26 Bron Baker spoke to, then emailed the information about this community opportunity to Simon Froude at Harcourts on January 13, 2026 and had just sent a follow-up email on January 28, 2026. Noted it would need volunteers to manage it. Cr. Brooks suggested locating near the Longford Tip.

4/3/26 Bron Baker had response from Harcourts declining hosting. Discussion regarding alternative sites included approaching Longford RSL, Swifts, NMC Youth Officer re. schools.

ACTION: Peter Munro to ask RSL. Bron Baker to look at size and solar options. LDC to Raise Motion to NMC to instigate this program in Longford.

8.13 Longford Pong

Discussion regarding Longford Pong and its worsening effect on Longford living standards. Cr. Matthew Brooks noted that a delegation from NMC was due to tour Swifts abattoir.

Annette Aldersea to draft a motion to request NMC follow up with identifying cause and responsibility of the issue.

MOTION: “The Longford District Committee requests that Northern Midland Council write to the EPA, copying all Lyons MPs, The Minister and Shadow Minister for Environment and Member for McIntyre, asking that the EPA launch a formal investigation into the source of the ongoing unacceptable intermittent odour in Longford known as the “Longford Pong” which, despite mitigation works carried out in recent years at the sewerage treatment plant and JBS abattoir, now affects a broader area of Longford and has not improved”.

MOVED: Annette Aldersea SECONDED: Frances Stewart Carried Unanimously.

1/10/25 LDC discussed raising a petition – Annette Aldersea to contact Tabatha Badger, MP for Lyons regarding an EPetition.

5/11/25 NMC Minute No 25/308: DECISION: That Council acknowledges the community’s ongoing concerns regarding the intermittent odour in Longford and supports an engagement with the EPA, JBS, TasWater and other stakeholders.

17/11/25 NMC held discussions with Taswater, awaiting further data.

3/12/25 17/11/24 NMC Exec Assistant reported discussions held with Taswater, awaiting further data. NMC has circulated a "Pong Diary" with Vivien Tan providing copies for LDC members to come on board, to monitor incidents. (NOTE: Featured on ABC News 6/11/2025)

7/1/26 EPA have been out with monitoring equipment.

8/1/26 NMC Officers documenting all complaints for forwarding to EPA.

ACTION: Frances Stewart to ask Vivien Tan when Pong Diaries need to be returned to Council.

8.14 Neighbourhood Watch

Following discussions in meeting with Inspector Fox regarding Neighbourhood Watch, active in Perth and Evandale, LDC raised gauging interest in reinstating this in Longford.

4/3/25 Peter Munro has spoken to State Director, Neighbourhood Watch and Inspector Fox regarding setting this up.

ACTION: Peter Munro to post on LDC Facebook Page for feedback on level of interest in community, and will contact Perth Neighbourhood Watch.

8.15 NMC WORKS REQUEST: Upgrade Road Marking "NO PARKING", Longford Fire Brigade.

Annette Aldersea requested approval from LDC for a Works Request to NMC to improve visibility of the "no parking" markings in front of the Longford Fire Brigade. *See attached* LDC agreed unanimously that the works request be lodged, however recommend either road writing highlighted in yellow "EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS ONLY – DO NOT PARK" or signage . 3/12/25 Frances Stewart alerted Inspector Fox that this is an issue particularly during peak take-away times.

7/1/26 Vivien Tan reported that NMC Works Dept looked at the yellow line and decided it was clear enough. Vivien Tan spoke to Longford Fire Brigade to advise that it was not a council issue and that the volunteer Fire Brigade could paint their driveway themselves, with yellow "keep clear" markings. LDC discussion was that volunteers should not be expected to pay for paint and work to give them access to provide a volunteer service to the community. Annette Aldersea to follow up with Longford Fire Brigade.

19/1/26 Ron Denne, Station Officer and Ben White, Brigade Chief spoke at NMC Meeting to encourage NMC to support this request. NMC resolved to send it to NMC Works Department.

ACTION: Work is complete – remove from Agenda.

8.16 Longford Future Bypass Plan

Neil Tubb has been approached via email by Bruce Lindsay (*see attached*) with a request to once again raise the issue of a Longford Bypass using gazetted Herbert Road for heavy vehicles. LDC acknowledges that this is an ongoing and unresolved issue which is only going to become more urgent as Longford expands and traffic increases.

MOTION: Longford District Committee requests Northern Midlands Council lobby Department of State Growth to continue to monitor the heavy vehicle traffic count through Longford and provide feedback to Council including heavy vehicle mitigation measures such as night time curfews and future Longford alternative routes outside Longford residential areas.

MOVED: Frances Stewart **SECONDED:** Bronwyn Baker Carried unanimously.

3/12/25 NMC Meeting 17/11/25 Motion passed unanimously.

9/12/25 NMC Works Manager to meet with Dept. State Growth representatives.

ACTION: Continue to Monitor. **BUDGET 26/27**

8.17 Truck Load Limit around Village Green.

7/1/26 Annette Aldersea reported that trucks are using Longford Village Green as a turning circle, which is damaging the road surface and is a safety issue.

Annette Aldersea & Ken Richards left meeting 6:50pm

LDC discussed requesting NMC impose a load limit on the surrounding streets. LDC to confer with Leigh McCullagh regarding buses, caravans etc having exemptions, whether an option for portable or permanent toilet facilities at the truck stop would be a cheaper option for NMC than ongoing road repairs around the Village Green.

Annette Aldersea & Ken Richards returned to meeting 6:57pm

4/2/26 LDC discussed that the Village Green and surrounding streets are within the Heritage Precinct and that trucks are damaging the road pavement and are a safety hazard with the volume of children enjoying the Village Green. Peter Munro provided an example of “No Truck” regulatory signs that George Town Council have used to deter trucks from unnecessarily using certain roads, unless permit or destination exempted (see attached).

26/2/26 Frances Stewart submitted a works request to NMC to place such signage on the entry to Lyttleton and Archer Streets, from Wellington Street, to prevent trucks using the Village Green as a turning circle. Email acknowledgment received from NMC.

ACTION: Monitor.

9.0 TOWN IMPROVEMENT ISSUES

9.1 Longford Lawn Cemetery - Landscaping Improvements.

LDC prepared a report after visiting the cemetery in April, on improving the landscaping and therefore the amenity of the cemetery. LDC motion and report tabled at NMC meeting 20th May 2024. Council decision – That Council note the report.

- Officer reports that some roses are being replaced, new soil added, and a new irrigation system installed at the rose area in the cemetery.
- LDC note that the request for a seat under the trees and more trees for shade are still outstanding, with the only existing seat being out in full sun.
- Peter Munro requested an update from Vivian Tan at Council for an update, and thanked Council for the work done to date, being much appreciated. Irrigation is yet to go in.
- Requested trees to shade the seats are still an outstanding item.
- LDC added to Budget Items requested.
- 2/4/25 NMC visited during annual bus tour.
- 7/5/25 Council are considering options for shading the seats.
- 4/6/25 Bronwyn Baker noticed some contractors building something within the Cressy end of the cemetery.
- NMC Meeting 7/7/2025 Budget approved for irrigation \$25,000.

ACTION: LDC to request a tree as a Budget Request Item 2026/27.

9.2 EV Charging Site in Longford.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

- 27/8/25 EnergyROI Engineer reported negotiations & planning are underway with Hill St IGA for the installation of a 240V Charging Station to service two parking bays in the rear car park at Hill St, with completion expected by end 2025.
- 3/12/15 Noted that construction has commenced.
- 4/2/26 Work not completed.
- 4/3/26. Site is operational – item completed.

ACTION: Remove from Agenda.

9.3 Lack of river signage at Macquarie River Bridge, Woolmers Lane.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

ACTION: Budget Request Item 2026/27.

9.4 Future plans for abandoned house block on Lyttleton Street.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

4/2/26 LDC discussed this site as preferred option for NMC Priority Projects future plan for Library & Exhibition Building (including Motor Sports Museum). Currently no budget allocation.

ACTION: Budget Request Item 2026/27.

10.0 RECREATIONAL ISSUES:

10.1 Deterioration of Facilities at Mill Dam.

LDC included ongoing maintenance and upgrades in its budget requests to Council.

Council is waiting on a further concept plan to be prepared and presented.

- NMC Minutes 22 July 2024 – Action items – 30/04/2024 Matter to be further presented to Councillors at a workshop after July 2024
- Cr. Brooks reported Council had a meeting regarding this. Land ownership is to be investigated as the property has multiple owners including Swifts, Hydro etc.
- NMC Budget indicated a Mill Dam Recreation Area Masterplan, recognizing the popularity of the area, has now been developed for improvements and budget allocation as a Priority Project. Improvements include shared pathways, flood debris deflectors, landscaping and furniture.
- Annette Aldersea advised that work is in progress with many trees having been planted, weeds have been sprayed and logs placed for direction of 4WD vehicles.
- NMC Executive Assistant has prepared follow up correspondence
- 5/2/25 NMC Executive Assistant meeting scheduled with Landowner JBS early March.
- 5/3/25 LDC noted more planting has occurred.
- 2/4/25 LDC noted weed spraying has been done and discussions are ongoing.
- 14/4/25 NMC Action Items: Council Exec. Assistant had onsite meeting with JBS Plant Manager. Council Officers awaiting a response.
- 2/07/25 – Annette Aldersea to ask Vivien Tan for an update.
- NMC Special Meeting: Wall/Stormwater work deferred. Budget set at \$150,000.
- 6/1/26 NMC Note JBS Plant Manager acknowledged correspondence, is awaiting advice.

ACTION: Monitor with Council NMC Masterplan.

10.2 The Missing Link – Lack of bikeways between Longford roundabout & Pateena Road.

The council considered LLDC Motion at 19.02.2024 meeting.

- 03/2024 Engineering Officer Council Officer has contacted Vanessa King, manager project delivery at the Department of State Growth and requested an update on this project. Awaiting response.
- 12/04/2024 Engineering Officer Response received from Luke Middleton of the Department of State Growth. The general manager has written to the Department of State Growth after receiving this response and advised that Council will continue to lobby for this path to be constructed as part of the Illawarra upgrade works to be carried out by the Department of State Growth.

- NMC Action Items list – NMC Minutes 20th May 2024 – Engineering Officer, Executive and Communication Officers awaiting further information from State Growth.
- NMC Minutes 22 July 2024 – Action items – 17/06/2024 Executive Assistant Letter sent, DSG Progressing.
- LDC noted the significant importance of a bike link between Longford and Perth. Monitor
- DSG response to NMC that bridges are too old and frail to support a pedestrian and bicycle access pathway.
- Christine Darke noted the bridges are dirty and in need of maintenance.
- Cr Paul Terrett suggested writing to Rebecca White on the issue.
- MOTION: The LDC requests NMC to approach Department of State Growth to provide weight ratings for the bridges on Illawarra Road between Mountford Hill and Bishopsbourne Road to verify their suitability for their current and future use, since there are no plans to strengthen them as part of the heavy vehicle freight corridor, and to detail their unsuitability for pedestrian and bicycle access.
MOVED: Frances Stewart. SECONDED: Neil Tubb. Carried Unanimously.
- NMC Minute No. 24/0333 Decision: That Council follow up the request to the Department of State Growth.
- 31/10/24 Officer Comment: Email has been sent to the Department of State Growth. Awaiting their response. Discussion noted the frequency with which cyclists and pedestrians have been observed crossing the bridges.
- 10/1/25 NMC awaiting response from State Growth.
- 7/2/25 NMC awaiting response from State Growth.
- 2/4/25 Bron Baker called Mayors of Burnie/Wynyard and Break O’Day to discuss their local bike paths. Feedback was it was costly and formed part of Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Scheme.
- NMC awaiting a response from State Growth.
- LDC noted that this is a NMC Priority Project, with Illawarra Rd shared pathway submitted for State Government 2025-26 Budget consideration.
- 2/07/25 – Continue to support NMC as Priority Project.
- 3/12/25 – 17/11/25 NMC Acting General Manager met with DSG to discuss weight ratings.
- 9/1/26 NMC Awaiting agreement documentation from DSG.
- 19/1/26 DSG confirmed there is insufficient width on the current bridges for inclusion of a shared path/footpath and these bridges have insufficient structural capacity to support a shared path which imposes loads outside the bridge piers.

ACTION: Monitor DSG activity regarding upgrading the bridges and whether pedestrian and cycle path is incorporated with plans for Stage 3 Illawarra Road upgrade. Peter Munro to contact Bike Association regarding ideas and feedback on the suitability of using the Railway Bridge as an alternative. Request update from NMC regarding meeting with DSG.

**10.3 Community House @ old Police Station, including Youth Drop-in Centre (Prev 10.6).
Ref. Addendum to Minutes**

Peter Munro raised a question regarding the NMC acquisition of the old Police station for repurposing as a community/neighbourhood house for Longford residents.

- Cr. Brooks advised that NMC is waiting to see if the building can be acquired and that the Mayor is conducting meetings with the community, such as Helping Hands, to gain input regarding such a facility.
- Annette Aldersea noted from NMC Community Infrastructure Projects that NMC is

advocating for assistance from State Funding for the transfer of the property's ownership as a community lease and for funding to repurpose the residence as a Neighbourhood House style service with youth space, while the former police station would be converted to multi-purpose, community friendly meeting spaces. The surrounding land would become public green open space.

- Peter Munro has asked Des Jennings about availability of emergency generators for periods of power blackouts.
- Cr. Dick Adams advised that the official Emergency Centre is the Longford Town Hall and planned solar panels with a battery will be additional insurance in time of blackout.
- Joanne Clarke & Bron Baker noted that one of the main issues for elderly residents during the recent weather event & power outages was their inability to find somewhere warm.
- Frances Stewart noted that Motivity Fitness stepped up during the recent weather emergency to offer showers, power for charging communication devices, hot drinks etc.
- Joanne Clarke confirmed Helping Hands now open 10am-12pm, 4 days/wk.
- NMC awaiting a decision from Treasury.
- LDC noted that this is a NMC Priority Project.
- 2/07/2025 Noted there are no community houses in the NMC municipality.
- 3/12/25 *Merged Item 10.6 – Youth Drop-in Centre with Community House project. Refer Addendum for history.* LDC note that Libby McGrath is now NMC Youth Officer and that she has been very pro-active in both continuing and implementing youth programs, including Longford.

ACTION: Continue to Monitor progress and discuss means of improving communication on resources available to the community during emergency events. Monitor for any plans by State Government to sell the asset. Monitor plans for future of old ambulance station. Currently there is no State Funding allocated or available. Monitor NMC Minutes for vandalism costs. Frances Stewart to contact Libby McGrath with invitation to attend LDC meeting to discuss how LDC may support her work with local Youth.

10.4 NMC request for feedback regarding bicycle parking location priorities

LDC nominates the following two locations as a priority for bicycle parking facilities:

1. Village Green precinct, as close as practical to JJ's.
2. Browns/Hill St Supermarket.

NMC are commencing installation from southern end of Council area (ie. Ross) with the intention to progress northward and have these installed before Winter.

- 4/6/25 Frances Stewart contacted Vivien Tan for an update. Response was that NMC Projects and Buildings Compliance Manager, Trent Nathan, is progressing with this item but it has been delayed due to priorities elsewhere, such as Campbell Town streetscaping issues.
- 3/9/25 Bron Baker's images of mainland designs submitted through Vivien Tan to relevant NMC Officer for consideration.
- 1/10/25 Vivien Tan response that there is no news at present.

ACTION: Continue to monitor.

10.5 Additional bench seats & picnic tables for Longford Village Green near Latour and Lyttleton Streets.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

4/2/26 Peter Munro & Neil Tubb contacted Tim Flanagan re. possible Rotary Sponsorship, submission for \$10,000 for 2 tables with seating, 1 bench seat.

4/3/26 Rotary response received indicating potential support for a bench seat.

ACTION: Budget Request Item 2026/27.

11.0 HERITAGE ISSUES:

11.1 Significant Trees Register.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

- 2/07/2025 Nominations closed 30th June. Annette Aldersea advised the Longford – Norfolk Plains History Society had lodged approximately 16 nominations covering around 300 trees on public land, and aware of several nominations for trees on private property and Longford Primary School. Encouraged ongoing nomination of trees for consideration at a later date by NMC.
- 3/9/25 Some preliminary sorting being done by Erin Miles, Strategic Project Officer at NMC.

ACTION: Annette Aldersea to follow up NMC Council minutes and attachments for update on progress. Continue to Monitor

11.2 Preservation of Fred Davies Grandstand

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

- Vivien Tan notified that NMC Tourism Officer has added a tab to www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/longford which can be populated with history of Fred Davies Grandstand.
- 7/1/26 Fiona Dewar & Vivien Tan looking at Web Designer budget increase to help populate this page.
- 4/2/26 Neil Tubb has provided information for Vivien Tan to arrange uploading.
- 4/3/26 NMC Website Tab has been created to populate with history.

ACTION: Continue to monitor. Investigate QR Code to be installed on grandstand with link.

11.3 Longford Historic Motorsport Collection - Museum Preservation

18/8/25 Council deferred a decision on formally backing the Rob Knott Motorsport Memorabilia Collection. A three month community consultation will now explore public interest in retaining the collection locally as a self sustaining attraction.

3/9/25 LDC note a public meeting will be held on this issue 4th October.

LDC fully support a community project to retain the collection.

3/12/25 Final offer has been put to Rob Knott by Working Group on behalf of community, awaiting response. An open meeting will be called when a response is received, for interested parties from the previous public meeting.

4/2/26 Annette Aldersea reported that Rob Knott is considering the offer to purchase.

4/3/26 Annette Aldersea reported that Rob Knott has provisionally agreed to a price and that a public meeting will be held at the Town Hall on 14th March, 2026 to gauge support for a committee and fundraising.

ACTION: Monitor activity of Committee regarding fundraising.

11.4 Tannery Road South - Bicentenary Fencing

LDC noted that the Bicentenary fencing has deteriorated and is in need of repair.

ACTION: Add to BUDGET Request Items 26/27

12.0 GOVERNANCE ISSUES:

12.1 LDC Budget Allocation Submission - Results. New Budget 2025-2026.

LDC Projects for which funding will be requested. (Submission to be emailed to Council and LDC members in March):

- Marlborough Street footpaths – Upgrades. [Concrete paths in future footpath program.](#)
- Legends Walk - Continuation of placement of historic stands & plaques [\\$5,000 ongoing](#)
- Directory of Clubs – Framework for club signs – Visitor Information Centre Village Green and Wellington Street Woolmers Lane end - \$6,000 (Noted that NMC are talking with IT about adding these on the NMC website also). [Investigate – maybe Tourism Budget Signage](#)
- Longford Cemetery – For planting of mature trees to provide shade over the existing seating. [\\$25,000 for irrigation. Trees - Consider from Maintenance Budget.](#)
- Mill Dam Reserve - Funding for improvements. [See Masterplan.](#)
- Longford Road Bypass - future plan. [Survey work planned. 18/8/25 NMC Minute No. 25/249 “That Council take no further action at this time and continue to monitor heavy vehicles in Longford”.](#)
- Pedestrian Refuges – upgrade existing and new refuge Marlborough Street near “Yellow Shop”. [NMC Budget \\$100,000](#)
- ½ Netball/Basketball Court – near skate park at Velodrome. [No funding allocated.](#)
- 5/3/25 Annette Aldersea and Peter Munro have compiled the NMC Budget Submission List. Longford Cemetery, Marlborough Street Footpaths and Pedestrian Refuges have been nominated for inclusion in the Annual March municipal bus tour – Wed 26th March, 2025
- 3/12/25 LDC will commence compiling Submission for 2026/27 in the New Year.
- 4/2/26 LDC Sub Committee to meet on Wednesday 18th February at 3:30pm to commence compiling new submission, due in early March 2026.
- 4/3/26 Annette Aldersea has compiled the Items highlighted for Budget Request in LDC Minutes into a Submission, which was reviewed and agreed with one addition by LDC members.

[ACTION: Frances Stewart to forward amended Submission from Annette Aldersea to NMC. Continue to monitor previous.](#)

12.2 Draft Longford Expansion Strategy

Ref. Addendum to Minutes. Continue to Monitor

12.3 Cat Control Measures

1/10/25 LDC raised concerns regarding risks from feral cats with Toxoplasmosis and Sarcocystis in sheep. Councillors reported this is being looked at next NMC Workshop.

5/11/2025: Cr. Paul Terrett advised that the Cat Management Act is being updated and is currently a live issue, still in NMC Workshop. The outcome will go for community consultation.

3/12/25 Christine Darke reported that some farms in southern council area have had lamb losses of 30% due to Toxoplasmosis.

7/1/26 LDC to review outcome from NMC workshop

4/2/26 LDC discussed recent revelation on ABC Radio Northern Tas that Toxoplasmosis can transmit fatally across species to endangered Eastern Barred Bandicoots and has been evidenced in the Midlands.

[ACTION: Frances Stewart to discuss action with Tasfarmers. Continue to Monitor](#)

12.4 Nominations for use of LDC Secretarial Allowance \$2,500 for past 12 months.

MOTION: Longford District Committee request Northern Midland Council approve the

allocation of LDC’s Secretarial allowance for the past 12 months to be pledged toward the fundraising to acquire the Rob Knott Motor Racing Collection, with funds released to the formal fund raising campaign once it is established.

MOVED: Frances Stewart SECONDED: Annette Aldersea Carried Unanimously
5/11/2025 Vivien Tan advised by email 6/10/2025 that “this can be recorded in LDC minutes as a committee resolution. A councilor decision is not necessary in this case”.

LDC MINUTE: LDC resolved unanimously that the LDC Secretarial Allowance \$2,500 for the past 12 months be pledged towards the fundraising to acquire the Rob Knott Motor Racing Collection, with funds released to the formal fund raising campaign once it is established.

[ACTION: Continue to Monitor progress of fundraising for Rob Knott Motor Racing Collection](#)

12.5 Longford Tip Shop

7/1/26 Joanne Clarke reported that Helping Hands will be taking over the operation and management of the Tip Shop. There will be a volunteer drive in the first week of February, with Jobseekers eligible to volunteer and count hours as work. Shop should open first week of March. Helping Hands is currently finalizing contracts. Donations towards restocking the tip shop will be welcome.

4/2/26 Joanne Clarke reported that Helping Hands Foundation Members voted 7-4 against running the Tip Shop. NMC to seek other organisations to run it.

13. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:

13.1 Railway Committee – Bridge Pillars have been installed on Saturday 7th February 2026. Presentation will take place at a later date. It is hoped solar powered lighting will be installed in the near future. Cr. Dick Adams advised the Railway Committee are working on signage and community feedback is already asking if the other two pillars could be reinstated also. Annette Aldersea raised a congratulations to Cr. Dick Adams and the Railway Committee for their dedication to seeing this project through to reality.

13.2 Longford Legends - Neil Tubb reported Fiona Dewar is arranging a Norfolk Islanders plaque. Ceremony will take place on 7 May 2026 to acknowledge Longford’s first FIFO workers – shearers. Dick Adams confirmed work is progressing.

13.3 Town Hall Committee – no update on original doors being installed yet.

13.4 Arts & Cultural Committee – Community activity is going strongly with a meeting soon.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1 Tactile Assistance for Vision Impaired at Road Crossings

4/2/26 LDC noted a community member requesting more Tactile Assistance measures for road crossings on Longford roads.

[ACTION: LDC to put on Facebook page for community comment and feedback on locations.](#)

14.2 Toilets, Shade, Seating & Bins at Illawarra Road Truck Stop

4/2/26 The lack of facilities for truck drivers at the truck stop was raised by Joanne Clarke.

ACTION: LDC to request NMC ask Dept. State Growth to improve conditions at the truck stop to alleviate the pollution / excrement around this State Growth truck facility. Draft Motion for next meeting.

14.3 Procedure for Council Notification to residents of temporary Street Closures.

4/3/26 Ken Richards advised that a recent cycling event caused the closure of residents' access to Archer Streets, for which there had been no advance notification. Discussion regarding what the procedure is for event organizers or Council to advise residents and for Council to monitor.

ACTION: Frances Stewart to follow up with Vivien Tan to request clarification.

14.4 Blenheim Hotel – Open Bar on Marlborough Street.

4/3/26 LDC Committee members have noticed recently that patrons of the Blenheim Hotel have been using the Marlborough Street footpath on occasion for drinking and smoking. Discussion regarding whether this is permitted.

ACTION: Frances Stewart to follow up with Licencee.

NMC Meeting dates for 2025/2026, Meeting starts 5:00pm:

16 th March	20 th July	16 th November
20 th April *	17 th August	14 th December * 2 nd
18 th May	21 st September	Monday
22 nd June * 4 th Monday	19 th October	

15. CLOSURE: Chair closed the meeting at 7:12pm.

The next meeting will be at 5:30pm on WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 2026 at the Longford War Memorial Hall, Meeting Room 1.

LONGFORD DISTRICT COMMITTEE - ADDENDUM TO MINUTESWEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2026**ITEMS ON HOLD – NO UPDATE****7.0 PROMOTIONAL ISSUES:****7.1 Signage for Longford Roundabout.**

LDC received notification from Council that the Department of State Growth will not approve the installation of the Longford roundabout sign until their stipulated conditions have been met. One condition is the removal of two of the entry signs at the northern entrance into Longford.

The LDC was unanimous that it strongly objects to the removal of the significant stone “Longford” wall near the railway line. Committee members believe it has been in place for 40 – 50 years and must not be removed under any circumstances.

- 22/7/24 NMC Minute – Action Items – 04/07/2024 Engineering Officer Awaiting report from consultant.
- Noted that it is in the NMC Council Budget 24/25 with \$200,000 funding allocated.
- Sign may not go in until roundabout is repaired.
- 8/1/25 NMC Minute – Engineering Officer received report from consultant.
- 7/2/25 NMC Engineering Officer reports that DSG have indicated that the Stone sign construction and location needs to be reviewed as part of the approval process for Welcome to Longford promotional signage and town signage on the Longford Roundabout.
- 25/2/25 Works Manager advised Traffic Engineer to inspect by 14/3/25
- 14/4/25 NMC Action Items: Traffic Engineer report received by NMC and a report is being prepared for a future Council Meeting.
- NMC Action Items p.23-24 Consultant report sent to State Growth, awaiting response. 16/6/25 Engineering Officer sent follow up email to DSG.
- NMC Budget Items – Deferred.
- 18/8/25 NMC Action Items: 4/8/25 Letter sent to General Manager State Growth.

ACTION: Continue to monitor.

7.2 Proposed relocation of the stone Longford entrance wall to the Woolmers end of Longford.

Longford District Committee members were unanimous in opposition to this proposal.

- 6/1/25 MOTION: The Longford District Committee request that the Northern Midlands Council ensures that, in view of recent discussions regarding historical nature of the Longford Entrance Wall, it remain in situ or in close proximity to its current location. Moved: Bronwyn Baker. Seconded: Christine Darke. Carried Unanimously.
- 20/1/25 NMC Minute 25/009 That Council notes the Committee’s recommendation. Officer’s comment: The Officer is assessing options and will report to the Council.
- 7/2/25 NMC Engineering Officer reports that DSG have indicated that the Stone sign construction and location needs to be reviewed as part of the approval process for Welcome to Longford promotional signage and town signage on the Longford Roundabout.
- 14/4/25 NMC Action Items: Report received and is being reviewed by Council officers.
19/5/25 NMC Action Items: Report sent to DSG for comment.
- NMC Action Items p27. Report sent to DSG for comment, awaiting response.
- 18/8/25 NMC Action Items: 4/8/25 Letter sent to General Manager State Growth.

1

ACTION: Continue to Monitor

7.3 New Promotional Signage either side of Longford Roundabout on Illawarra Road.

LDC discussed the suitability of using Heritage colours for the signage, consistent with Longford, Brickendon & Woolmers (ie. Oatlands).

ACTION: Continue to monitor, considering DSG stance to Longford signage.

7.4 Directory of Clubs and other organizations and their branches in Longford – including sign.

It is proposed to place organisations sign on or near the visitor information booth in the Village Green, and a second sign near Woolmers Lane end of Wellington Street.

- Fiona Dewar NMC has provided a quotation of \$35 - \$40 for each club/organisation emblem.
- On 23rd May Ms Dewar provided further details of a quotation she received to manufacture the frames for the club signs of around \$2,550 each. The frame for the Village Green may be slightly less as it will not require poles for installation.
- 10/1/25 NMC Minutes – NMC Motion to update Web page for community organizations – to discuss with IT. Cr. Dick Adams to raise the issue of funding.
- 14/4/25 NMC Action Items: Legal Disclaimers, Terms & Conditions being drawn up for NMC Online version.
- NMC Action Items P27. Online Council Webpage now live 29/5/25. LDC Budget Request Item.

ACTION IN PROGRESS:

- Neil Tubb and Annette Aldersea have drafted a letter to present to organizations/clubs re: informing them of the proposal, cost for the emblems, and seeking their interest in participation. This will be circulated in March when people are back from holidays and notified on the LDC Facebook page.
- LDC would need to request funding from NMC for the frames – Item included in Budget Submission 2025-26.
- No funding in NMC Budget 2025-26. Defer to next Budget Allocation Submission,

7.5 Shopfront Christmas Window Competition

Christine Darke suggested NMC run a Christmas window decoration competition for Longford businesses.

- Christine Darke met with Rotary to discuss. Rotary response was that they endorsed the idea and committed to \$100 prize donation for best window display.
- Christine Darke moved to write to Rotary confirming OK to action. Bronwyn Baker Seconded. Carried unanimously.
- 3/9/25 Christine Darke reported that Rotary will run the entire competition, promotion & judging & she will follow up requesting updates.
5/11/25 Christine Darke followed up with Rotary. Too late to start organizing for this year. Postponed to next year.

8.0 SAFETY & AESTHETIC ISSUES:

8.1 Pullover area/Viewing Platform – Alternative Location.

A revised report – V3 had been prepared and circulated to LDC members. The report includes an alternative suggestion for a pullover point on Woolmers Lane. The committee decided to suggest two options to Council.

MOTION: LDC requests that NMC consider a lookout or pullover point at either

(1) Woolmers Lane on the hill between Woolmers Bridge and Panshanger Road.

or

(2) Norwich Drive on the southern side opposite number 59. See attached revised report – V3.1. NMC Minute 24 June 2024 – DECISION That Council consider the location of the vista / look out point after a safety check is conducted on site. Carried Unanimously

Annette Aldersea reported that Council Officers report Council Meeting 9th July 2024 found both sites problematic,

MOTION: LDC request that NMC provide clarification regarding request for a pullover viewing area with respect to why the proposed Norwich Drive location is problematic.

Moved – Annette Aldersea. Second – Bron Baker. Carried unanimously.

NMC Minute No. 24/0264 Decision: That Council investigates alternate viewing locations.

- 5/3/25 Ken Richards suggested Prout's Vista – Mountford/Newry corner, Pateena Rd.
- 7/5/25 Dumaresq family not amenable to supporting this on Pateena Rd or Norwich Drive due to past issues with loiterers.

ACTION. LDC to continue to scout for a suitable site.

8.2 Wellington & Marlborough Streets Intersection (Sticky Beaks) – STOP sign

LDC discussed the lengthy delay since community members met with Minister Michael Ferguson and Garry Hills DSG, onsite 9th March 2023, to discuss the safety concerns regarding the large concrete planter boxes. The Minister gave his assurance at this meeting that an independent traffic study of the intersection would take place.

LDC discussed further, agreed it should be left turn only out of Wellington Street on to Marlborough Street, and left turn only out of William Street. Peter Munro noted the request to change the Give Way sign to a Stop Sign

- NMC Minutes 22 July 2024 -Action Items – 10/07/2024 Engineering Officer Awaiting information from the Department of State Growth. Council moved a motion to lobby State Growth regarding the roundabout, Sticky Beaks corner, pedestrian safety etc.
- Peter Munro noted the number of times recommendations have been put forward by LDC, supported by NMC but no action from State Growth, including the request to change the Give Way on Wellington Street sign to a Stop Sign, for which LDC is still waiting for feedback.
- It is anticipated that DSG will soon engage a consultant to conduct an independent safety survey and report.
- 8/1/25 Cr. Dick Adams advised that NMC have received a response from DSG noting comments on the Safety Audit and stating no further response. NMC to discuss response.
- 5/2/25 NMC Exec Assistant advising item listed for next workshop.
- 2/3/25 NMC Exec Assistant preparing a report.
- 2/4/25 LDC discussed whether bollards were an option, since they are used in front of The Queen's Arms. Crs Adams and Brooks advised that they were not since there was underground infrastructure, but that NMC plan to lower the height of the boxes and move them back from the kerb where there are sight obstruction issues
- 14/4/25 NMC Action Item: Engineering Officer prepared report for May Workshop & Council Meeting presentation. Workshop discussed options such as Dept. State Growth redesign intersection, Reduction of speed limit to 40km/hr but dismissed lowering the box heights.
- 19/5/25 NMC Action Items - Council reviewing location of underground services to determine what impact this may have on any future works at this location. Scheduled for workshop discussion.
- 4/8/25 NMC Audit Report, Minute No. 25/250 Decision: That Council: a) make no changes, and b) continue to monitor vehicle and pedestrian safety at the intersection.

- 5/11/25 Christine Darke raised the fountain/trough as a possible roundabout feature. Concerns were the likelihood of it being an accident hazard.
- 3/12/25 Inspector Fox Follow up – Correspondence from Garry Hills, Principal Analyst Traffic Engineering DSG: “Intersection controls at side roads joining a State road are State Growth’s responsibility.

The requirements under national traffic standards for the provision of Stop signs are very rigorous and sight distance from the holding position must be below a particular value before a Stop sign is necessary. We have previously reviewed the Marlborough Street and Wellington Street intersection, and sight lines are not in the range where a Stop sign is warranted.”

8.6 Illawarra Road West of Roundabout – Safety Concerns.

LLDC MOTION tabled at NMC meeting 18th March 2024. Council DECISION – MINUTE NO. 24/093. NMC Minutes 20th May 2024 - Action Item - Letter sent by Executive Assistant 18th April 2024 to Department of State Growth, awaiting response.

LDC discussed the extremely poor condition of the Longford roundabout which continues to deteriorate. The roundabout has become a major safety concern for the Longford community.

MOTION: The LDC requests NMC to seek from the Department of State Growth their maintenance and surveillance program for the Longford roundabout as the poor condition of the surface and sides are of major concern to the community.

Moved – Annette Aldersea. Second – Peter Munro. Carried.

NMC Minute 24 June 2024 – DECISION That Council awaits a response from the Department of State Growth. Carried Unanimously

NMC Update – night works are scheduled to be carried out to patch the roundabout surface, currently delayed due to recent weather conditions.

Frances Stewart noted that noise and traffic monitoring was carried out along Illawarra Road in May 2024 but DSG have withheld the results.

- Requests from NMC in April 2024 and MVC in May 2024 to lower the speed limit to 90km/hr between Bishopsbourne Road and the Bass Highway have had no response from Dept. Transport. Jen Butler has drafted a Motion to present before Parliament on behalf of landowners to lower the speed limit to 80km/hr.
- LDC Note that surface repair work has been carried out on the roundabout, but is acknowledged temporary fix.
- Frances Stewart noted that Jen Butler will resubmit the lapsed Motion to Parliament.
- Frances Stewart has followed up with Kerry Vincent about speed, noise, vibration & safety concerns and has had standard department response, which was circulated. Continuing to communicate with Kerry Vincent directly on the issues and other relevant government ministers.
- 5/3/25 Jen Butler has put forward a constituent question from Illawarra Road Landowners to Kerry Vincent regarding the current speed limit causing safety and noise concerns, the Consultant’s Report to State Growth and whether Kerry Vincent has seen it.
- 2/4/25 Commissioner of Transport Cynthia Heydon, Project Manager & Consultant met with Illawarra Road Landowners on site 25/3/25, including a group landowners meeting at “Valleyfield”. The outcome revealed that the Commissioner was largely unaware of the issues arising from the road project and an undertaking to instigate a review of whether correct procedures have been followed and a review of the speed limit by 16/4/25.
- 7/5/25 Frances Stewart received correspondence from Elspeth Moroni, General Manager State Roads, confirming a decision has been made to reduce the speed limit to 80km/hr on Illawarra Road from Perth Bypass/Midland Highway merge to approximately Wickford Mill Cottage (approximately 7km) as a temporary measure while a review of the upgrade plans is

undertaken to see if a permanent reduction is warranted. New signs to be installed in next couple of weeks.

- Frances Stewart followed up with the Commissioner of Transport regarding extending the reduced speed limit a further 600 metres towards the Bass Highway. 80kmh signs have been put in place and a “No air brakes” sign at the beginning of the southbound zone.
- NMC Action Items p25. New Speed limit signs installed by DSG 26/5/25. Awaiting “no air brakes” sign on northbound lane to match one placed on southbound lane and revised designs.
- 3/9/25 New concerns regarding southbound overtaking lane in 2b section being less length than minimum outlined in Road Design Guidelines & Standards.)
- 1/10/25 LDC discussed this with Inspector Fox. It was noted that there is good compliance with the lowered speed limit only when the mobile speed camera is present, and that regular patrols by police to monitor speeding is greatly appreciated by residents.
- 5/11/25 Workplace safety issues with the design for Stage 2B have been raised with DSG and the Minister, along with a request a meeting onsite. Ruth Forrest MLC asked the Minister if he would order a safety and risk assessment of the Illawarra Road Upgrade, which he did not answer.
- 3/12/25 Workplace safety issues with design have been raised with DSG and a request made to Minister Kerry Vincent for a meeting onsite with landowners. Jen Butler questioned Kerry Vincent during Budget Hearings regarding misinformation from DSG to Parliament Standing Committees regarding Illawarra Road.
- 7/1/26 Frances Stewart suggested moving item to Addendum as Landowners are taking independent action and NMC have not had input into this issue since April 2024. Cr. Matthew Brooks interjected, suggesting Frances Stewart should have declared a pecuniary interest in the issue. Frances Stewart responded that it was a safety issue to all road users and not particular to adjoining property owners. After discussions, LDC decided to request clarification from Maree Bricknell at NMC regarding the definition of pecuniary interest.

8.7 Longford Community Meeting 31/8/2024 regarding proposed Fuel Stop, Tannery Rd.

Annette Aldersea reported that the meeting was strongly attended by 350+ members of the Longford community. Motions were put forward and overwhelmingly approved by attendees to request a review by Parliament regarding the development of a refueling depot at Tannery Road. A motion was also successfully put forward to support the NMC with applying pressure to DSG regarding the ongoing issues before DSG mentioned in these minutes, namely:

- Condition of Longford Roundabout (currently bandaid solution)
- Cyclist & Pedestrian Safety – Pateena Road to Longford (Viaduct access?)
- Sticky Beaks Corner – Traffic & safety concerns
- Improving pedestrian safety in Longford
- Requests a new traffic and noise level survey on Wellington and Marlborough Streets Longford be carried out urgently and the results of that survey be given back to Northern Midlands Council to be publicly available.
- Annette Aldersea has received letters from Premier Rockliff and Guy Barnett, which will be followed up.
- Dean Winter was on site at the proposed Truck Stop at 10am on Friday 11th October to meet with local residents and hear their concerns.
- Jen Butler is putting forward a motion to rescind the decision.
- Annette Aldersea met with Guy Barnett who said Government want to do something to rectify the situation and are currently working through the legalities.

- LDC to put forward a recommendation to NMC to request DSG conduct traffic and noise level surveys urgently along Tannery Road, Marlborough and Wellington Street and release results to NMC, to check for compliance with Government traffic noise guidelines. **NOTED that traffic counter were placed on Tannery Rd & Marlborough Street in November, 2024.**
- Annette Aldersea advised that there are ongoing discussions with Minister Kerry Vincent.
- Neil Tubb has had written response from Minister Kerry Vincent.
- Question on Notice: John Izzard query regarding the TASCAT Settlement Letter 3/12/24. Advice to be provided to Mr Izzard.
- 2/4/25 NMC Motion 17/3/25 Wilmores Lane, Bishopsbourne Rd & Herberts Road. Council Officers to prepare a report on the costs associated with upgrading these roads to become alternative heavy vehicle routes to divert from Tannery Road. Item to be discussed at Council Workshop 7/4/25.
- 7/5/25 Kerry Vincent, Min. Infrastructure has been contacted with correspondence and a constituent question in Parliament, with the response that it is ongoing with Parliament.
- Copy of a response from Minister Kerry Vincent to Jen Butler was tabled. Ongoing talks with Minister Vincent regarding his options for intervention.
- Annette Aldersea advised footpath being reinstated. Concerns the developer will take advantage while government is in caretaker mode for the election. Suggests contacting the Lyons candidates to ask their position and action they may take in regard to the fuel stop.

8.8 Tasmulch expansion to bulk landscaping supply – dust issues.

Some residents around the Tasmulch bulk landscape site have been experienced elevated issues of dust emerging from the Tasmulch site, as well as concern over the vibration from trucks unloading & loading within the heritage precinct.

- Annette Aldersea approached Tasmulch with a request to use dust suppressant on the driveway, and keep hosed down in hot weather. Response was “Taken on Board”
- Surrounding residents are in the process of writing to Tasmulch.
- 7/5/25 Approximately 6-8 houses are being impacted by dust, and noise after hours.
- Tasmulch is in a General Business Zone. Garden supplies is permissible, however more industrial level of bulk quarry materials and trucks using the site. Also operate outside allowable hours. Checking for Attenuation requirements.
- Noted that Browns Store site is for sale due to Tasmulch relocating.

9.0 TOWN IMPROVEMENT ISSUES

9.2 EV Charging Site in Longford.

Rear of Hill Street a perfect location.

- Peter Munro reported still waiting for a call from Hill St Management. An approach has been made by Charles Gregory, Secretary Australian Electric Vehicle Association Tas, claiming that site as perfect.
- Maree Bricknell follow-up email requesting suggested sites.
- Cr Dick Adams advised NMC is looking at alternatives, such as near the Memorial Hall, which would be suitable as a Northern Midlands Council owned site.
- Cr Dick Adams advised that Grant Applications open 6/2/25 and NMC are going to apply. Needs consultation.
- LDC Discussions were unanimous in the position that the EV Charging site should be on private land, not community land. Suggestions were to approach Longford fuel stations to gauge interest.

- 2/4/25 Joanne Clarke suggested rear of Harcourts would be a good site.
- 19/5/25 Lyttleton St residents spoke at NMC Meeting Public Question time, stating that Lyttleton St/Village Green would be an inappropriate site, for multiple reasons. NMC decided Energy ROI should investigate other options.
- Peter Munro met with the new Hill Street Manager to discuss, waiting for feedback.
- 2/07/25 – Waiting to hear if Energy ROI have found another site, may be in discussions with Hill Street.

9.3 Lack of river signage at Macquarie River Bridge, Woolmers Lane.

4/06/25 Bronwyn Baker raised the lack of signage at Macquarie River bridge on Woolmers Lane to identify the Macquarie River.

2/07/25 Bron Baker advised via email prior to the meeting she has a Works Request with NMC.

6/8/2025. Bron Baker received feedback that there is conflict as to whether a DSG or NMC responsibility. NMC consider the signage too extensive/expensive across Council area due to the number of bridges.

6/8/25 MOTION: Longford District Committee request Northern Midlands Council place signage at Woolmers Bridge identifying the Macquarie River and its traditional Aboriginal name if known, and also on Cressy Road at Brumby's Creek bridge to identify Brumby's Creek, both for the benefit and interest of tourists and recreational fishers.

MOVED: Bronwyn Baker SECONDED: Frances Stewart Carried Unanimously.

1/10/25 NMC MINUTE NO. 25/281 DECISION That Council:

1. notes the request from the Longford District Committee for signage at Woolmers Bridge and Brumby's Creek Bridge identifying the waterways and their traditional Aboriginal names, if known;
2. acknowledges advice from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (3 September 2025) that traditional names for Brumby's Creek and the Woolmers Bridge area are not known, and that the Macquarie River is referred to as Tinamirakuna/Macquarie River;
3. recognises the request as an operational matter for which no funding is currently available;
4. advises the Longford District Committee that as there is no funding available at this time, this can be included as a budget request for the year 2026/27 in March of 2026.

ACTION: Defer to Budget Request Items 2026/27, March 2026.

9.4 Future plans for abandoned house block on Lyttleton Street.

4/06/25 Peter Munro raised this as an item for discussion at the next LDC meeting, due to concerns about it becoming a recent target for vandals and attempted arson.

2/07/25 Investigate possibilities further.

ACTION: Further consideration as a Budget Request Item 2026/27, March 2026.

10.0 RECREATIONAL ISSUES:

10.3 Drop-In Centre for Youth 12-17yo. (Merged with Item 10.3 Community House)

Frances Stewart raised the issue of Longford Youth having no indoor recreation area, especially during Winter, for after school, weekends & school holidays. A summary of the need, benefit and proposal for provision was submitted, with the idea of allocating a couple of rooms in a Council Community House or a stand-alone premises for the purpose of diverting unsupervised youth from engaging in anti-social activity such as vandalism and shoplifting. Cost of a part-time youth worker may be offset by reduced vandalism costs and community have offered furnishings, laptops, PlayStation, television etc, with further staffing by volunteers.

Council members suggested a more thorough proposal and report be investigated and prepared

before submitting a Motion to Council, and that Deloraine House be visited to see how their Community House operates.

- 4/6/25 Ideas was discussed with Mitchell Langley during his presentation. Follow up to be done regarding how LDC might support his work with Longford Youth in the future.
- 2/07/25 Noted Frances Stewart had emailed thanks to NMC Youth Worker Mitchell Langley for attending LDC June meeting.
- 1/10/25 In light of being advised that Mitchell Langley is unfortunately no longer with Northern Midlands Council, Inspector Fox suggested contacting Longford Primary School to see if there are any after school programs running, or what might be put in place.

10.5 Additional bench seats & picnic tables for Longford Village Green near Latour and Lyttleton Streets.

It was noted that there is a lack of seating in the area of the Village Green near Latour and Lyttleton Streets, and that some visitors to the Village Green may prefer quieter seating location away from the children's play area, such as near the trees.

- 5/3/25 Annette Aldersea to take photos for Peter Munro to circulate for feedback on social media.
- 2/4/25 Peter Munro to put on the Longford District Committee Facebook page for community feedback on this suggestion.
- 7/5/25 Community opinion was 100% positive with approximately 40 comments/suggestions, including all corners of the Green, under shade, scattered benches around perimeter for elderly rest stops when strolling, more picnic benches along Arthur Street for food van patrons, while ensuring open areas remain for events such as Scots Day Out and Car Shows.
- Peter Munro provided a report on feedback from social media regarding the idea of extra seating, which was overwhelmingly positive.
- 2/07/25 Annette Aldersea tabled photos of suggested locations for extra picnic tables and bench seating in the Village Green. Peter Munro raised request through Facebook feedback for a picnic table at the safety park. Annette Aldersea to add to request. Agreed by all in attendance that Annette Aldersea lodge a work request for the additional tables and seating.
- 6/8/2025 Annette Aldersea lodged a Works Request with Council.
- 1/10/25 Frances Stewart followed up with Vivien Tan – NMC has no funding allocation at present. LDC to add to 2026/27 Budget requests for funding benches, concreting etc.

ACTION: Defer to Budget Request Items 2026/27, March 2026.

11.0 HERITAGE ISSUES:

11.1 Significant Trees Register.

The aim of which is to identify trees and vegetation of high community value and significance, worthy of protection by being included in the Significant Trees List.

There is also the National Trust Tree Nomination Form which can be found at: [National Trust - Nomination Form \(trusttrees.org.au\)](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/nomination-form) for more information.

Annette Aldersea spoke with a National Trust representative re: current list and collaboration to add more trees to the list.

- New members to LDC were invited to put trees forward for consideration.
- Annette Aldersea to suggest Longford History Society become involved, check whether the old trees on a property in Lewis Street should be listed.
- Annette Aldersea still has not been given the list from NMC.
- It was noted that the trees in Lewis Street needed pruning where impinging over the boundary

- prior to listing.
- Annette Aldersea informed that the Norfolk Plains Historical Society are coming on board to update the Register.
 - 5/3/25 Annette Aldersea advised that NMC Nominations are now open until mid April to propose trees for inclusion in the Register.
 - 2/4/25 Annette Aldersea proposed the following motion:
MOTION: The Longford District Committee requests that the Northern Midlands Council extend the closing date for Significant Tree Register nominations to 30th June, 2025 due to the large number of trees in Longford being investigated and considered by the Longford District Committee, community groups and community members for nomination for addition to the current Significant Tree Register. We are aware other District Committees are also working on nominations and require an extension of time.
Moved: Annette Aldersea Seconded: Frances Stewart Carried Unanimously.
 - 14/4/25 NMC Minute No. 25/121 “That Council extends the nomination period for the Significant Tree Register until 30th June, 2025. Carried Unanimously.
 - Frances Stewart asked Vivien Tan what the process would be after 30th June. Response was that the list would first be assessed for suitable tree candidates, according to their history, then referred to an appointed specialist.

11.2 Preservation of Fred Davies Grandstand

Neil Tubb has been in discussion with the Longford Football Club, with the following summary: NMC Decided to retain the Grandstand in 2020 and made substantial improvements to ensure the Grandstand would remain standing for future generations. The Grandstand has social and cultural significance to the Longford community and it also compliments the Fred Davies Memorial located at the entrance to Longford Reserve. Listing of the building will ensure that it will remain in place for future generations to understand and enjoy.

5/2/25 Neil Tubb to talk to the President of the Longford Football Club.

5/3/25 Neil Tubb submitted the following motion for discussion (see attached background document):

MOTION: “The Longford District Committee requests that the Northern Midlands Council add the “Mulga” Fred Davies Grandstand to the Northern Midlands Committee Heritage List/Register under the **NOR-C6.0 Local Historic Heritage Code.**”

Moved: Annette Aldersea. Seconded: Kenneth Richards. Carried unanimously.

- 2/4/25 NMC Minute No. 25/0088 Decision: That Council make an application to Heritage Tasmania for heritage status of the Fred Davies Memorial Grandstand at the Longford Recreation oval.
- 2/4/25 Neil Tubb to investigate incorporating the Timekeeper boards also.
- 14/4/25 NMC Action Items: Senior Planner Application to Heritage Tasmania is being prepared.
- 19/5/25 NMC Action Items: Senior Planner Application to Heritage Tasmania has been made.
- (NMC Action Items p29. Senior Planner Heritage Tasmania has advised that it received an enquiry regarding the potential for entry of the grandstand last year and provided advice that it is much more likely to meet the criteria for listing at the local level rather than at the state level, and that unless information could be provided supporting entry on the state register, it would be better to focus on listing at the local level in the planning scheme. 2/6/25 Exec & Communications Officer: Committee has been notified of the response from Heritage Tasmania. Completed.)

- 2/07/25 Neil Tubb pointed out our Motion to NMC was a request for Council to add the grandstand to the NMC Heritage Register. Council Officers to review further for listing.

12.0 GOVERNANCE ISSUES:

12.2 Draft Longford Expansion Strategy

Annette Aldersea has provided a copy of the Strategy document for discussion (*see attached Draft for Community Consultation*)

- Peter Munro suggested the Strategy should include traffic management planning, including investigation of a Longford bypass.
- A voluntary LDC meeting to discuss and prepare a group submission/response was held 13th November and a submission has been presented to NMC.
- Dick Adams reported that this has been workshopped in a closed session by NMC.
- 2/07/25 Awaiting report.

ACTION: Continue to monitor.

Council wishes to inform residents about some important changes regarding heavy vehicle access on a few key roads.

New "No Trucks" signage will be introduced on Dalrymple, Industry and East Arm Roads. This change is aimed at stopping non-local heavy vehicles from using these roads as a shortcut.

The change will not affect local farms and businesses within the Dalrymple Rd/Industry Rd/East Arm Rd catchment.

Local heavy vehicles transporting agricultural products or servicing properties within this catchment can continue as normal providing the vehicle meets the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) threshold and permit requirements.

The measure aims to reduce wear and tear of local roads caused by heavy vehicles taking a shortcut while also enhancing safety and amenity for local communities.

Electronic message boards will be installed in advance to keep drivers informed about the upcoming changes which will be implemented from Friday, 11 July 2025.

Enforcement will be undertaken by the NHVR and Tasmania Police, not Council.

For clarification regarding vehicle eligibility, please visit the NHVR Portal at <https://portal.nhvr.gov.au> or contact NHVR directly on 13 64 87 or email info@nhvr.gov.au

ADDITION:

The relevant provisions under the **Tasmanian Road Rules 2019 - Regulation 104** are as follows:

1. Where a "No Trucks" sign includes a mass or length indication, a driver (except the driver of a bus) must not drive past the sign if the vehicle or combination exceeds that mass or length, unless permitted under another law of this jurisdiction.
2. Where a "No Trucks" sign does not include a mass or length indication, the driver of a truck must not drive past the sign unless permitted under another law of this jurisdiction.
 These restrictions do not apply if the driver's destination lies beyond the sign and:
 1. there is no other route by which the vehicle could reach that destination, or
 2. any alternative route would require the vehicle to pass another "No Trucks" sign.
3. Heavy vehicles servicing properties or transporting goods from properties located beyond the signage may use these roads, provided they meet the prescribed parameters or otherwise have an appropriate NHVR authorisation.

If you have questions regarding the proposed restriction, please contact Council on 6382 8800 or email council@georgetown.tas.gov.au



Campbell Town District Forum 3rd March 2026.

Meeting held at Banjos Bakery

Minutes

1. Welcome and Apologies (nil)

2. Present: Elizabeth Porter, Sally Hills (minutes), Jill Davis, Danny Saunders, Barry Pyke, David Gatenby OAM Ken Reid and Nicole Graham.

3. In Attendance: Councillor Alison Andrews, Councillor Paul Terrett and NMC Secretary Vivien Tan

4. Apologies: Nil

5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Move: D. Gatenby Second: B. Pyke. Carried

6. Two presentations followed before the meeting:

- **Safety and Crime Discussion**

Inspector Craig Fox (Tasmania Police) and Constable Matt Nolan

- Information on establishing a Neighbourhood Watch group. Chair E. Porter to follow up.

- **EV Charging Infrastructure**

Brooke Marting and Adrian Bell - Evie Networks

Presentation on the installation of additional four EV charger stations.

There are six Evie sites in Tasmania with three classed as highway sites. Campbell Town is one of these.

7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Some members were not available to stay. Chair closed the meeting.

8. Next Meeting 31st March

No meeting in April. Next Forum meeting 1st Tuesday in May (5th)

9. Meeting Closed: 11.06am

Evandale Community Centre and Memorial Hall Management Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday 10 February 2026

Meeting Opened: 1.05pm

Chair: Brett Goldsworthy

Present: Judy Heazlewood, Maria Lawson, Barry Lawson, Councillor Paul Terret, Brett Goldsworthy Mariella Vallesi, Jackie Divall, Heidi Kent, and Libby McGrath

Apologies Kath Wenn.

Acknowledgment of Country given by Brett Goldsworthy

Declaration of interest requested by Brett Goldsworthy – Heidi Kent declared that she had an interest in the payment of a bill in that she needs to be reimbursed for mistakenly purchasing for the centre on her own personal card instead of the centre's card.

Confirmation of Minutes Motion to accept

Moved: Barry Lawson Seconded: Jackie Divall: Unanimous

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

1. Back door security – ongoing Heidi Kent dealing.
2. Email to council concerning management agreement completed. NFA
3. Invitation to Libby McGrath – completed. NFA
4. Pool noodles installed. NFA
5. Email to council concerning budget proposal – sent. Reply received.
Motion for Heidi Kent to respond to reply.
Moved: Barry Lawson, Seconded: Jackie Divall: Unanimous
6. Computer grant, POS, and stock management system. Motion to accept proposal and use remaining balance for wireless peripherals for laptop.
Moved: Maria Lawson; Seconded Jackie Divall: Unanimous
7. Keys: have recovered as many as possible: NFA
8. Step stool for library: acquired – NFA
9. Tree removal from building facia – completed – NFA
10. Request made to council to have Paul Terrett appointed as our councillor – NFA

Correspondence In/Out Presented by Heidi Kent

Items arising from correspondence:

1. Heidi to forward Grant to Barry Lawson
2. Motion to NOT list our organisation with Corporate Listings
Proposed: Maria Lawson: Seconded: Judy Heazlwood: Unanimous
3. Motion approving Heidi Kent to attend Tourism Collective Lunch at Centre expense.
 - a. Proposed Mariella Vallesi: Seconded: Judy Heazlewood: Unanimous
4. Guy Barnett pollie pedal fundraiser: NFA
5. Lyn Robson resignation accepted.
6. Motion to accept Correspondence Report
 - a. Proposed Barry Lawson: Seconded: Jackie Divall: Unanimous

Financial Report: given by Heidi Kent –including outstanding bills and stock take results.

Moved to accept by Maria Lawson: Seconded by Judy Heazlewood: Unanimous

Council Report – none given.

Hall Report – given by Brett Goldsworthy

Moved to accept Barry Lawson; seconded Jackie Divall: Unanimous

History Society Report – given by Barry Lawson –

1. Research ongoing re voter lists and Russell family album.
Moved to accept Maria Lawson; seconded Judy Heazlewood: Unanimous

General Business

1. Visitor numbers: given.
2. Council Youth Liaison Officer Libby McGrath talked about ideas to engage youth.
 - a. She will get back to us after council finalise WWVP requirements for hosting youth events.
 - b. Motion for Heidi Kent to facilitate volunteer registration for WWVP for all our volunteers.
Moved to accept Judy Heazlewood; seconded Maria Lawson: Unanimous
3. Volunteers – report given by Heidi Kent
4. Stamp for passports: Motion to purchase stamp and use similar design to new badges.
Moved to accept: Maria Lawson; Seconded Jackie Divall: Unanimous

5. Repricing of photocopying, scanning, Laminating, Shredding and internet use:
Moved to accept: Maria Lawson; Seconded Jackie Dival: Unanimous
6. Community social room hire pricing – agreed should be in line with council fees but allow 50% reduction for local -
7. Following items deferred to next meeting due to time constraints:
 - a. Seniors computing – free iPad
 - b. Flag
 - c. Community social room hire pricing – agreed should be in line with council fees but allow 50% reduction for local - revisit next month and submit to council after that.
 - d. Sunday Closures
 - e. Maintenance

Upcoming Events and Opportunities: none

Other Business:

1. Discussion of hosting local interest meetings at centre. Including reference to State Government funding for connecting neighbours. - Heidi to follow up
2. Dissemination of information concerning recent changes at Woolmers.
3. Councillors' forthcoming budget bus tour – Barry Lawson to find last year's wish list and email to Heidi Kent. This year's wish list to include toilets at centre.

Next Meeting: 10 March 2026 1pm at Evandale Community Centre

Meeting Closed 2.50pm

Morven Park Management & Development Association Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting of the Morven Park Management Committee to be held at the Morven Park Clubrooms on Wednesday 11th February 2026.

Meeting opened at: 7.28pm

Present:	Chairman	David Houghton
	Vice Chairman	Ian Pease
	Treasurer	John Hughes
	Secretary	Rhonda Whitmore
	Evandale Skate Park	Ian Pease
	Evandale Village Fair	
	Evandale Football Club	
	Evandale Cricket Club	Carmel Oates
	Evandale Light Rail	David Swann
	Evandale Tennis Club	
	Evandale Primary School	
	Morven Park Grounds	Bendon Crosswell
	Northern Midlands Council	Councillor Paul Terrett

Apologies: Scott Hill

Minutes of previous General Meeting held on 10th December 2025 read and confirmed.

Moved: Ian Pease Seconded: David Swann CARRIED

Business Arising from 10th December 2025 meeting:

1. Management Agreement with NMC - Kristy Nutting advises (as of 4th February 2026) she, Maree Bricknell and Leigh McCullagh will attend the MPMC Meeting in March to discuss her report to Council re the Management Agreement and Lease issues. Further, the concerns regarding the Scoreboard and insurance are also planned for discussion.
 2. Power to ticket booth - awaiting update after mid 2026 with NMC budget review.
 3. Scoreboard cable - replaced and Scoreboard working adequately. Panels need replacing; suggest seek new ones (est\$54,000) with the old ones to go to NMC.
 4. Speeding vehicles leaving Morven Park - awaiting further advice from Leigh McCullagh re upgrading existing speed hump and possibly adding an additional one. He advises the speed hump presently there was really a water diversion structure.
 5. Timer for heat pump in scorer's room - Installed. Awaiting bill.
 6. Bar fridge compressor – Dakin Quote \$825 for moving only onto roof (best for drainage); further information required as to building restoration.
 7. Home changeroom vanity water damage – yet to be completed.
 8. Painting of changerooms – Colour to be selected.
 9. Light Rail security camera – Light Rail to apply to NMC for grant.
 10. Movie night on January 30th, 2026 – well attended approximately 300 people and all groups profited. Next year to consider starting ½ hour earlier and Australia Day Weekend. Seek Council grant for cost of film – approx. \$1200 and more advertising. Takings this year \$376.40 to be allocated to cost of film with MPMC paying the difference.
Chairman to write to Anthony Axton and Scott Hill thanking them for the work on the Movie night and the scoreboard.
- Motion: that Cricket Club receive \$50 towards cleaning expenses/incidentals for Movie night.

Moved: Brendon Crosswell Seconded: Ian Pease

CARRIED.

11. First Aid kits servicing – waiting on information from Council, Kristy Nutting to advise when Council appointed contractor will attend.

12. Leaking taps men's public toilets - Leigh McCullagh advised of problem. – yet to be repaired. Chairman to email Leigh McCullough again.

13. Tennis Club toilets - update on Council's plans – Tennis club liaising direct with Council

14. City Mission - Maree Bricknell emailed re security alarm advice to City Mission.

15. Door to public toilets loose - Leigh McCullagh advised of problem - yet to be repaired. Chairman to email Leigh McCullagh again.

16. Gum tree at Tennis Club – Tree is heritage listed and will be trimmed – Council arranging.

17. Veolia truck driver concerns - Chairman complained to Veolia by email and subsequent phone call. Veolia to advise drivers of speed limits etc.

18. Weeds at skate park and elsewhere - Completed.

19. Sanitary bins have been replaced by Veolia. Need to check billing arrangements.

Correspondence:

In:

Email from Bradley Mitchell re using Chairman as contact for the Cricket Club Bingo gaming permit.

Email from Bradley Mitchell requesting a key to the tennis courts to allow retrieval of cricket balls.

Email from Kristy Nutting re issues involving Management Agreement, Draft Lease, scoreboard insurance and requesting a meeting of her, Maree Bricknell and Leigh McCullagh with MPMC at the March 11th Meeting.

Email from Maree Duggan (School Principal) wanting to use oval for School's 1500m races on Wednesday 4th March between 9.30-11am.

Out:

Email to Leigh McCullagh re public toilets door and leaking taps in men's toilets, plus request for weed removal and update on speed hump(s).

Email to Bradley Mitchell agreeing to be contact for the Cricket Club gaming licence application.

Email to Bradley Mitchell re key to tennis courts advising him to contact John Hughes.

Emails to Kristy Nutting re her request for members of the MPMC to go to NMC at Longford for discussions re lease and scoreboard insurance.

Email to Kristy Nutting responding to her request to meet with the MPMC at its meeting on March 11th, 2026.

Email replay to Maree Duggan re use of oval on March 4th.

Minutes of General Meeting 10th December 2025.

Financial Report: \$8,271.45 books currently being audited by Council

Moved: John Hughes

Seconded: Carmel Oates

CARRIED.

User Groups:

Cricket - Penny Farthing campers booked and Club catering for Saturday night riders' dinner.

Recently tagged electrical appliance in kitchen faulty and electrician call to repair – details to be provided for onforwarding to Council for reimbursement of costs.

Umpire's rooms to be available for campers' use. Security to be disarmed.

Football - NTR

Tennis - NTR

Skate Park - All good.

Primary School - March 4th - 9.30 to 11am using the oval for 1500m races.

Light Rail - September 12th or 19th - holding festival of rail / arts expo. Need to liaise with FC.

Penny Farthing Committee - Cricket Club organise caravans and campervans plus dinners for riders and campers.

Morven Park Grounds - All good. Require grease plus 2 nozzles for sprinklers.

Northern Midlands Council - WWVP card currently free for volunteers. Budget being prepared and recommend submissions be lodged asap for any major purchases so they can be reviewed on Council road trip.

General Business:

1. Rap music being played 2 weeks ago prior to football training - received several complaints to Council regarding noise level.
2. Soil infill near scoreboard yet to be completed – Leigh McCullagh to be contacted by Chairman as he had advised in July that it would be done during the dry periods.
3. Grant submissions – due end of March. New sprinklers (\$7-8,000) to be included; Events grant up to \$1600 for next movie night as cost likely to be ca.\$1200 for Roadshow film

Meeting Closed: 8.42pm

Next Meeting: General Meeting - Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 7.30pm.



LIFFEY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 10TH 2026 AT 7.00PM

Present

Gabrielle Stannus, Rodney O'Keefe, David Hanslow, Susan Hanslow, Denis Lisson, Sally Staubmann, Ludovic Vilvert, Jilli Spencer.

Guest: Dakota Wolf, Tassie trails

Apologies

Herbert Staubmann

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes had been circulated to members and were taken as read; M. Ludo, S. Susan

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer delivered his report which included details of expenditure and income, plus the current balance of \$16,197.

Correspondence

The Secretary summarized the details of the correspondence which was accepted.

Financial matters

1. Annual reporting progress
The Chair has requested that the Treasurer present a written report of the committee's financial status as a regular practice at each bi-monthly meeting. These reports will then be circulated together with the minutes of the meeting.
2. Debit cards
A motion was proposed for the Treasurer to make arrangements to issue debit cards with a limit of \$200 to each of the office bearers, specifically Chair, Secretary and Deputy chair. M. Gabby, S. Sally.
3. Signatories for bank account
A motion was proposed that the following new signatories be added, following the resignation of the previous Chair Quenton Higgs: Chair, Gabrielle Stannus, Secretary, Denis Lisson.

General business

Some, of the items listed on the agenda, specifically 1-4 have been discussed between the Chair and Kristy Nutting NMC prior to this meeting, and form the basis for further discussion below.

1. Council feedback to Chair

- Committee compliance review
Kristy Nutting has completed this review and will present details at the February Council meeting. The 2 documents to be presented will be:
(i) *Volunteer policy* which will cover committee members and volunteers, and (ii) include their roles and statement of duties.
- MOU to be presented to Council at a later date.
- Committee Liaison officer
There are 12 management committees and 5 district committees for whom NMC are responsible. Due to the work load associated with these duties, K.N. will request Council to engage a full-time person to undertake liaising responsibilities. Furthermore, it is planned to hold an annual get-together of the various committees to meet and exchange ideas, possibly scheduled for 2027.
- Special March meeting
K.N. would like an opportunity to brief members on the implementation of the new operational guidelines in order to ensure compliance with the new governance models. The tentative dates for this meeting are Wednesday 18th or Thursday 19th of March – to be confirmed.

2. Volunteers, registration and induction

* K.N. has conveyed to the Chair that application forms for committee membership will be processed by NMC's workplace health and safety system and then be ratified by the General Manager at a Council meeting.

The Secretary reported that 7/9 applications for committee membership have been submitted either on-line or as hard copies by post. Two outstanding application forms will be delivered to Council chambers on 17th February.

- Secretary to forward a list of current volunteers to NMC for consideration.
- Induction procedures for committee members and volunteers will be outlined by K.N. at the March special meeting.
- Lawn mowing and herbicide spraying
Ian Sommerfield (Griz), is now a registered volunteer (K.N.)
Spraying protocols – Chair to communicate with NMC outlining the committee's concern about spraying of weeds.
Registering the schoolhouse site as a 'no spray zone' – To be discussed as a viable option.

2. Future storage plan
 - K.N. has conveyed to Chair that she will present a draft budget plan at the March special meeting for our consideration.
 - An 'in-kind' financial contribution from the LHMC will be addressed and discussed.
 - Financial support from Council will be contingent upon the annual financial report being up to date and appropriately formatted.
3. Water supply
 - K.N. pointed out that this would not be a priority item for 2026 budget.
 - Filtering water from the rainwater tank is recommended as *best practice*. To implement this option the water supply from Lindsay Jordan's property would need to by-pass the tank, which would then need to be flushed out with clean potable water.
 - NMC may consider the option of a second storage tank to boost on-going water supply.
 - The *preferred option* is to continue the current practice of purchasing bottled water.
 - K.N. will clarify and confirm short term and longer-term options available for water supply at the March meeting.
4. Septic tank monitoring – no odours detected in recent weeks.
5. Schoolhouse security
 - No illicit entries were reported.
 - The number of keys originally issued by the Council was confirmed as being 4 in number. The Secretary reported that these keys are currently accounted for, and will issue a copy of the 'key register' to NMC for their records.
6. Market days
 - Rodney to carry out a risk assessment using 'NMC's Guidelines for events held at Council's own venues in the Northern-Midlands region'.
 - A protocol for market day cancellation to be developed – Rodney and committee members.
 - Strawberry festival was very successful.
 - NMC grants to be followed up – Rodney.
7. Future events
 - Gigs – David presented some ideas for on-going promotion. His detailed recommendations are included in a separate attachment to the minutes.
 - Winter solstice – volunteers required for the 2026 event – Gabby.
8. Historic photos

Interested committee members to meet with Dennis Chilcott to review photos suitable for inclusion in a framed format to illustrate the historic significance of the schoolhouse – Denis.
9. Updating hall-hire website
 - Gabby/ Kristy Nutting

- Additional information sheet to assist patrons hiring the Liffey schoolhouse site. This document was prepared by Sally, and will be displayed in an appropriate place for reference.

10. Tree register – Gabby

11. Other items

- *Change name of schoolhouse* to 'Old Liffey School Community Hall' – to be discussed at the next meeting.
- *Camping donations* – do they attract GST? Rodney.
- *Proposal to use Google Docs to store committee files* – Gabby
- *Office bearers names to be posted on notice board* – Denis

12. Fire risk actions including signage

Sally and Herbert are up to date with protocols and practice of Tas. Fire Service in times of fire risk. Sally offered to brief the committee with respect to our obligations, particularly with respect to displaying signs.

13. New Item

- *Tassie Trails* have offered to provide a shelter shed on the site for the use of visitors. Dakota Wolf briefly outlined the proposal to the members and will forward further information for committee to consider. The committee thanked Dakota for this generous offer and await further details from Tassie Trails.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Next meeting – date and time to be advised.



Attachment 8.16.1 Big Sing 2. credit Christine Gorrige



Exhibited

PLANNING APPLICATION

FOR BUILDINGS, WORKS AND CHANGE OF USE
 (E.g. Residential houses, sheds, carports, retaining walls, visitor accommodation, commercial development, signage etc.)

Office Use Only:

The Proposal

Description of proposal: PROPOSED ADDITIONAL DWELLINGS

Driveway construction material:	CONCRETE
--	----------

The Land

Site address:	9 ZIRCON PLACE, PERTH, 7300
Title reference:	C/T: 179919/10
Existing buildings on site:	DWELLING
Existing use of site:	RESIDENTIAL

**Applicant justification of any variation/discretion to the
*Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Northern Midlands***

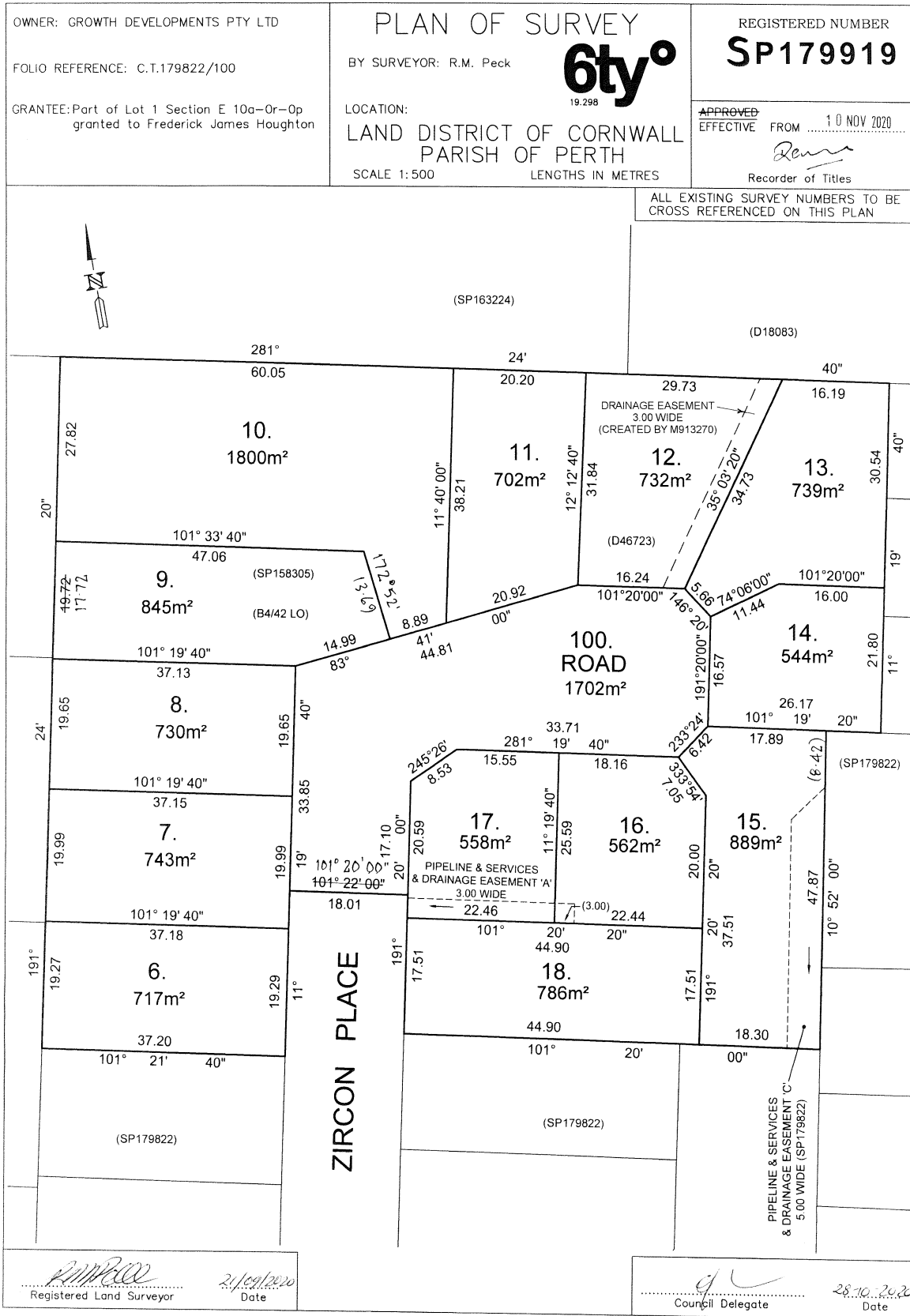


FOLIO PLAN
RECORDER OF TITLES

Exhibited



Issued Pursuant to the Land Titles Act 1980



Received
23.1.2026

Exhibited



Stormwater Detention Report

Multiple dwellings

9 Zircon Place,
Perth 7300



Received
23.1.2026

Exhibited



Document Control Record

Document prepared by:

6ty Pty Ltd
ABN 27 014 609 900

Postal Address
PO Box 63
Riverside
Tasmania 7250
W 6ty.com.au
E admin@6ty.com.au

Launceston Office
Tamar Suite 103
The Charles
287 Charles Street
Launceston 7250
P (03) 6332 3300



Document Control				6ty°	
Report Title:	On-Site Stormwater Detention Design Report				
Project Number:	26.026	Project Name:	9 Zircon Place		
Client:	Jason Sherriff	Client Contact:	Jason Sherriff		
Revision:	Date:	Revision details:	Prepared by:	Reviewed by:	
1	21/01/2026	1.0	Thomas Cotton		
Current revision:	1				

On-Site Stormwater Detention Design Report
January 2026

Received
23.1.2026

Exhibited



Table of Contents

1. Introduction.....	4
2. The site.....	4
3. The approved development	5
4. Stormwater management requirements.....	6
5. Design procedures	7
5.1 Model results	8
6. Conclusion.....	10

Received
23.1.2026

Exhibited



1. Introduction

This report examines the stormwater network design for multiple dwellings on an existing residential lot at 9 Zircon Place, Perth, to comply with Northern Midlands Council requirements.

2. The site

The site is located at 9 Zircon Place, Perth, as shown in Image 1 below:

Image 1 - (The LIST)



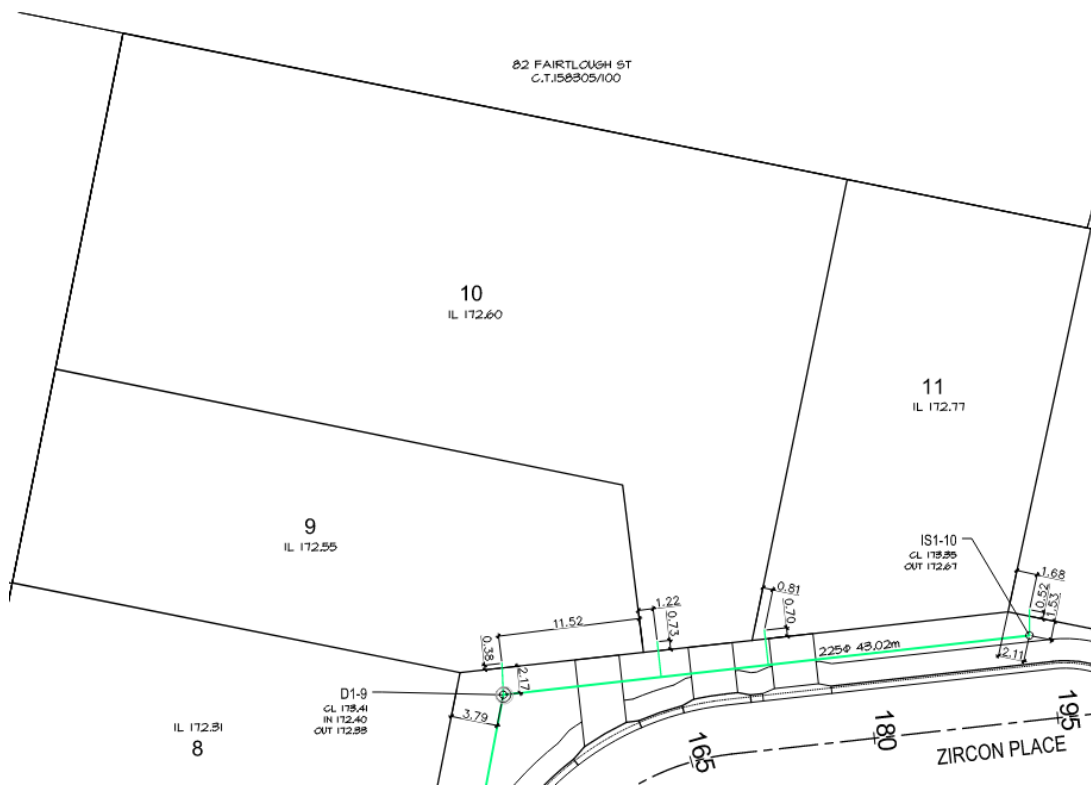
The site has an existing residence with a garage at the rear of the property.

Received
23.1.2026

Exhibited



Image 2 - Existing Stormwater Network



There is an existing DN100 stormwater connection with a DN225 in the roadway. The stormwater from the house and overland flows are discharged into the existing connection or run overland towards the roadway.

3. The approved development

Northern Midlands Council has granted a Planning Permit for the development at 9 Zircon Place, Perth, subject to conditions, under DA number PLN-25-0207.

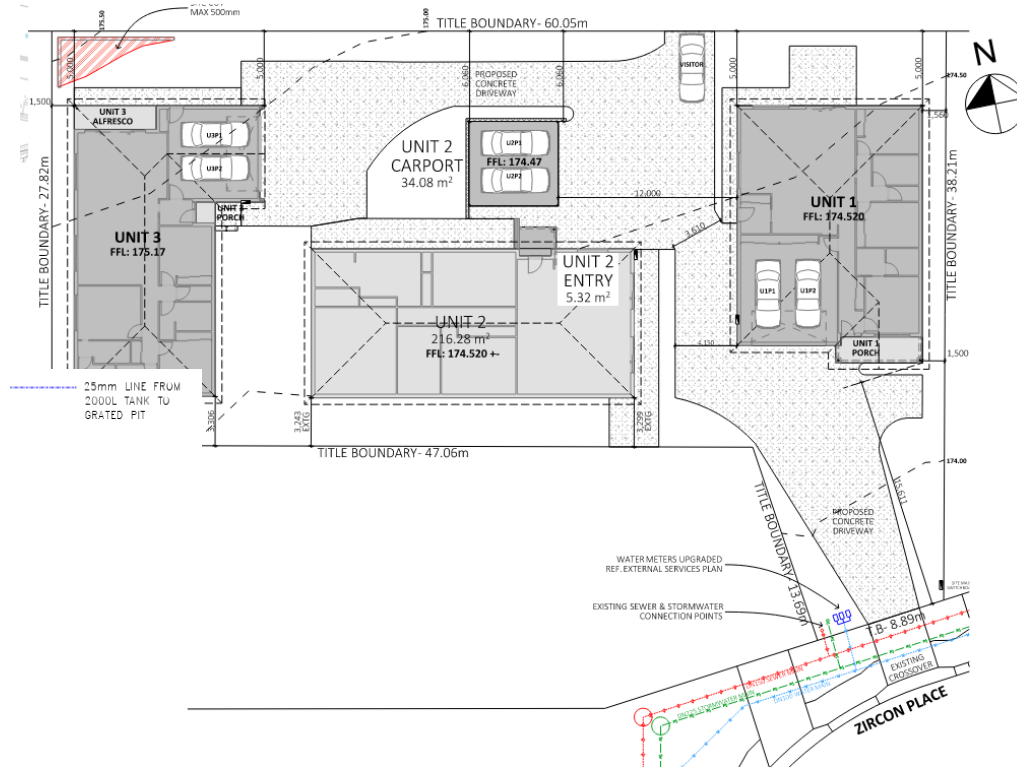
Received

23.1.2026

Exhibited

6ty^o

Image 3 - Proposed dwellings layout



4. Stormwater management requirements

The Northern Midlands Council On-Site Stormwater Detention Policy outlines the requirements for new developments to ensure that the stormwater runoff does not adversely impact downstream and surrounding properties during all storm events, including 1% AEP event.

- The on-site detention systems must restrict the stormwater discharge to the permissible rate (Image 3).
- The system must provide sufficient storage to ensure peak flow rates at any point within the downstream drainage system do not increase because of the development.
- The system must drain within 72 hours to ensure storage volume is available for the next possible storm event.

Refer excerpt from the Planning Permit below

Image 4 - Excerpt from Planning Permit

3. To determine compliance with Council's [Water Quality Management](#) policy, please show water treatment provisions within the site or nominate if you would like council consider accepting a contribution per Councils fees and charges.
4. To determine compliance with Council's [On-site Stormwater Detention](#) policy, please provide details of the proposed on-site stormwater detention system including sizing.
5. To determine compliance with Council's Landscaping policy, please provide details of the proposed landscaping including species types, height at maturity, location etc.

Received

23.1.2026

Exhibited

6ty°

Image 5 - Permissible site discharge and minimum 1:20 ARI detention volume from Northern Midlands Council On-Site Detention Stormwater Policy

TABLE 1: PERMISSIBLE SITE DISCHARGE (L/s) AND MINIMUM 1:20 ARI (5% AEP) DETENTION VOLUME (M3)

Lot size (m ²)	Permissible Site Discharge (PSD) (L/s)	Fraction Impervious					
		50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
100	0.88	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7
200	1.76	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.4
300	2.64	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.8	2.1
400	3.52	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.9	2.3	2.8
500	4.39	1.0	1.4	1.9	2.4	2.9	3.5
600	5.27	1.2	1.7	2.3	2.9	3.5	4.2
700	6.15	1.4	2.0	2.7	3.3	4.1	4.9
800	7.03	1.6	2.3	3.0	3.8	4.7	5.6
900	7.91	1.8	2.6	3.4	4.3	5.3	6.3
1000	8.79	2.0	2.9	3.8	4.8	5.8	7.0
1100	9.67	2.2	3.2	4.2	5.3	6.4	7.7
1200	10.55	2.4	3.4	4.5	5.7	7.0	8.4
1300	11.42	2.6	3.7	4.9	6.2	7.6	9.1
1400	12.30	2.8	4.0	5.3	6.7	8.2	9.8
1500	13.18	3.1	4.3	5.7	7.2	8.8	10.5
2000	17.58	4.1	5.7	7.6	9.6	11.7	13.9
2500	21.97	5.1	7.2	9.5	11.9	14.6	17.4
3000	26.36	6.1	8.6	11.4	14.3	17.5	20.9
3500	30.76	7.1	10.0	13.2	16.7	20.4	24.4
4000	35.15	8.1	11.5	15.1	19.1	23.4	27.9
4500	39.55	9.1	12.9	17.0	21.5	26.3	31.3
5000	43.94	10.2	14.3	18.9	23.9	29.2	34.8
5500	48.33	11.2	15.7	20.8	26.3	32.1	38.3
6000	52.73	12.2	17.2	22.7	28.7	35.0	41.8

Examination of the proposed plan for the development shows that the site area is 1800 m², with 1282.9 m² of impervious surfaces, equivalent to 71% of the total site area. Based on the guidelines, the peak permissible flow rate is 15.82 l/s, and the minimum required detention volume is 6.84 m³.

5. Design procedures

Hydrological modelling was conducted using the Watercom DRAINS software program. The analysis aimed to achieve a reduction in peak discharge from the property to 15.82 l/s under post-development conditions and to determine the approximate size of the detention basin. The assessment considered both 1% AEP major and 5% AEP minor storm events, with storm duration from 5 minutes to 2 hours.

The Initial Loss – Continuous Loss model was used to compute discharge for the existing and post-development catchments. For pervious and impervious surfaces, the IL/CL parameters were adopted as recommended in the Australian Rainfall and Runoff (ARR) Data Hub using current data with no climate change modifiers. (<https://data.arr-software.org>).

Received
23.1.2026

Exhibited

6ty°

Impervious Area Initial Loss (mm)	1
Impervious Area Continuing Loss(mm/hr.)	0
Pervious Area Initial Loss(mm)	19
Pervious Area Continuing Loss(mm/hr.)	5.2

For the pre-development scenario, the site was calculated to be 82% pervious, and for the post-development scenario, the proposed dwellings and pavement were calculated to be 73% impervious and 27% pervious. Examination of The LIST mapping for both the soil permeability and the waterlogging hazard of the soils found on the site indicate that the soil class for the site is best described as Type 3 soil, having slowly permeable clays with a high risk of waterlogging.

The developed site has separate catchments formed by the roof areas and the pavement areas; these have been calculated following AS/NZS 3500. The impervious areas of the developed site are primarily the roof areas, parking and vehicle manoeuvring areas extending up to the Zircon Place crossover.

The proposed method of stormwater management for the site is a underground storage within the driveway. The proposed design has 2x 750 DIA pipe 12m long with an 80mm orifice plate on the outlet.

Site Data:

- Total Site Area = 1800 m².
- Total Roof Area (2 New and 1 Existing Dwelling) = 749m².
- Pavement Areas (not roofed) = 568 m².
- Total developed impervious area = 1317 m² = 73% impervious of site.

Design Data:

- Roofed and paved areas to underground storage pipes
 - 1x 600 DIA 15m long pipe.
 - 85mm outlet orifice.
 - Total available detention storage of 3.4 m³

5.1 Model results

The model was run with the detention tanks and orifice sizes iteratively adjusted until the design objectives were achieved for the 5% AEP event.

Storm Event	Discharge (l/s)
5% AEP 5 Min Storm 1	11 L/s
5% AEP 10 Min Storm 10	12 L/s
5% AEP 15 Min Storm 1	13 L/s
5% AEP 45 Min Storm 3	12 L/s

Based on the 3.4 m³ of in ground storage, the peak discharge from the site would be limited to 13 l/s by using a circular orifice plate of 85 mm ID in the 5% AEP event (all piped flows). For a 1% AEP event, the system is designed to allow overland flow to the Zircon Place crossover.

Received
23.1.2026

Exhibited



Image 6 - Developed site discharge (5% AEP, 5-min burst)

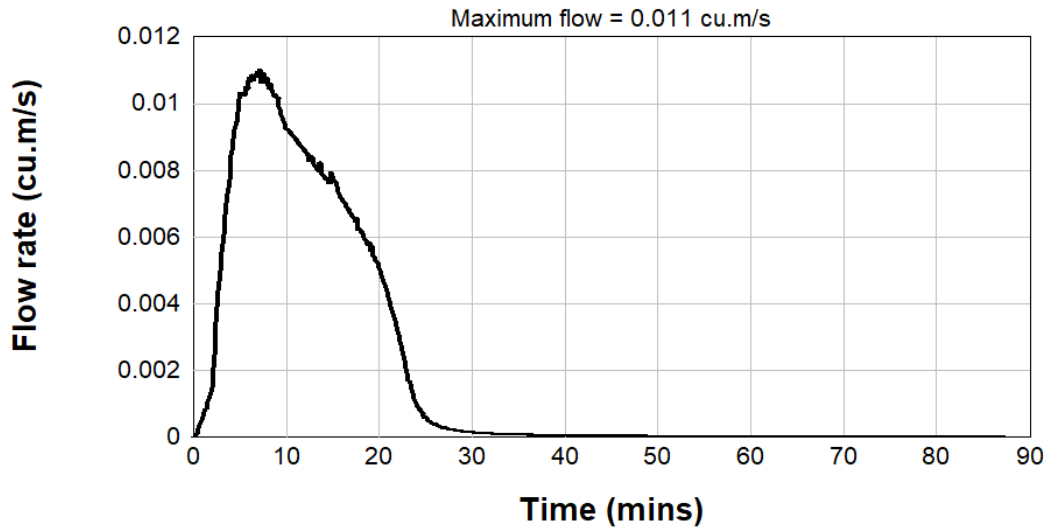
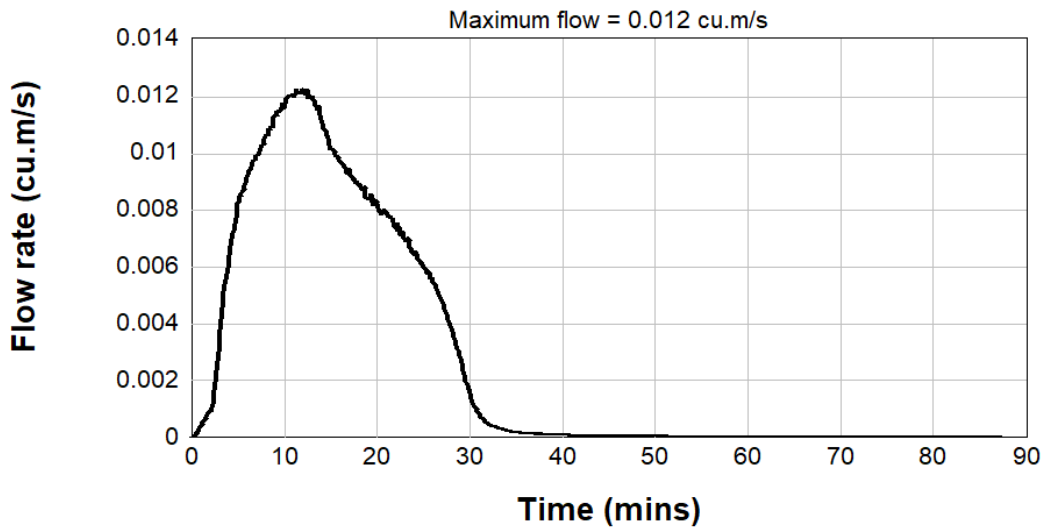


Image 7 - Developed site discharge (5% AEP, 10-min burst Storm 10)



Received
23.1.2026

Exhibited



Image 8 - Developed site discharge (5% AEP, 15-min burst Storm 1)

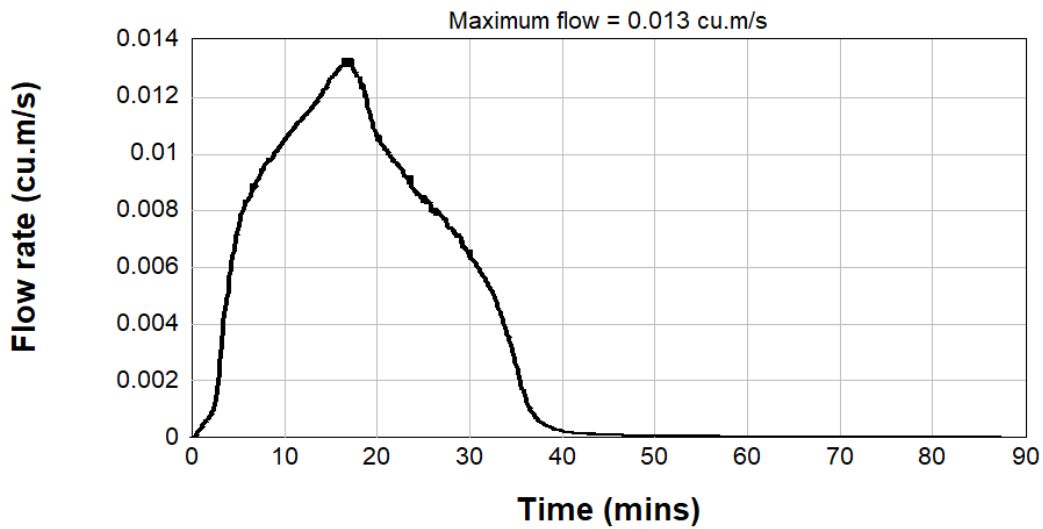
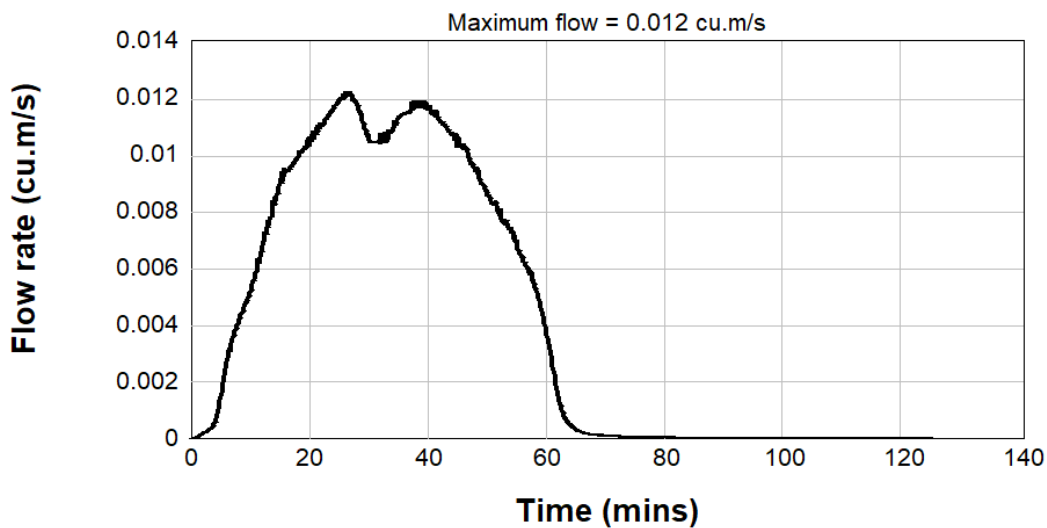


Image 9 - Developed site discharge (5% AEP, 10-min burst Storm 10)



The results indicate that the designed system is sufficient to contain up to a 1 in 20-year storm event and meets the Northern Midlands Council stormwater requirements.

6. Conclusion

The proposed design provides adequate detention of site stormwater to reduce site outflow in line with the Conditions of the permit of Planning Permit PLN-25-0207. As part of the design, we have included overflow paths that direct the water to the crossover. This will ensure there is no flooding on the site in an event larger than a 1% AEP as required.



PROPOSED ADDITIONAL DWELLINGS
9 ZIRCON PLACE,
PERTH, 7300.



DRAWING #	DRAWING	Received 23.1.2026 Exhibited
ZRCN09-1	COVER PAGE	
ZRCN09-2	SITE PLAN DEMO	
ZRCN09-3	SITE PLAN	
ZRCN09-4	STRATA PLAN	
ZRCN09-5	LANDSCAPE PLAN	
ZRCN09-6	PARKING AND TURNING 1	
ZRCN09-7	EXTERNAL SERVICES	
ZRCN09-8	EXTERNAL SERVICES NOTES	
ZRCN09-9	UNIT 1 FLOOR PLAN	
ZRCN09-10	ELEVATIONS	
ZRCN09-11	UNIT 2 FLOOR PLAN	
ZRCN09-12	ELEVATIONS	
ZRCN09-13	UNIT 3 FLOOR PLAN	
ZRCN09-14	ELEVATIONS	
ZRCN09-15	PERSPECTIVES	

BUILDING CLASSIFICATION	CLASS 1	COUNCIL	ZONE
AREAS	(m ²)	NORTHERN MIDLANDS	GENERAL RESIDENTIAL
UNIT 1	197.69	LAND TITLE REFERENCE 179919/10	ENERGY STAR RATING TBC
UNIT 1 PORCH	9.96	PROPERTY ID 9746963	CLIMATE ZONE 7
UNIT 2	216.28	LOT SIZE (M ²) 1800	ALPINE AREA N/A
UNIT 2 CARPORT	34.08	BAL RATING TBC	CORROSION ENV' LOW
UNIT 2 ENTRY	5.32	DESIGN WIND CLASS TBC	SITE HAZARDS N/A
UNIT 3	193.87	SOIL CLASSIFICATION TBC	
UNIT 3 PORCH	1.81	PLANNING OVERLAY BUSHFIRE PRONE, SAFEGAURDING AIRPORTS, PERTH SPECIFIC AREA PLAN	
UNIT 3 ALFRESCO	8.78		

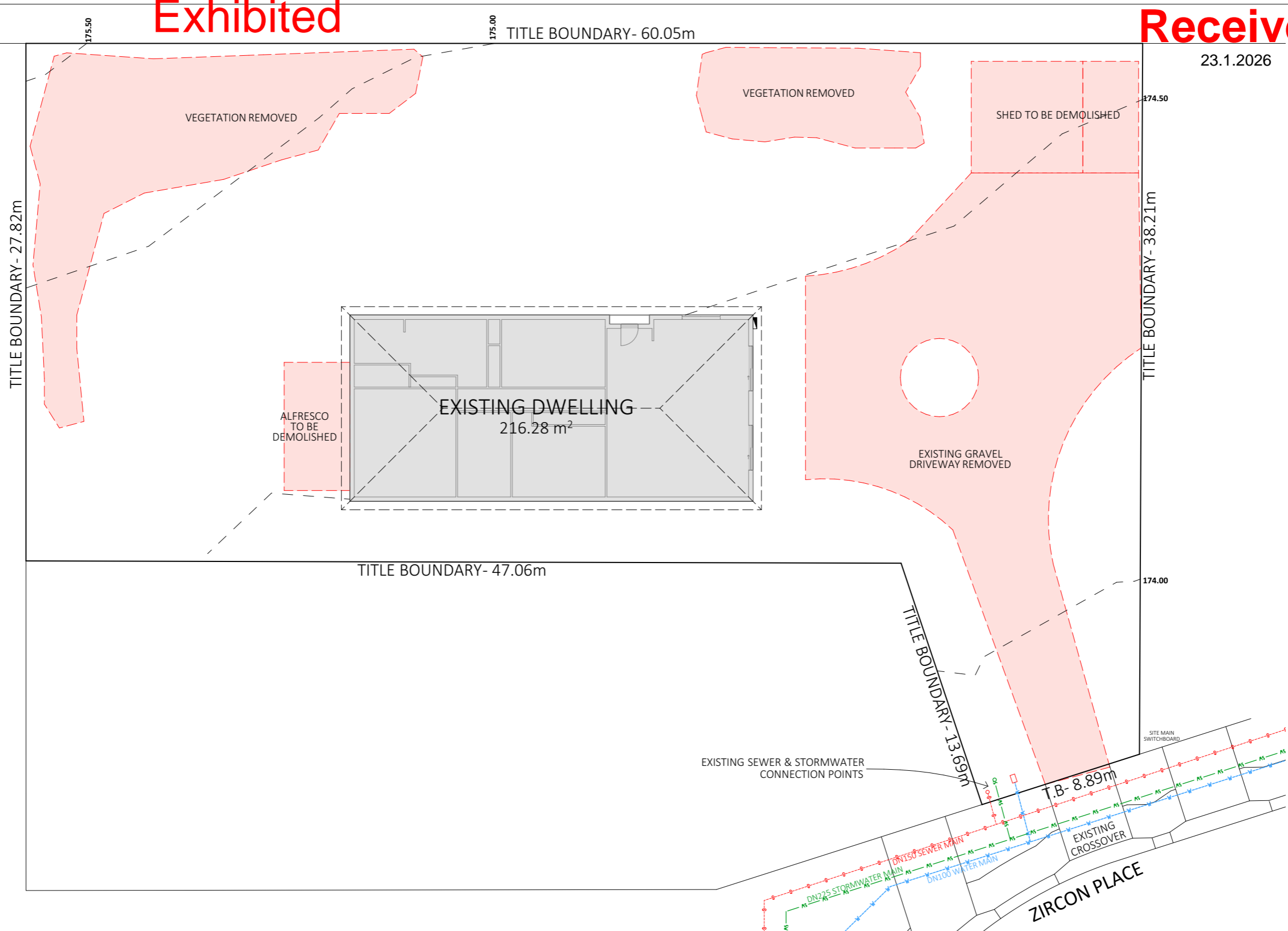
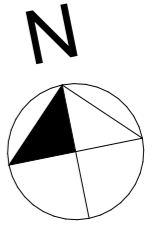
ATTACHMENTS

ACC # 371799313 ABN. 71 615 812 747 PH. 6344 7319 E. info@designtolive.com.au W. designtolive.com.au	CLIENT/S: JASON SHERRIFF	DRAWING COVER PAGE	I/WE APPROVE THESE DRAWING TO BE CORRECT PER CONTRACT. SIGNATURE: DATE: SIGNATURE: DATE:	COPYRIGHT: This is the sole property of Design To Live, and may not be used in whole, or in part without written or formal consent from Design To Live. Legal action will be taken against any person/s infringing the copyright.	REV. DATE DESCRIPTION	DESIGNER M.L. JOB NUMBER ZRCN09
	SITE ADDRESS: 9 ZIRCON PLACE, PERTH, 7300.				R1 15/10/2025 CLIENT REVIEW	DRAWN D.P. DRAWING 1/15
					R2 16/10/2025 FOR DA	CHECKED M.L. SCALE (@A3) NTS

Exhibited

Received

23.1.2026



ACC # 371799313
 ABN. 71 615 812 747
 PH. 6344 7319
 E. info@designtolive.com.au
 W. designtolive.com.au

CLIENT/S:
 JASON SHERRIFF
SITE ADDRESS:
 9 ZIRCON PLACE,
 PERTH, 7300.

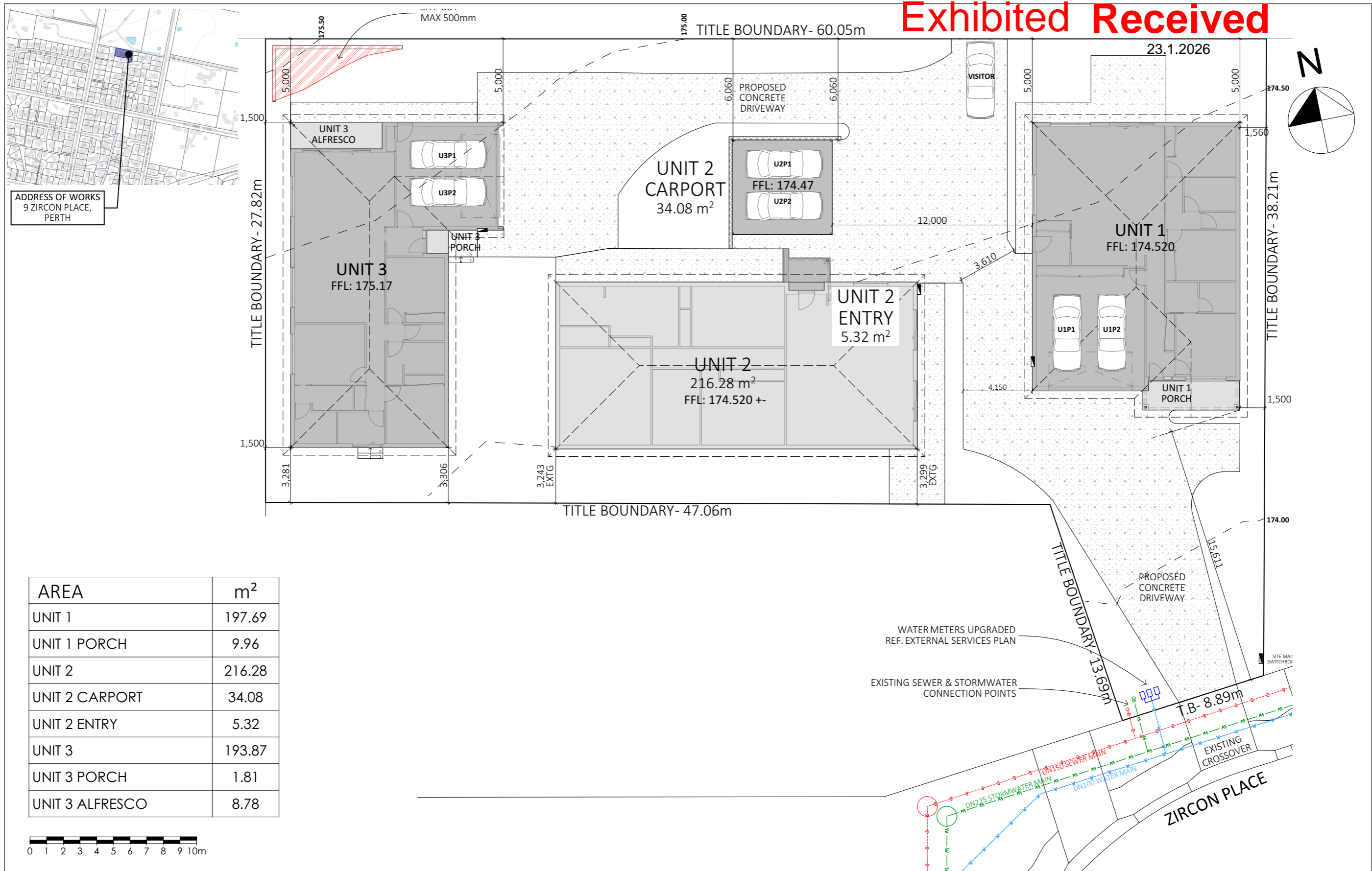
DRAWING
SITE PLAN
DEMO

I/WE APPROVE THESE DRAWING TO BE
 CORRECT PER CONTRACT.
SIGNATURE: **DATE:**
SIGNATURE: **DATE:**

COPYRIGHT:
 This is the sole property of Design To Live, and may not be used in whole, or in part without written or formal consent from Design To Live. Legal action will be taken against any person/s infringing the copyright.

REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DESIGNER	M.L.	JOB NUMBER	ZRCN09
R1	15/10/2025	CLIENT REVIEW				
R2	16/10/2025	FOR DA	DRAWN	D.P	DRAWING	2/15
			CHECKED	M.L.	SCALE (@A3)	1:200

Exhibited Received



AREA	m ²
UNIT 1	197.69
UNIT 1 PORCH	9.96
UNIT 2	216.28
UNIT 2 CARPORT	34.08
UNIT 2 ENTRY	5.32
UNIT 3	193.87
UNIT 3 PORCH	1.81
UNIT 3 ALFRESCO	8.78



ACC # 371799313
 ABN. 71 615 812 747
 PH. 6344 7319
 E. info@designtolive.com.au
 W. designtolive.com.au

CLIENT/S:
 JASON SHERRIFF

SITE ADDRESS:
 9 ZIRCON PLACE,
 PERTH, 7300.

DRAWING
SITE PLAN

I/WE APPROVE THESE DRAWING TO BE
 CORRECT PER CONTRACT.

SIGNATURE:
SIGNATURE:

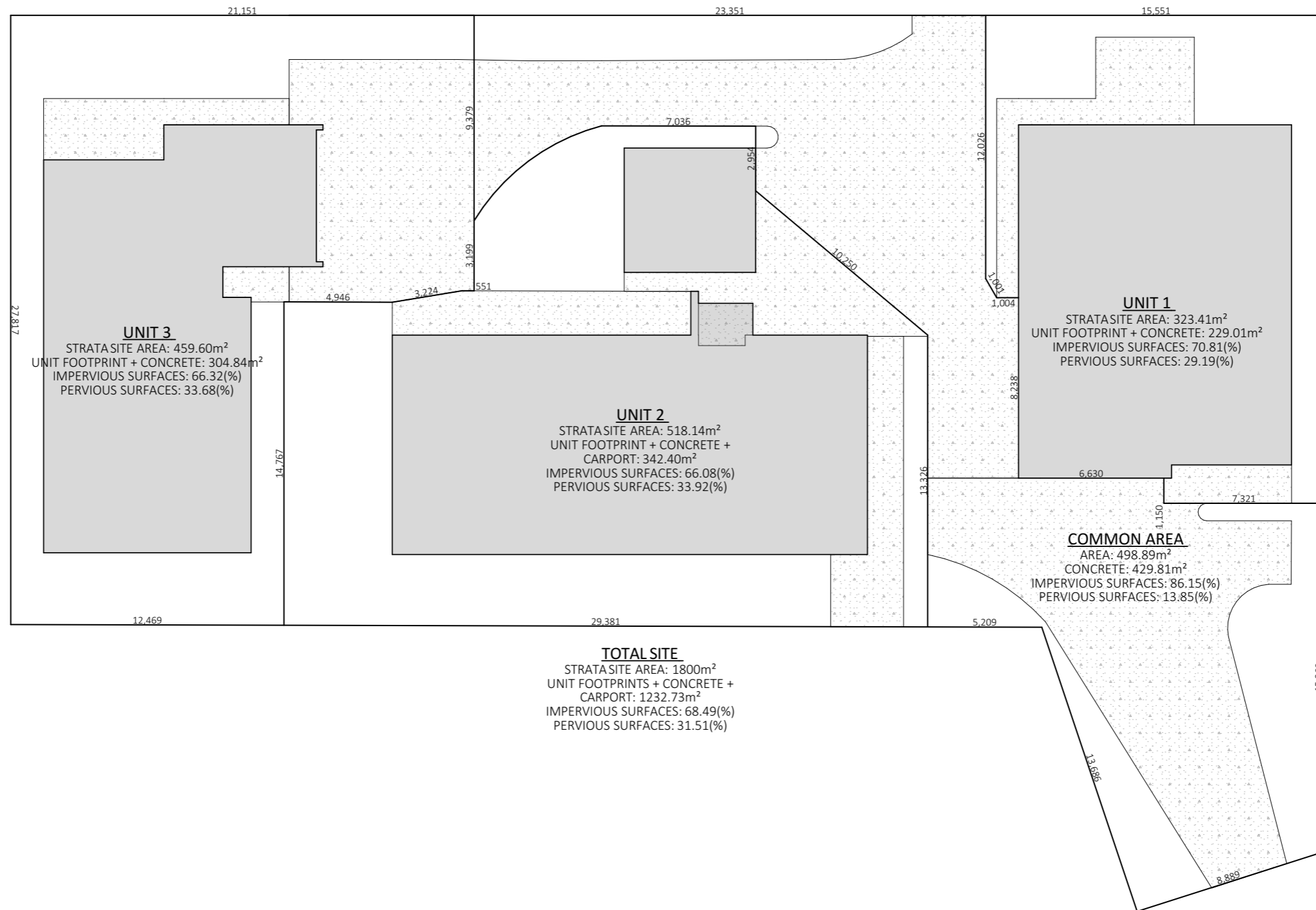
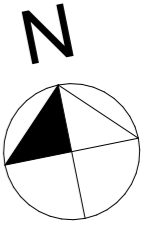
DATE:
DATE:

COPYRIGHT:
 This is the sole property of Design To Live, and may not be used in whole, or in part without written or formal consent from Design To Live. Legal action will be taken against any person/s infringing the copyright.

REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DESIGNER	M.L.	JOB NUMBER	ZRCN09
R1	15/10/2025	CLIENT REVIEW				
R2	16/10/2025	FOR DA	DRAWN	D.P	DRAWING	3/15
			CHECKED	M.L.	SCALE (@A3)	1:200

Exhibited Received

23.1.2026



ACC # 371799313
 ABN. 71 615 812 747
 PH. 6344 7319
 E. info@designtolive.com.au
 W. designtolive.com.au

CLIENT/S:
 JASON SHERRIFF

SITE ADDRESS:
 9 ZIRCON PLACE,
 PERTH, 7300.

DRAWING
STRATA PLAN

I/WE APPROVE THESE DRAWING TO BE
 CORRECT PER CONTRACT.

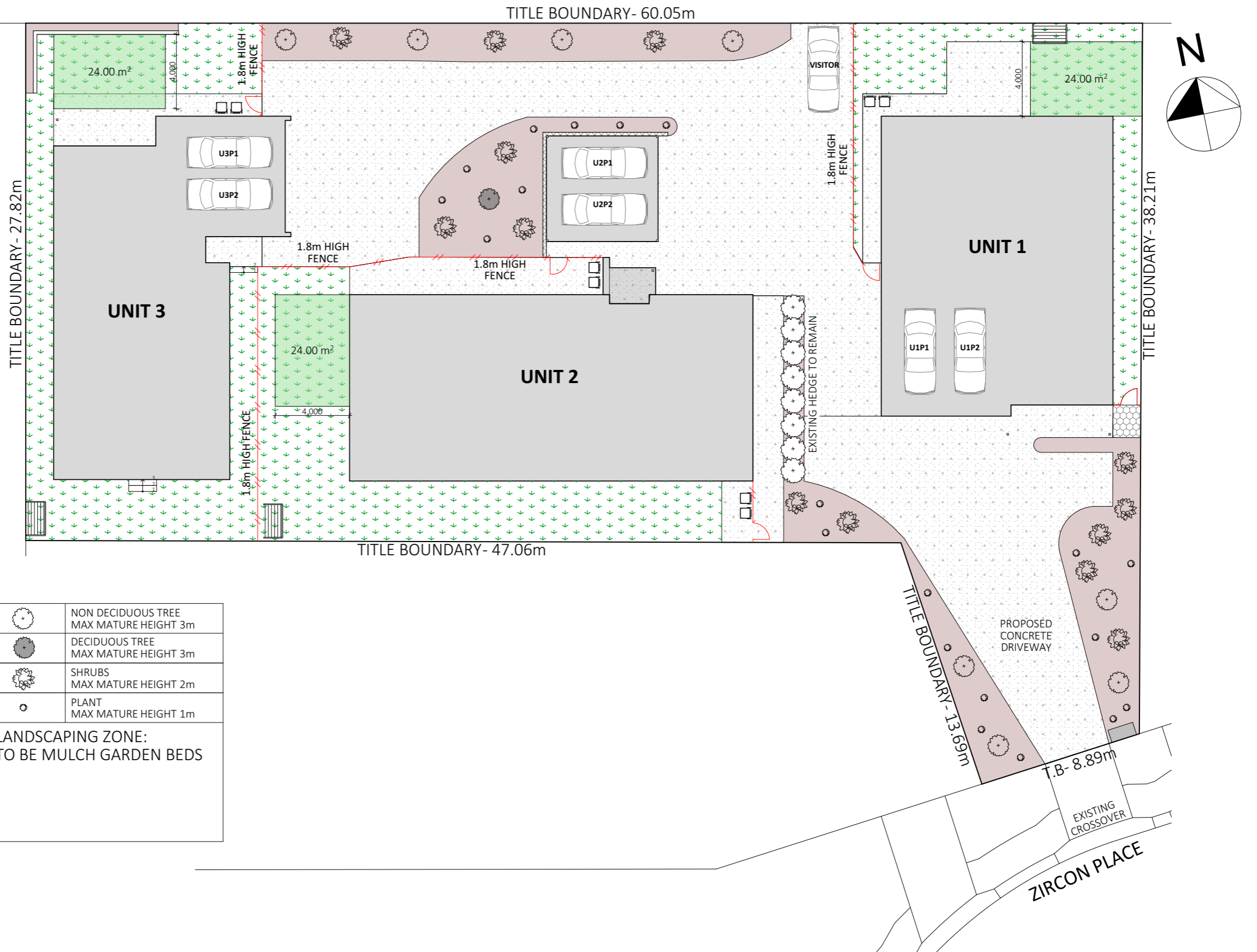
SIGNATURE:
SIGNATURE:

DATE:
DATE:

COPYRIGHT:
 This is the sole property of Design To Live, and may not be used in whole, or in part without written or formal consent from Design To Live. Legal action will be taken against any person/s infringing the copyright.

REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DESIGNER	M.L.	JOB NUMBER	ZRCN09
R1	15/10/2025	CLIENT REVIEW				
R2	16/10/2025	FOR DA	DRAWN	D.P	DRAWING	4/15
			CHECKED	M.L.	SCALE (@A3)	1:200

Received
23.1.2026
Exhibited



LANDSCAPING KEY			
	LANDSCAPING ZONE		NON DECIDUOUS TREE MAX MATURE HEIGHT 3m
	GRASS		DECIDUOUS TREE MAX MATURE HEIGHT 3m
	CONCRETE		SHRUBS MAX MATURE HEIGHT 2m
	DEDICATED P.O.S		PLANT MAX MATURE HEIGHT 1m
	BIN STORE	LANDSCAPING ZONE: TO BE MULCH GARDEN BEDS	
	CLOTHES LINE		
	MAILBOXES		
	1.8m FENCE		



ACC # 371799313
ABN. 71 615 812 747
PH. 6344 7319
E. info@designtolive.com.au
W. designtolive.com.au

CLIENT/S:
JASON SHERRIFF

SITE ADDRESS:
9 ZIRCON PLACE,
PERTH, 7300.

DRAWING
LANDSCAPE
PLAN

I/WE APPROVE THESE DRAWING TO BE
CORRECT PER CONTRACT.

SIGNATURE: **DATE:**

SIGNATURE: **DATE:**

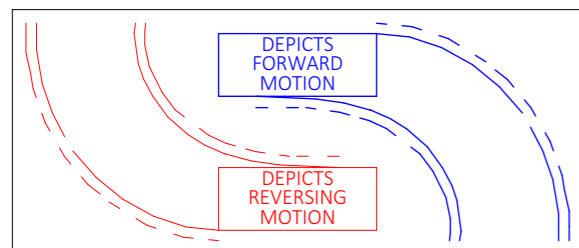
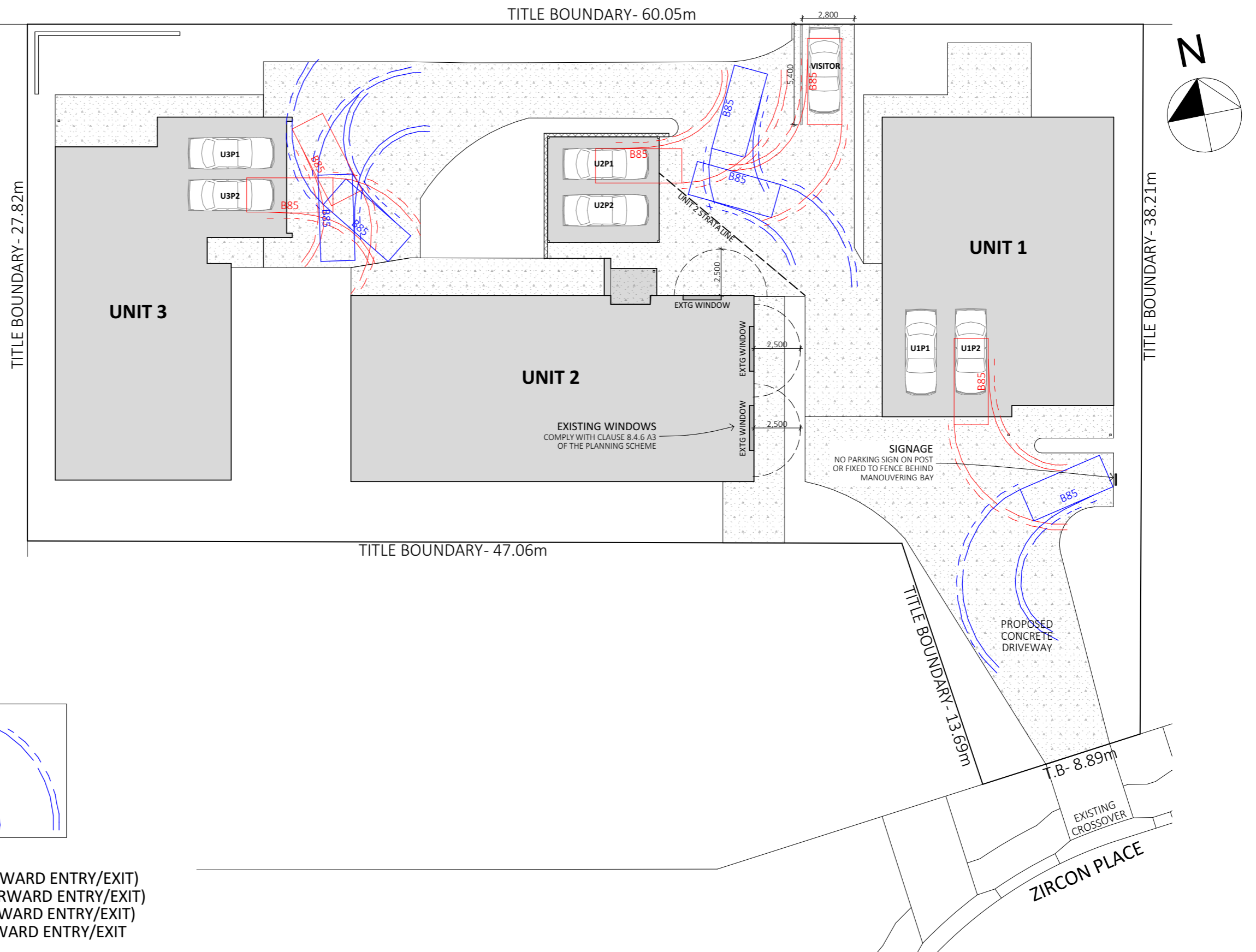
COPYRIGHT:
This is the sole property of Design To Live, and may not be used in whole, or in part without written or formal consent from Design To Live. Legal action will be taken against any person/s infringing the copyright.

REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DESIGNER	M.L.	JOB NUMBER	ZRCN09
R1	15/10/2025	CLIENT REVIEW				
R2	16/10/2025	FOR DA				
			DRAWN	D.P	DRAWING	5/15
			CHECKED	M.L.	SCALE (@A3)	1:200

Received

23.1.2026

Exhibited



PARKING:

- UNIT 1 - 2 x GARAGE SPACES (FORWARD ENTRY/EXIT)
- UNIT 2 - 2 x CARPORT SPACES (FORWARD ENTRY/EXIT)
- UNIT 3 - 2 x GARAGE SPACES (FORWARD ENTRY/EXIT)
- 1 x VISITOR PARKING SPACE (FORWARD ENTRY/EXIT)



ACC # 371799313
ABN. 71 615 812 747
PH. 6344 7319
E. info@designtolive.com.au
W. designtolive.com.au

CLIENT/S:
JASON SHERRIFF
SITE ADDRESS:
9 ZIRCON PLACE,
PERTH, 7300.

DRAWING
PARKING AND
TURNING 1

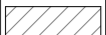








I/WE APPROVE THESE DRAWING TO BE
CORRECT PER CONTRACT.
SIGNATURE: **DATE:**
SIGNATURE: **DATE:**

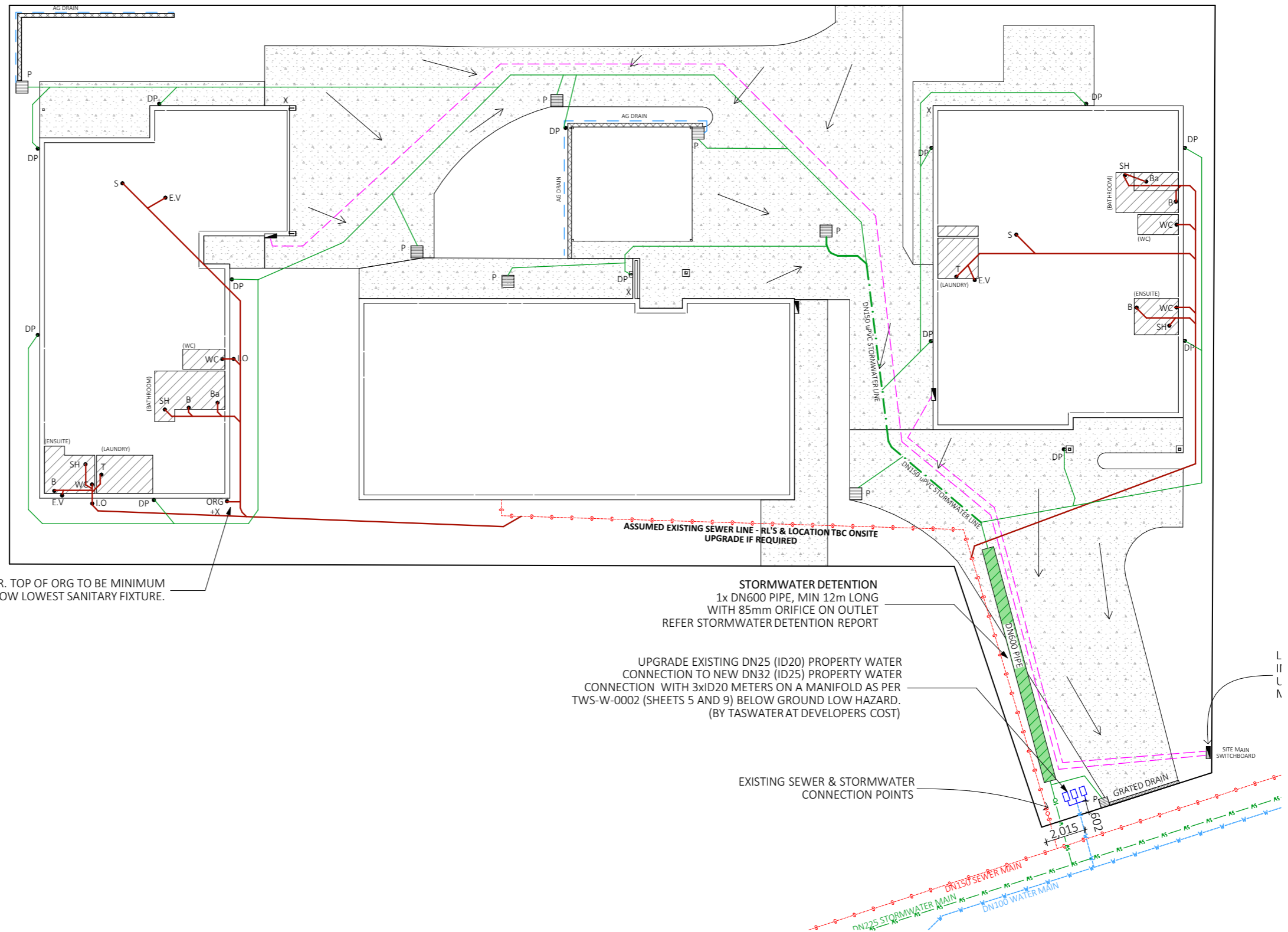
COPYRIGHT:
This is the sole property of Design To Live, and may not be used in whole, or in part without written or formal consent from Design To Live. Legal action will be taken against any person/s infringing the copyright.

REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DESIGNER	M.L.	JOB NUMBER	ZRCN09
R1	15/10/2025	CLIENT REVIEW				
R2	16/10/2025	FOR DA	DRAWN	D.P	DRAWING	6/15
			CHECKED	M.L.	SCALE (@A3)	1:200

Exhibited Received

23.1.2026

LEGEND	
B	BASIN
Ba	BATH (POP-UP PLUG WITH REMOVABLE WASTE)
S	SINK (65Ø)
T	LAUNDRY TUB (65Ø)
SH	SHOWER
WC	WATER CLOSET
FW	FLOOR WASTE
EV	VENT (THROUGH TO ROOF)
IO	INSPECTION OPENING
ORG	O/FLOW RELIEF GULLY
RE	RODDING EYE
X	EXTERNAL TAP
P	DRAINAGE PIT
DP	DOWNPIPE (90Ø)
	WET AREAS
	STORMWATER LINE (100mm PVC)
	SEWER LINE (100mm PVC)
	AG. DRAIN
	UNDERGROUND POWER
	EXISTING STORMWATER LINE
	EXISTING SEWER LINE
	EXISTING WATER LINE
	EXISTING ELECTRICAL SUPPLY



THIS PAGE IS TO BE PRINTED AND READ IN COLOUR.

ER. TOP OF ORG TO BE MINIMUM :LOW LOWEST SANITARY FIXTURE.

STORMWATER DETENTION
1x DN600 PIPE, MIN 12m LONG
WITH 85mm ORIFICE ON OUTLET
REFER STORMWATER DETENTION REPORT

UPGRADE EXISTING DN25 (ID20) PROPERTY WATER
CONNECTION TO NEW DN32 (ID25) PROPERTY WATER
CONNECTION WITH 3xID20 METERS ON A MANIFOLD AS PER
TWS-W-0002 (SHEETS 5 AND 9) BELOW GROUND LOW HAZARD.
(BY TASWATER AT DEVELOPERS COST)



ACC # 371799313
ABN. 71 615 812 747
PH. 6344 7319
E. info@designtolive.com.au
W. designtolive.com.au

CLIENT/S:
JASON SHERRIFF

SITE ADDRESS:
9 ZIRCON PLACE,
PERTH, 7300.

DRAWING
EXTERNAL
SERVICES

I/WE APPROVE THESE DRAWING TO BE CORRECT PER CONTRACT.

SIGNATURE: **DATE:**

SIGNATURE: **DATE:**

COPYRIGHT:
This is the sole property of Design To Live, and may not be used in whole, or in part without written or formal consent from Design To Live. Legal action will be taken against any person/s infringing the copyright.

REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DESIGNER	M.L.	JOB NUMBER	ZRCN09
R1	15/10/2025	CLIENT REVIEW				
R2	16/10/2025	FOR DA				
			DRAWN	D.P	DRAWING	7/15
			CHECKED	M.L.	SCALE (@A3)	1:200

Received

23.1.2026

Exhibited

NOTES:

ALL DRAINAGE WORK SHOWN IS PROVISIONAL ONLY AND IS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT TO COMPLY WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES. ALL WORK IS TO COMPLY WITH AS-3500 AND LOCAL PLUMBING CODE AND SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY A LICENSED PLUMBER.

ALL WORKS ARE TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WATER SUPPLY CODE OF AUSTRALIA MELBOURNE RETAIL WATER AGENCIES INTERGRATED CODE (WSA 03-2011-3.1 VERSION 3.1 MRWA VERSION 2.0) AND THE SEWERAGE CODE OF AUSTRALIA MELBOURNE RETAIL WATER AGENCIES INTERGRATED CODE (WSA 02-2014-3.1 MRWA VERSION 2.0) AND TASWATER'S SUPPLEMENTS TO THESE CODES.

INSTALL INSPECTION OPENINGS AT MAJOR BENDS FOR STORMWATER AND ALL LOW POINTS OF DOWNPIPES.

PROVIDE SURFACE DRAIN TO BACK OF BULK EXCAVATION TO DRAIN LEVELLED PAD PRIOR TO COMMENCING FOOTING EXCAVATION.

SERVICES

THE HEATED WATER SYSTEM MUST BE DESIGNED AND INSTALLED WITH PART B2 OF THE NCC VOLUME THREE- PLUMBING CODE OF AUSTRALIA.

THERMAL INSULATION FOR HEATED WATER PIPING MUST:
 A) BE PROTECTED AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF WEATHER AND SUNLIGHT; AND
 B) BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE TEMPERATURES WITHIN THE PIPING ; AND
 C) USE THERMAL INSULATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS/NZS 4859.1

HEATED WATER PIPING THAT IS NOT WITHIN A CONDITIONED SPACE MUST BE THERMALLY INSULATED AS FOLLOWS:

1. INTERNAL PIPING

- a) ALL FLOW AND RETURN INTERNAL PIPING THAT IS-
 - i) WITHIN AN UNVENTILATED WALL SPACE
 - ii) WITHIN AN INTERNAL FLOOR BETWEEN STOREYS; OR
 - iii) BETWEEN CEILING INSULATION AND A CEILING
 MUST HAVE A MINIMUM R-VALUE OF 0.2

2. PIPING LOCATED WITHIN A VENTILATED WALL SPACE, AN ENCLOSED BUILDING SUBFLOOR OR A ROOF SPACE

- a) ALL FLOW AND RETURN PIPING
- b) COLD WATER SUPPLY PIPING AND RELIEF VALVE PIPING WITHIN 500mm OF THE CONNECTION TO CENTRAL WATER HEATING SYSTEM, MUST HAVE A MINIMUM R-VALUE OF 0.45

3. PIPING LOCATED OUTSIDE THE BUILDING OR IN AN UNENCLOSED BUILDING SUB FLOOR OR ROOF SPACE

- a) ALL FLOW AND RETURN PIPING
- b) COLD WATER SUPPLY PIPING AND RELIEF VALVE PIPING WITHIN 500mm OF THE CONNECTION TO CENTRAL WATER HEATING SYSTEM MUST HAVE A MINIMUM R-VALUE OF 0.6

PIPING WITHIN AN INSULATED TIMBER FRAMED WALL, SUCH AS THAT PASSING THROUGH A WALL STUD, IS CONSIDERED TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE INSULATION REQUIREMENTS.



ACC # 371799313
 ABN. 71 615 812 747
 PH. 6344 7319
 E. info@designtolive.com.au
 W. designtolive.com.au

CLIENT/S:

JASON SHERRIFF

SITE ADDRESS:

9 ZIRCON PLACE,
 PERTH, 7300.

**DRAWING
 EXTERNAL
 SERVICES
 NOTES**

I/WE APPROVE THESE DRAWING TO BE CORRECT PER CONTRACT.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

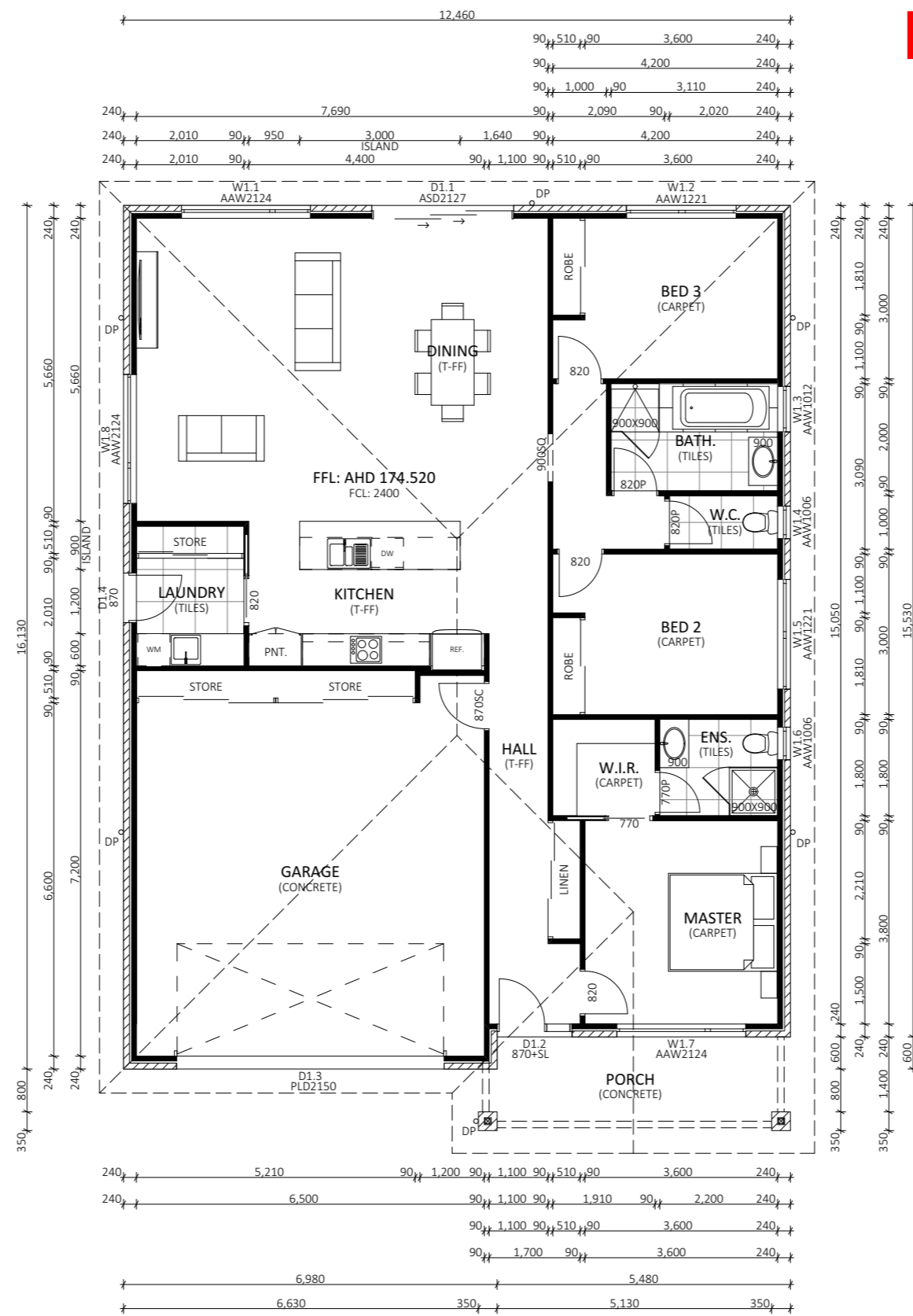
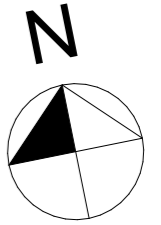
COPYRIGHT:

This is the sole property of Design To Live, and may not be used in whole, or in part without written or formal consent from Design To Live. Legal action will be taken against any person/s infringing the copyright.

REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DESIGNER	M.L.	JOB NUMBER	ZRCN09
R1	15/10/2025	CLIENT REVIEW	DRAWN	D.P	DRAWING	8/15
R2	16/10/2025	FOR DA				
			CHECKED	M.L.	SCALE (@A3)	

Exhibited Received

23.1.2026



ACC # 371799313
 ABN. 71 615 812 747
 PH. 6344 7319
 E. info@designtolive.com.au
 W. designtolive.com.au

CLIENT/S:
 JASON SHERRIFF
SITE ADDRESS:
 9 ZIRCON PLACE,
 PERTH, 7300.

DRAWING
 UNIT 1 FLOOR
 PLAN

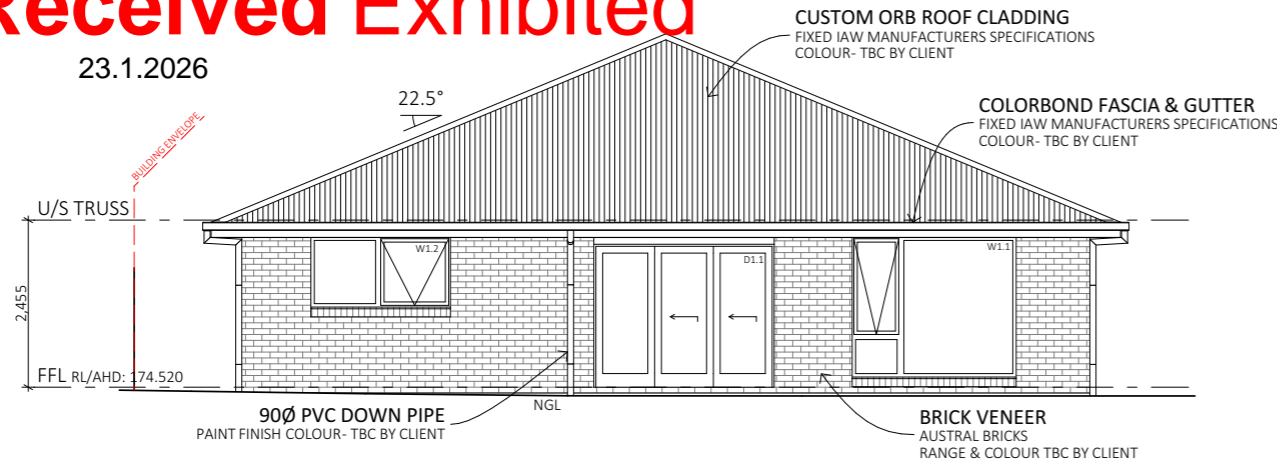
I/WE APPROVE THESE DRAWING TO BE
 CORRECT PER CONTRACT.
SIGNATURE: **DATE:**
SIGNATURE: **DATE:**

COPYRIGHT:
 This is the sole property of Design To
 Live, and may not be used in whole,
 or in part without written or formal
 consent from Design To Live. Legal
 action will be taken against any
 person/s infringing the copyright.

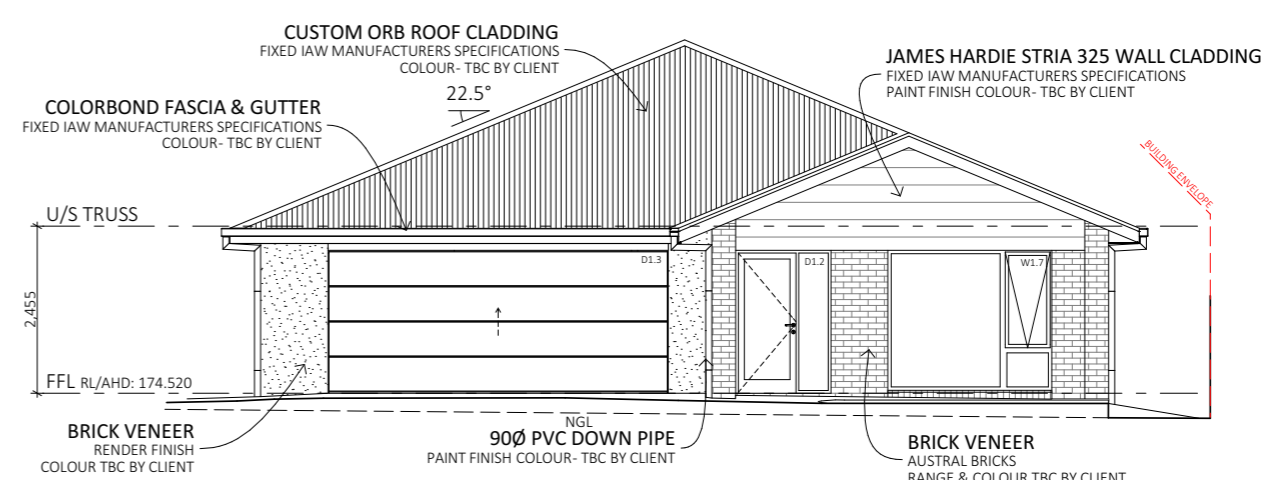
REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DESIGNER	M.L.	JOB NUMBER	ZRCN09
R1	15/10/2025	CLIENT REVIEW				
R2	16/10/2025	FOR DA	DRAWN	D.P	DRAWING	9/15
			CHECKED	M.L.	SCALE (@A3)	1:100

Received Exhibited

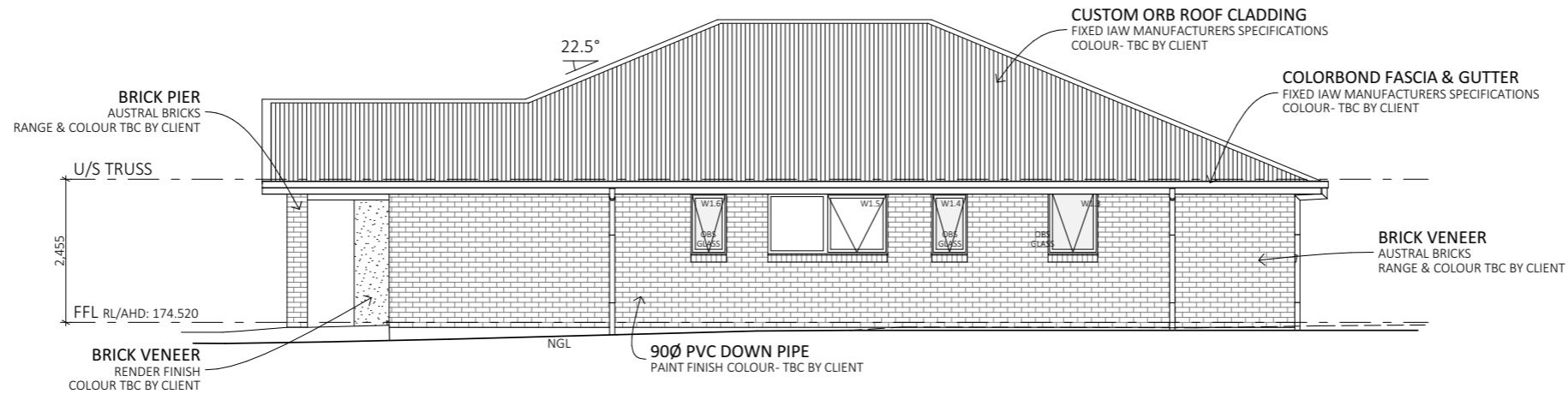
23.1.2026



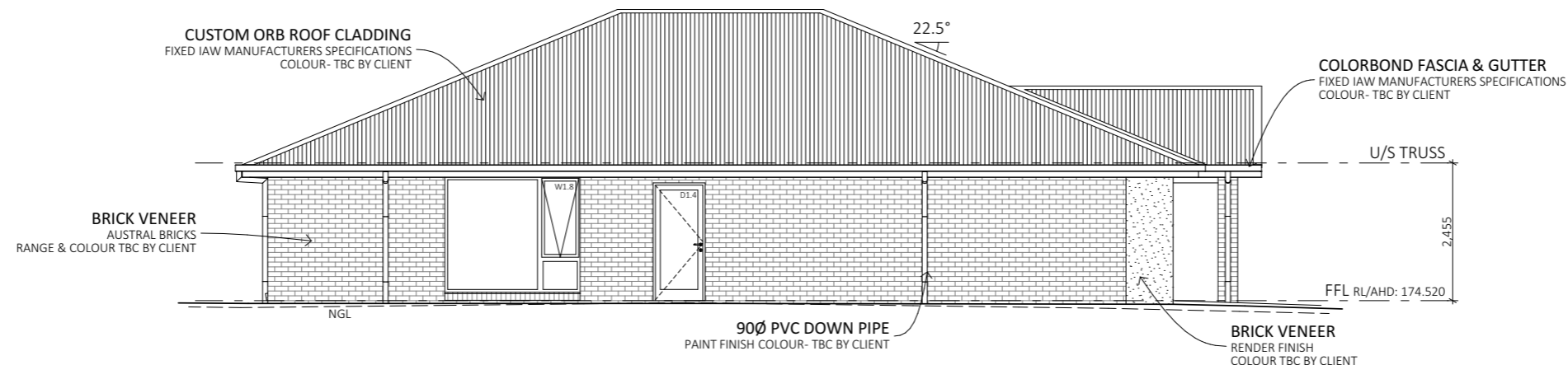
NORTHERN ELEVATION



SOUTHERN ELEVATION



EASTERN ELEVATION



WESTERN ELEVATION



ACC # 371799313
 ABN. 71 615 812 747
 PH. 6344 7319
 E. info@designtolive.com.au
 W. designtolive.com.au

CLIENT/S:
 JASON SHERRIFF

SITE ADDRESS:
 9 ZIRCON PLACE,
 PERTH, 7300.

**DRAWING
 ELEVATIONS**

I/WE APPROVE THESE DRAWING TO BE
 CORRECT PER CONTRACT.

SIGNATURE:
SIGNATURE:

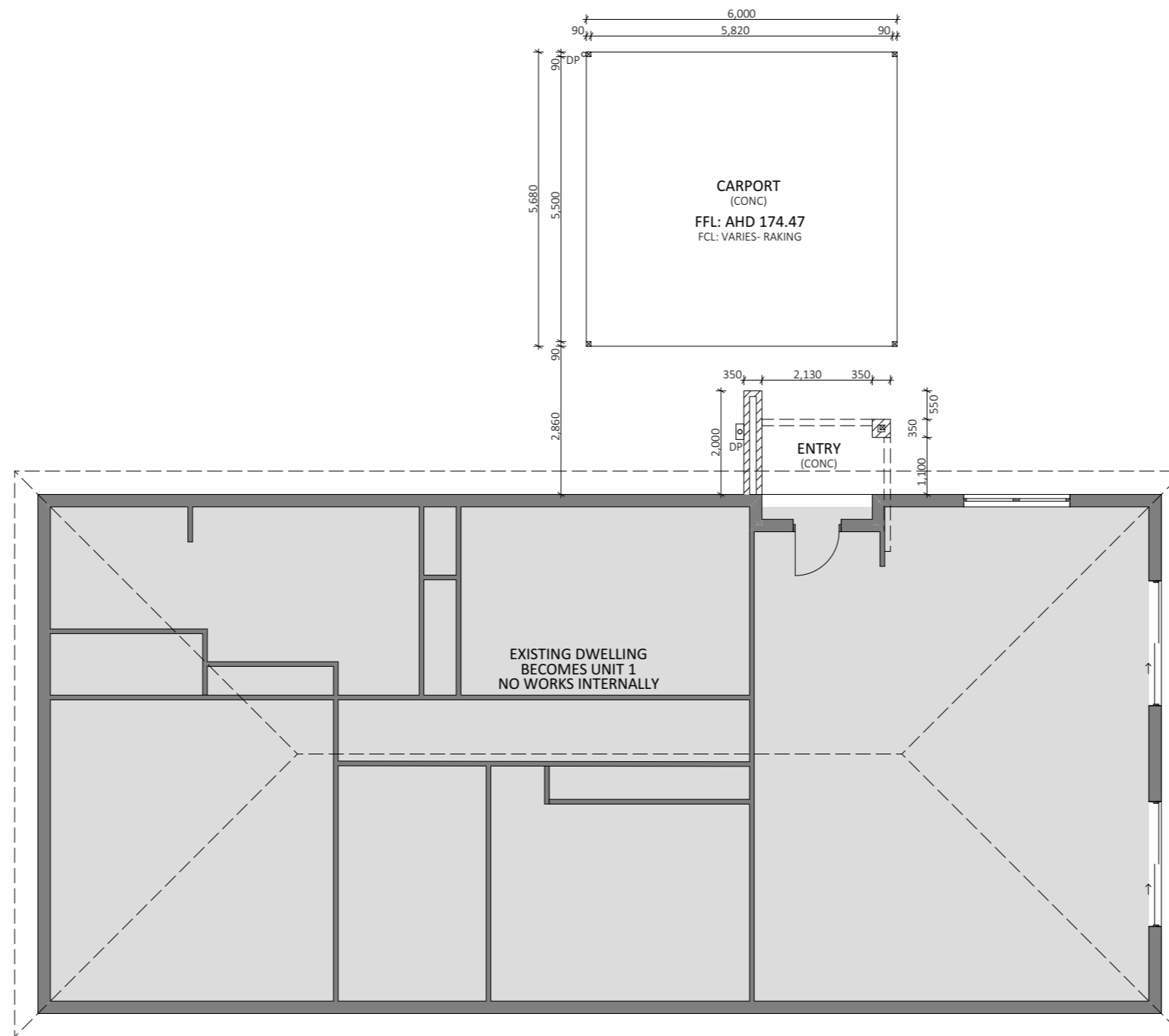
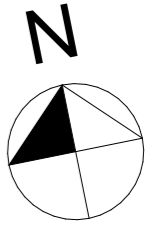
DATE:
DATE:

COPYRIGHT:
 This is the sole property of Design To Live, and may not be used in whole, or in part without written or formal consent from Design To Live. Legal action will be taken against any person/s infringing the copyright.

REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DESIGNER	M.L.	JOB NUMBER	ZRCN09
R1	15/10/2025	CLIENT REVIEW				
R2	16/10/2025	FOR DA	DRAWN	D.P	DRAWING	10/15
			CHECKED	M.L.	SCALE (@A3)	1:100

Exhibited Received

23.1.2026



ACC # 371799313
 ABN. 71 615 812 747
 PH. 6344 7319
 E. info@designtolive.com.au
 W. designtolive.com.au

CLIENT/S:
 JASON SHERRIFF
SITE ADDRESS:
 9 ZIRCON PLACE,
 PERTH, 7300.

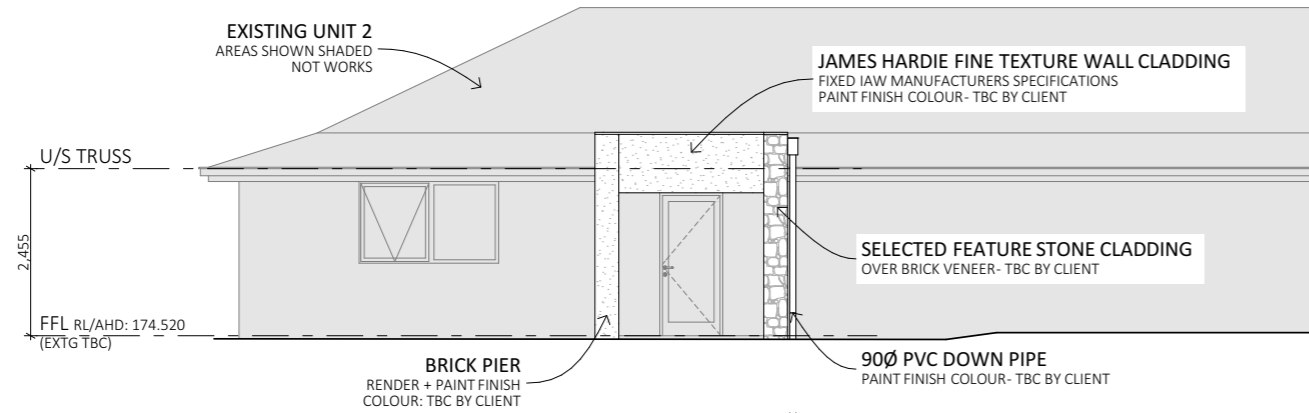
DRAWING
UNIT 2 FLOOR
PLAN

I/WE APPROVE THESE DRAWING TO BE
 CORRECT PER CONTRACT.
SIGNATURE: **DATE:**
SIGNATURE: **DATE:**

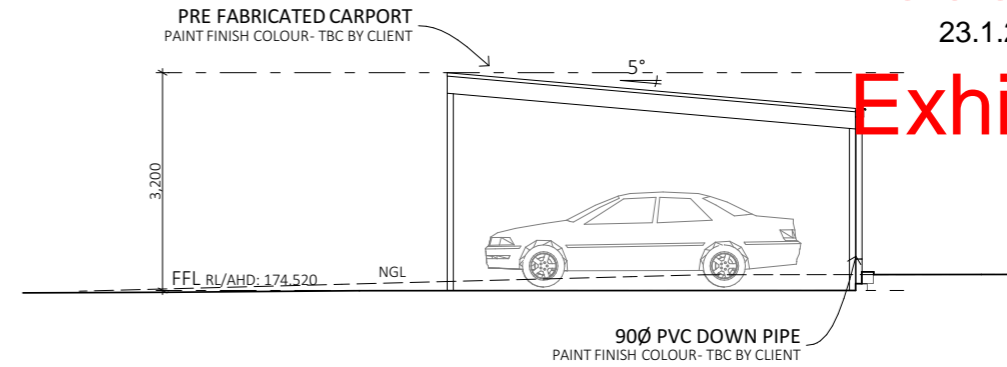
COPYRIGHT:
 This is the sole property of Design To Live, and may not be used in whole, or in part without written or formal consent from Design To Live. Legal action will be taken against any person/s infringing the copyright.

REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DESIGNER	M.L.	JOB NUMBER	ZRCN09
R1	15/10/2025	CLIENT REVIEW	DRAWN	D.P	DRAWING	11/15
R2	16/10/2025	FOR DA				
			CHECKED	M.L.	SCALE (@A3)	1:100

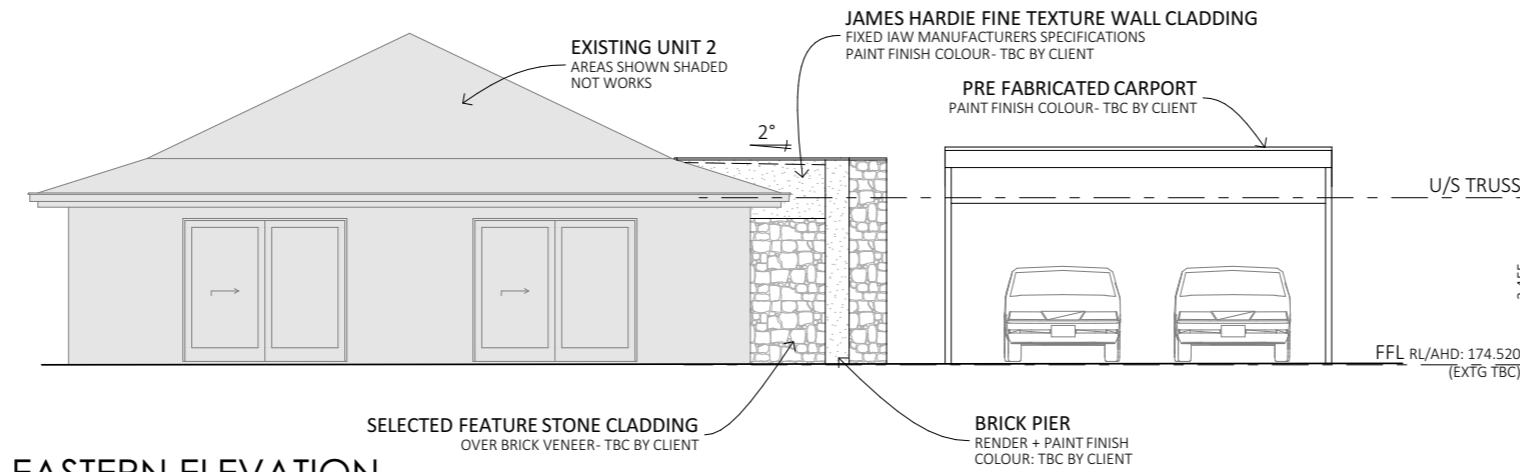
Received
23.1.2026
Exhibited



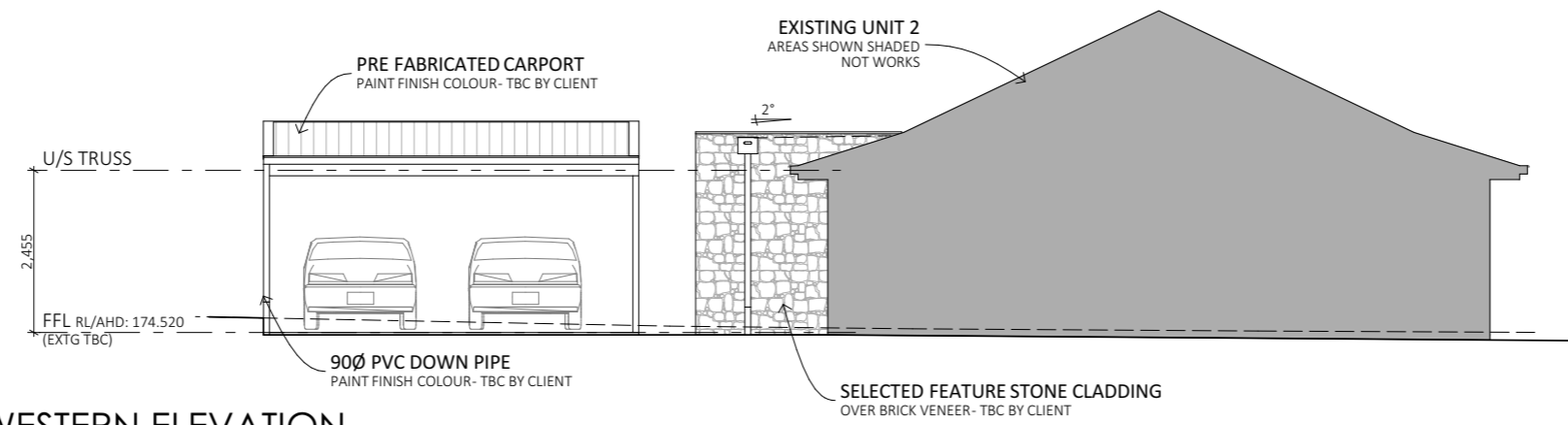
NORTHERN ELEVATION - UNIT 2



NORTHERN ELEVATION - UNIT 2 CARPORT



EASTERN ELEVATION



WESTERN ELEVATION



ACC # 371799313
ABN. 71 615 812 747
PH. 6344 7319
E. info@designtolive.com.au
W. designtolive.com.au

CLIENT/S:
JASON SHERRIFF

SITE ADDRESS:
9 ZIRCON PLACE,
PERTH, 7300.

DRAWING ELEVATIONS

I/WE APPROVE THESE DRAWING TO BE CORRECT PER CONTRACT.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

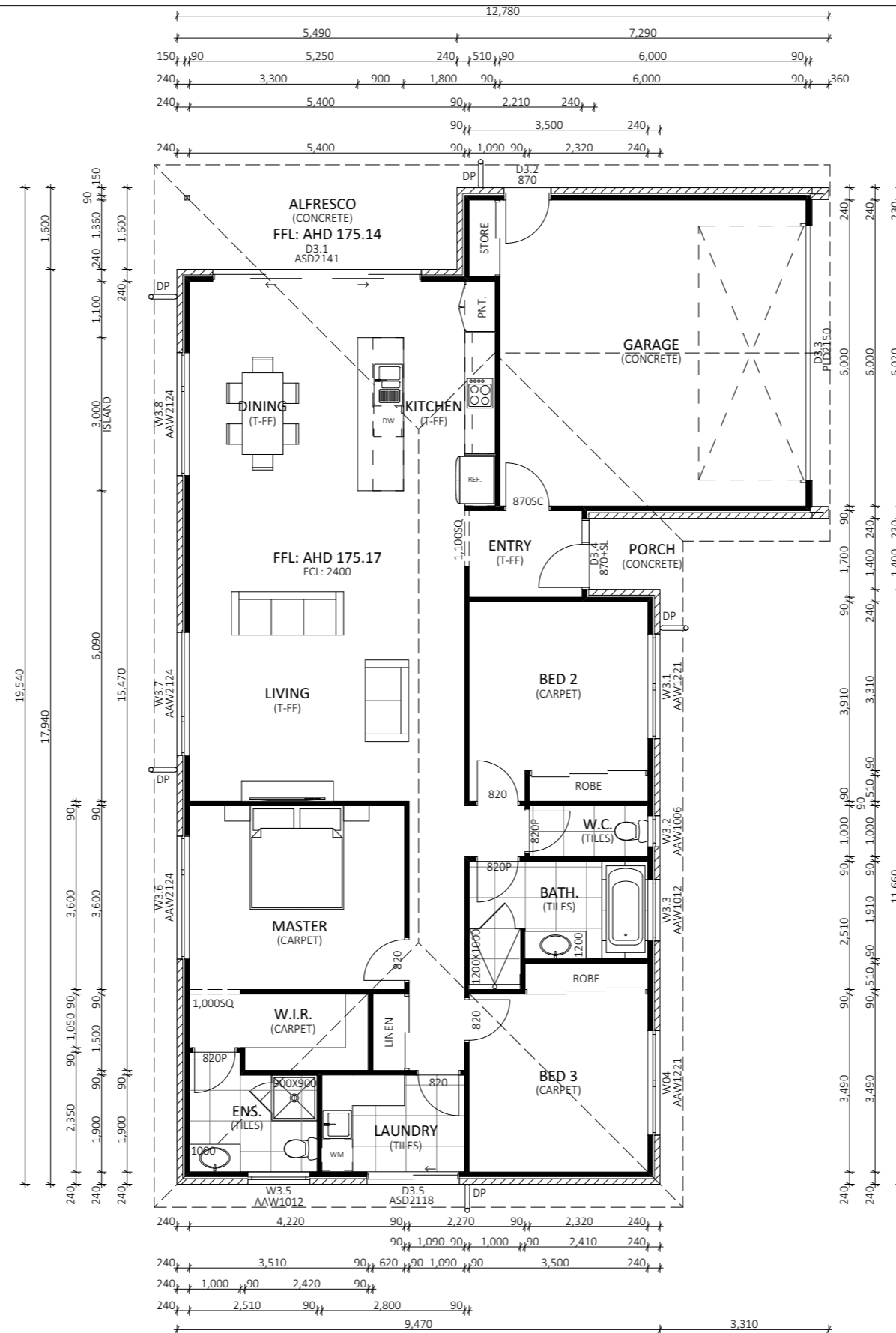
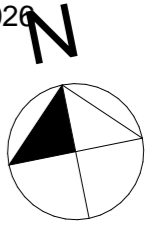
COPYRIGHT:

This is the sole property of Design To Live, and may not be used in whole, or in part without written or formal consent from Design To Live. Legal action will be taken against any person/s infringing the copyright.

REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DESIGNER	M.L.	JOB NUMBER	ZRCN09
R1	15/10/2025	CLIENT REVIEW				
R2	16/10/2025	FOR DA				
			DRAWN	D.P	DRAWING	12/15
			CHECKED	M.L.	SCALE (@A3)	1:100

Exhibited Received

23.1.2026



ACC # 371799313
 ABN. 71 615 812 747
 PH. 6344 7319
 E. info@designtolive.com.au
 W. designtolive.com.au

CLIENT/S:
 JASON SHERRIFF

SITE ADDRESS:
 9 ZIRCON PLACE,
 PERTH, 7300.

DRAWING
 UNIT 3 FLOOR
 PLAN

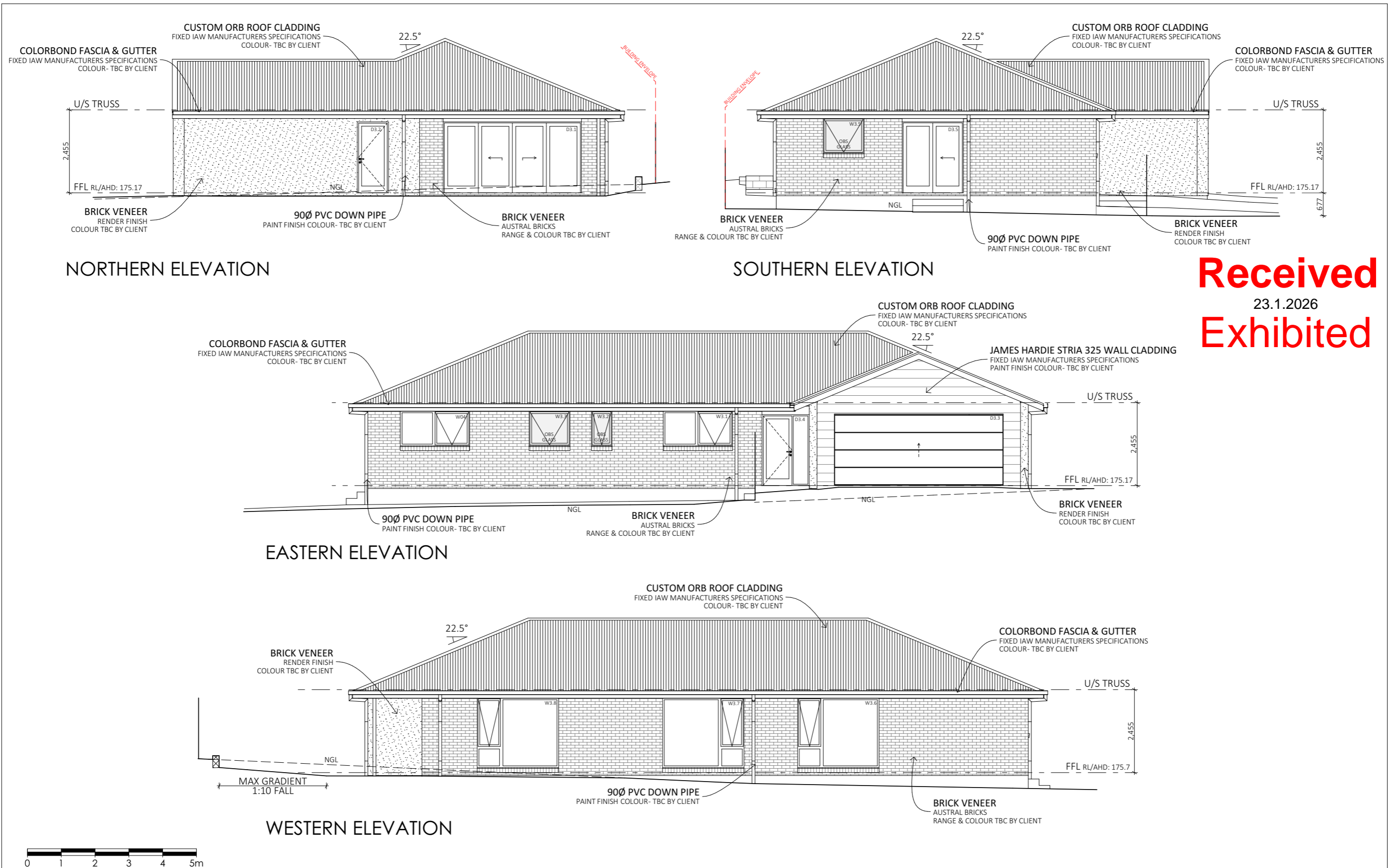
I/WE APPROVE THESE DRAWING TO BE
 CORRECT PER CONTRACT.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

COPYRIGHT:
 This is the sole property of Design To Live, and may not be used in whole, or in part without written or formal consent from Design To Live. Legal action will be taken against any person/s infringing the copyright.

REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DESIGNER	M.L.	JOB NUMBER	ZRCN09
R1	15/10/2025	CLIENT REVIEW				
R2	16/10/2025	FOR DA				
			DRAWN	D.P	DRAWING	13/15
			CHECKED	M.L.	SCALE (@A3)	1:100



Received
23.1.2026
Exhibited



ACC # 371799313
ABN. 71 615 812 747
PH. 6344 7319
E. info@designtolive.com.au
W. designtolive.com.au

CLIENT/S:
JASON SHERRIFF

SITE ADDRESS:
9 ZIRCON PLACE,
PERTH, 7300.

DRAWING ELEVATIONS

I/WE APPROVE THESE DRAWING TO BE CORRECT PER CONTRACT.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

COPYRIGHT:
This is the sole property of Design To Live, and may not be used in whole, or in part without written or formal consent from Design To Live. Legal action will be taken against any person/s infringing the copyright.

REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DESIGNER	M.L.	JOB NUMBER	ZRCN09
R1	15/10/2025	CLIENT REVIEW				
R2	16/10/2025	FOR DA	DRAWN	D.P	DRAWING	14/15
			CHECKED	M.L.	SCALE (@A3)	1:100

Received
23.1.2026
Exhibited



ACC # 371799313
ABN. 71 615 812 747
PH. 6344 7319
E. info@designtolive.com.au
W. designtolive.com.au

CLIENT/S:
JASON SHERRIFF
SITE ADDRESS:
9 ZIRCON PLACE,
PERTH, 7300.

DRAWING PERSPECTIVES

I/WE APPROVE THESE DRAWING TO BE CORRECT PER CONTRACT.
SIGNATURE:
SIGNATURE:
DATE:
DATE:

COPYRIGHT:
This is the sole property of Design To Live, and may not be used in whole, or in part without written or formal consent from Design To Live. Legal action will be taken against any person/s infringing the copyright.

REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DESIGNER	M.L.	JOB NUMBER	ZRCN09
R1	15/10/2025	CLIENT REVIEW	DRAWN	D.P	DRAWING	15/15
R2	16/10/2025	FOR DA				
			CHECKED	M.L.	SCALE (@A3)	NTS



Submission to Planning Authority Notice

Application details

Council Planning Permit No.	PLN-25-0207
Council notice date	10/12/2025
TasWater Reference No.	TWDA 2025/01509-NMC
Date of response	12/12/2025
TasWater Contact	David Boyle
Phone No.	0436 629 652

Response issued to

Council name	NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL
Contact details	Planning@nmc.tas.gov.au
Development details	
Address	9 ZIRCON PL, PERTH
Property ID (PID)	9746963
Description of development	Multiple Dwellings x 3 (1 ex, 2 new)

Schedule of drawings/documents

Prepared by	Drawing/document No.	Revision No.	Issue date
Design to Live	ZRCN09 Dwg. 7 – External Services	R2	16/10/2025

Conditions

Pursuant to the *Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008 (TAS)* Section 56P(1) TasWater imposes the following conditions on the permit for this application:

CONNECTIONS, METERING & BACKFLOW

1. A suitably sized water supply with metered connection(s) and sewerage system and connection(s) to the development must be designed and constructed to TasWater's satisfaction and be in accordance with any other conditions in this permit.
2. Any removal/supply and installation of water meters and/or the removal of redundant and/or installation of new and modified property service connections must be carried out by TasWater at the developer's cost.
3. Prior to commencing construction / use of the development, any water connection utilised for construction/the development must have a backflow prevention device and water meter installed, to the satisfaction of TasWater.

ASSET CREATION & INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS

4. Prior to applying for a Certificate for Certifiable Works, the developer must physically locate all existing infrastructure to provide sufficient information for accurate design and physical works to be undertaken.

Tasmanian Water & Sewerage Corporation Pty Ltd
 GPO Box 1393 Hobart, TAS 7001
development@taswater.com.au
 ABN: 47 162 220 653

Page 1 of 3



5. Plans submitted with the application for Certificate(s) for Certifiable Work (Building and/or Plumbing) must, to the satisfaction of TasWater show, all existing, redundant and/or proposed property services and mains.

DEVELOPER CHARGES

6. Prior to TasWater issuing a Certificate(s) for Certifiable Work (Building) and/or (Plumbing), the applicant or landowner as the case may be, must pay a developer charge totalling \$2,459.80 to TasWater for water infrastructure for 1.4 additional Equivalent Tenements, indexed by the Consumer Price Index All groups (Hobart) from the date of this Submission to Planning Authority Notice until the date it is paid to TasWater.
7. Prior to TasWater issuing a Certificate(s) for Certifiable Work (Building) and/or (Plumbing), the applicant or landowner as the case may be, must pay a developer charge totalling \$3,514.00 to TasWater for sewerage infrastructure for 2 additional Equivalent Tenements, indexed by the Consumer Price Index All groups (Hobart) from the date of this Submission to Planning Authority Notice until the date it is paid to TasWater.
8. In the event Council approves a staging plan, prior to TasWater issuing a Certificate(s) for Certifiable Work (Building) and/or (Plumbing) for each stage, the developer must pay the developer charges commensurate with the number of Equivalent Tenements in each stage, as approved by Council.

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT FEES

9. The applicant or landowner as the case may be, must pay a development assessment fee of \$417.63 to TasWater, as approved by the Economic Regulator and the fees will be indexed, until the date paid to TasWater.

The payment is required within 30 days of the issue of an invoice by TasWater.

Advice

General

For information on TasWater development standards, please visit

<https://www.taswater.com.au/building-and-development/technical-standards>

For application forms please visit

<https://www.taswater.com.au/building-and-development/application-information/application-for-development-services-form>

Important Notice Regarding Plumbing Plans and Associated Costs

The SPAN includes references to documents submitted as part of the application. These plans are acceptable for planning purposes only and are subject to further detailed assessment and review during the next stage of the development proposal.

TasWater's assessment staff will ensure that the design contains sufficient detail to assess compliance with relevant codes and regulations. Additionally, the plans must be clear enough for a TasWater contractor to carry out any water or sewerage-related work.

Depending on the nature of the project, your application may require Building and/or Plumbing permits or could be exempt from these requirements. Regardless, TasWater's assessment process and associated time are recoverable through an assessment fee.

Please be aware that your consultant may need to make revisions to their documentation to ensure the details are fit for construction. Any costs associated with updating these plans should be discussed directly with your consultant.

Developer Charges

For information on Developer Charges please visit the following webpage -

<https://www.taswater.com.au/building-and-development/developer-charges>



Service Locations

Please note that the developer is responsible for arranging to locate the existing TasWater infrastructure and clearly showing it on the drawings. Existing TasWater infrastructure may be located by a surveyor and/or a private contractor engaged at the developers cost to locate the infrastructure.

- a. A permit is required to work within TasWater’s easements or in the vicinity of its infrastructure. Further information can be obtained from TasWater.
- b. TasWater has listed a number of service providers who can provide asset detection and location services should you require it. Visit <https://www.taswater.com.au/building-and-development/service-locations> for a list of companies.
- c. Sewer drainage plans or Inspection Openings (IO) for residential properties are available from your local council.

Declaration

The drawings/documents and conditions stated above constitute TasWater’s Submission to Planning Authority Notice.

**Stronger Together:
Resilient. Productive. United**

**2026
National
General
Assembly
Discussion Paper**
National Convention Centre Canberra



ALGA
Australian Local
Government Association

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is pleased to convene the 32nd National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), to be held in Canberra in June 2026.

As convenor of the NGA, the ALGA Board warmly invites all councils to send representatives to this important national event. The final date for the NGA will be confirmed once the 2026 Federal Government Parliamentary sitting calendar is released.

The NGA is the premier national gathering of local governments. It gives councils a chance to come together, share ideas, debate motions, and strengthen the relationship between local government and the Australian Government.

This discussion paper contains essential information for Australian councils considering submitting motions for debate at the 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA).

It is recommended that all councils and delegates intending to attend the 2026 NGA familiarise themselves with the guidelines for motions contained in this paper.

KEY DATES

27 October 2025 | Opening of Call for Motions

27 February 2026 | Acceptance of Motions closes

TO SUBMIT YOUR MOTION

VISIT: [ALGA.COM.AU](https://alga.com.au)

ALGA AND THE NGA – WORKING FOR YOU

Established 1947, ALGA is a federation of member state and territory associations. Its mission is to achieve outcomes for local government through advocacy with impact, and maximise the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of councils and our communities.

Since 1994, the NGA has raised the profile of local government on the national stage, showcasing the value of councils and demonstrating – particularly to the Australian Government – the strength and value of working with local government to deliver on national priorities.

Debate on motions was introduced to the NGA as a vehicle for councils from across the nation to canvas ideas. Outcomes of these debates (NGA Resolutions) can be used by councils to inform their own policies and priorities, as well as their advocacy when dealing with federal politicians.

At the same time, they help ALGA and its member state and territory associations gain valuable insight into council priorities, emerging national issues, and the level of need and support for new policy and program initiatives.

Given ALGA's structure, Constitution, and resources, the NGA resolutions do not bind ALGA. However, NGA resolutions are carefully considered by the Board to determine ALGA's policies, priorities and strategies to advance local governments within the national agenda.

This is your NGA, and ALGA is pleased to act as the convenor. ALGA's policies and priorities will continue to be determined by the ALGA Board in the interests of all councils.

We encourage councils to consider the topics and guidance in this paper as you develop your motions.

The ALGA Board thanks all councils for attending the NGA 2026 and those who submit motions for debate.

SUBMITTING MOTIONS

The National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) gives you and your council an important opportunity to influence the national policy agenda.

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Secretariat has prepared this short discussion paper to help you identify motions that address the NGA 2026 theme of “Stronger Together: Resilient. Productive. United.” This theme encourages debate on how councils across Australia can become more resilient, contribute to the nation’s productivity agenda, and present a united voice to the federal government on key issues in the national sphere.

We encourage you to read all the sections of the paper. We have included guiding questions to assist in developing your motion, but you do not have to respond to every question. You can address one or more of the issues identified in the discussion paper with your motion.

Your NGA motion should focus on how local governments can work in partnership with the Australian Government to address the challenges our communities face or seize the opportunities that are national priorities.

Each year the Secretariat receives a high volume of motions. Councils are encouraged to submit only their highest-priority motions and ensure it meets the criteria below. Multiple motions on a similar topic may be re-written into a single strategic motion, and councils will be invited by the Secretariat to put their council name to the proposal.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- Each motion requires a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and endorsement of your council.
- You can lodge motions electronically using the online portal available at www.alga.asn.au
- **Motions should be received no later than 11:59 pm AEST on Friday 27 February 2026.**

WHO CAN SUBMIT A MOTION

- Any council that is a financial member of their state or territory local government association can submit a motion.
- We will not accept motions submitted on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members or gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

CRITERIA FOR MOTIONS

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and debate it on the floor of the NGA, you must meet the following criteria:

- > Submit a new motion that has not been debated at an NGA in the preceding two years as found in previous business papers on the ALGA website.
- > Ensure your motion is relevant to the work of local government across the nation, not focused on a specific location or region, unless the project has national implications.
- > Align your motion with the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association.
- > Propose a clear action and outcome on a single issue, calling on the Australian Government to take action. Motions covering more than one issue will not be accepted.
- > Ensure the motion does not seek to advantage one or a few councils at the expense of others.
- > Avoid being prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.

WRITING TIPS

Motions should seek the NGA's support for a particular action or policy change at the federal level which will assist local governments to meet local community needs.

- > Start with: "This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to...".
Be concise, clearly worded, and unambiguous.
- > Use the background section of the form to help delegates understand your issue.
- > Keep your motion to 100 words, the national objective to 100 words, and the key arguments to 150 words.

PROCESS OF SELECTION

The ALGA Secretariat will review motions for quality control and consistency with the criteria.

- > With the agreement of the relevant council, we may edit motions to ensure consistency.
- > If we have any questions about the substance or intent of a motion, we will raise these with the nominated contact officer.
- > Where there are multiple motions on a similar issue, the Secretariat may combine them into a single overarching strategic motion and invite the council to attach their name to the strategic motion.
- > Motions that reflect existing ALGA policy will be noted in the Business papers—but will not be included for debate, as they have already been covered in existing ALGA advocacy and policy positions.

The ALGA Board provides final decision on which motions are included in the Business paper.

- > The ALGA Board and state and territory local government associations will review all submitted motions to determine their eligibility.
- > The ALGA Board will consider the importance and relevance of the issue to local government and whether the motions meet all the criteria.
- > The ALGA Board will refer any motion primarily concerned with local or state issues to the relevant state or territory local government association and it will not include it in the NGA Business Papers.

WHO WILL SPEAK TO THE MOTION AT NGA?

We expect any council that submits a motion to be present at the National General Assembly to move and speak to the motion. The decision on the speaker is at the discretion of the council.

AFTER THE NGA

The resolutions of the NGA will be referred to the relevant federal Minister as an outcome of the NGA. Resolutions passed at the NGA do not become binding policy on ALGA, with policy positions to remain at the discretion of the ALGA Board.

All NGA resolutions will be published on www.alga.com.au.

As the host of the NGA, ALGA will communicate resolutions to the relevant Australian Government Minister and publish Ministerial responses as they are received on the ALGA website.

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

- > It is important to complete the background section of the submission form. Do not assume NGA delegates will know the background of the proposal. This section helps all delegates to understand your motion and informs decision making. Please note, motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.
- > Keep motions practical, focussed and can be implemented. This ensures that relevant Australian Government Ministers can respond thoughtfully and promptly. Avoid complex motions with multiple points that require cross-portfolio implementation.
- > If there are any questions about a motion, ALGA will contact the nominated officer. With the council's agreement, these motions may be edited before being included in the NGA Business Papers.
- > Debate will follow the rules published in the Business Papers and will focus on the strategic motions.

SETTING THE SCENE

In the face of evolving challenges and opportunities, local governments around Australia stand at the forefront of driving resilience and productivity. Local governments know we are stronger together and the importance of unity across all levels of government. The theme for this year's NGA, **Stronger Together: Resilient. Productive. United**, underscores the pivotal role councils play in shaping the nation's future and delivering national priorities.

As the backbone of local communities, councils are uniquely positioned to implement place-based solutions that address both local needs and national priorities. This year's NGA encourages debate on how councils can enhance their resilience, contribute meaningfully to the nation's productivity agenda, and present a cohesive voice to the federal government on critical issues.

By fostering collaboration and innovation, local governments can lead the way in creating sustainable and thriving communities.

The 2026 NGA provides you - the elected representatives of Australia's local councils and communities - with the opportunity to engage with the Federal Government and key Ministers, ensuring that the voices of local communities are heard at the national level.

In this context, this year's call for motion focusses on ten priority areas:

- Financial sustainability
- Emergency management
- Housing and planning
- Roads and infrastructure
- Closing the Gap
- Jobs and skills
- Environment
- Cyber security
- Climate change
- Intergovernmental relations.

1. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Financial sustainability is the biggest challenge facing Australia's local governments which is why it remains one of ALGA's top priorities. Sustainably funded, councils can play a key role delivering local solutions to national priorities.

The 2025 Parliamentary inquiry interim report into local government sustainability confirmed that the role of councils has evolved and expanded over time, putting significant pressure on local government budgets. It is critical the Federal Government reinstates and finalises the Parliamentary inquiry into local government sustainability.

For almost one in four councils, federal Financial Assistance Grants make up at least 20 per cent of their annual operating revenue. This funding is untied, meaning it can be used to address local priorities.

Over the past 30 years, the value of Financial Assistance Grants as a percentage of Commonwealth taxation revenue has dropped from 1% in 1996 to just 0.5% today. To address this, ALGA is advocating for a **return to 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue for local government over the next three years.**

ALGA also proposes five new, untied funding streams to be distributed to all councils on a formula basis, including:

- \$1.1 billion per year for enabling infrastructure to unlock housing supply,
- \$500 million per year for community infrastructure,
- \$600 million per year for safer local roads,
- \$900 million per year for increased local government emergency management capability and capacity, and
- \$400 million per year for climate adaptation.

Additionally ALGA advocates for permanent, full membership of National Cabinet, the Council on Federal Financial Relations and the Local Government Ministers' Forum to ensure local perspectives are considered in national decision making.

What are the opportunities to address financial sustainability across councils, and support their capacity to deliver local solutions to national priorities?

Are there improvements to be made to existing federal funding programs and arrangements that would support improved local government financial sustainability?

2. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The frequency, duration, and severity of natural disasters in Australia are a major concern for local governments.

Between 2019 and 2023, 434 of Australia's 537 councils faced natural disasters. Since 2020, 346 councils have dealt with at least two or more natural disasters. These numbers highlight that Australia will likely face more frequent and severe climate-driven disasters in the future, as noted by the 2025 Australian National Climate Risk Assessment (NCRA). Regional communities, which have the least capacity to plan and respond to natural disasters, are often hit the hardest. However, the NCRA also warns that even areas that have never experienced disasters will face one at some point as the climate continues to warm.

More frequent disasters will further strain emergency services and disaster response and recovery efforts at all levels of government. Natural disasters currently cost Australia \$38 billion per year in direct physical damage, economic disruption, and social impacts, affecting millions of people. This figure is forecast to rise to approximately \$73 billion by 2060.

Councils are crucial in supporting their communities during and after disasters, but do not have enough funding to carry out these functions. They are already stretched thin, with many councils facing financial instability, and the increasing frequency of disasters has a cumulative financial impact.

Investing more in disaster prevention and resilience, as well as boosting local government emergency management response funding, will save money in the long run and better protect lives, homes, and businesses. Every dollar spent on reducing the impact of climate-related disasters saves the government up to \$8 in the long term.

ALGA is asking for \$900 million per year to help councils improve their disaster response and resilience. They also want the Commonwealth to fully implement the recommendations from the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements and other major reviews, including the Independent Review of National Natural Disaster Governance Arrangements (the Glasser Review) and the Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding (the Colvin Review)

The Independent Reviews by Colvin and Glasser support a strategic shift towards disaster risk reduction and resilience. The Colvin Review recommended a major capacity uplift for local government and an enhanced national training and exercise regime which tests and builds local government capability. However, while ALGA notes the need to invest in risk-reduction and resilience-building initiatives, embedding recovery at all points along the emergency management continuum, should always be at the front of mind for all levels of government. ALGA's response to these Reviews reiterated the need for a sustainable funding model for disasters through a non-competitive pathway, and dedicated funding for local government.

Councils are encouraged to draw on their practical experience of the improvements that could be made to better support them in preparing, responding to, and recovering from, natural disasters.

Please note that many aspects of emergency management are state or territory responsibilities, and your motions should focus on how the Australian Government could assist.

What new programs, or improvements to existing programs, could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to improve the current natural disaster management systems to further assist in recovery and build resilience?

How can the Government best support Australian councils to prepare for, respond to and recover from natural disasters?



3. HOUSING AND PLANNING

Australia is experiencing an affordable housing crisis, with a lack of housing supply impacting on homeowners and renters.

The crisis is leading to more people experiencing homelessness and struggling with housing insecurity and affordability.

In many jurisdictions, local government performs a key role in zoning and approving housing and delivering enabling infrastructure. However, councils are often unfairly blamed for delays in housing approvals when most applications that meet the requirements are processed quickly and efficiently.

One of the biggest barriers to building more homes is a lack of funding for enabling infrastructure, including the roads, power and water connections necessary for new developments.

The National Housing Accord – which ALGA is a signatory to on behalf of local government - sets an ambitious national target of 1.2 million new, well-located homes over the next five years. According to ALGA's research, it will cost at least \$5.7 billion to build the infrastructure needed to meet the national housing target. This is in addition to the existing funding gaps for local government infrastructure, which is estimated to be between \$50-\$55 billion for replacing infrastructure in poor condition (2024 National State of the Assets Report).

The 2024 Addressing the Housing Crisis: Unlocking Local Government's Contribution Report by Equity Economics found that 40% of surveyed local governments have reduced new infrastructure developments due to insufficient funding for enabling infrastructure required to support new housing, further exacerbating the housing crisis.

ALGA is calling for a new five-year, \$1.1 billion annual fund that would be provided to all councils to get the foundations right for increasing Australia's housing supply.

We are advocating for local governments to be provided with \$500 million per year for critical and community infrastructure and assets that will help create more liveable communities.

ALGA is also seeking a seat at the table for national discussions on housing policy, including full membership of National Cabinet and the Housing and Homelessness Ministerial Council.

What new programs and policies could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to support the provision of more affordable housing?

How can local governments be better supported in their role in planning and approving housing, and delivering enabling infrastructure?

4. ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Local governments are responsible for about one-third of Australia's public infrastructure, including local roads, buildings, facilities, airports, water and land.

According to ALGA's 2024 National State of the Assets report, Australia's councils manage over \$600 billion worth of assets and infrastructure, which is about ten times their annual revenue.

This makes local governments the most asset-intensive level of government. Councils manage local roads, which make up around 75% of the national road network, totalling more than 650,000 km. These roads serve every Australian and business daily, and are key to Australia's productivity.

Safer roads

The unacceptable number of deaths and serious injuries on Australian roads has continued to rise every year since 2020.

Tragically, around half of all fatal road crashes occur on local roads in regional areas. During the 12 months ending August 2025 there were 1,353 road deaths, 4.3% higher than the same time in the previous year, according to national road safety data.

Effectively funding the maintenance and necessary safety upgrades of Australia's local road network is a big challenge, and despite recent increases in the federal Roads to Recovery funding, there is still a \$500 million per year shortfall, according to the 2023 Grattan Institute's Potholes and Pitfalls report.

ALGA is calling for \$600 million per year safer roads fund – with \$500 million for infrastructure improvements and \$100 million for road safety programs – to support all councils to play a more effective role reducing deaths on Australian roads.

Community infrastructure

Local government libraries, playgrounds, bike paths and community centres are vital to the wellbeing and liveability of communities. However, many of these facilities need significant attention and upgrades.

According to ALGA's 2024 National State of the Assets report, around \$8.3 billion of local government buildings and facilities and \$2.9 billion of parks and recreation assets are in poor condition.

On a positive note, since 2021, the amount of local government buildings and facilities in poor condition has fallen from 10 per cent to eight per cent. This is the result of increased federal investment through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program, from both the Coalition and Labor governments since 2020.

Unfortunately, this program has ceased and there is an urgent need for ongoing and significant community infrastructure. ALGA is proposing a \$500 million per year community infrastructure fund – to be provided to all councils – to build, (and importantly), maintain and upgrade the local facilities that make communities great.

Are there new programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could adopt to improve the long-term sustainability of local government roads and community infrastructure?

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could provide to improve the sector's capacity to manage local government infrastructure and to integrate these plans into long-term financial plans?

Are there opportunities for the Australian Government to support councils to invest in local infrastructure that will help address national priorities?

5. CLOSING THE GAP

Local governments play a crucial role in closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. ALGA is a signatory to the National Agreement on Closing the Gap Partnership, which focuses on four priority reform targets and 19 socio-economic targets in areas like education, employment, health, justice, safety, housing, land and waters, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages.

Local governments are uniquely positioned to support partnerships that address long-term service gaps and ensure their delivery. However, the Productivity Commission Review of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap found that Federal and state governments are not adequately supporting or involving local governments in these reforms.

ALGA is calling for more resourcing and funding for local government, to support place-based initiatives or broader programs to enable councils to better facilitate and meet Closing the Gap objectives in their communities.

ALGA is also advocating for the Commonwealth to:

- Establish a national framework/set of protocols outlining which Federal Government departments/agencies should engage with local government in place-based initiatives, and planning for community-level projects or expenditure.
- Seek greater local government input in programs that impact on Closing the Gap targets to better shape programs with local knowledge and the needs of specific communities.
- Develop programs, with state and territory governments, to include funded support positions for local government coordination and partnership efforts (including member associations).
- Recognise councils with majority or all Aboriginal-elected members as key service delivery bodies in policy and program development.

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could adopt to assist local government to advance reconciliation and close the gap?

Are there practical programs or initiatives that local government and the Australian Government could introduce to maintain, build and strengthen the level of trust between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and governments?

6. JOBS AND SKILLS

Australia's jobs and skills crisis is significantly impacting local governments, which employ around 213,000 people nationwide. ALGA's 2022 Local Government Workforce Skills and Capability Survey found that nine out of ten Australian councils face jobs and skills shortages, hindering project and service delivery.

Town planners, building surveyors, and engineers are the most in-demand professions. These roles are crucial for supporting and enabling communities to become more resilient and to help boost local economic growth and national productivity. National priorities, such as increasing housing supply, cannot be achieved without local government support and the right professionals to undertake this work.

Several factors drive these skill shortages, including difficulty attracting young people to local government jobs, lack of available training courses, wage competition, and insufficient resources to upskill the current workforce. This includes access to training facilities for rural and remote councils, workplace supervisors, subject matter experts, and contextualized training resources.

Councils urgently need more federal funding to invest in workforce development and training programs, attract workers to regional areas, and address broader skills shortages in the national economy. ALGA is calling for the Federal Government's National Skills Plan to acknowledge the vital role of local governments as employers in training and skills development. ALGA also seeks funding opportunities for council employees to access training for identified skills shortage areas, especially in regional and remote communities.

Additionally, it is important for the Commonwealth to undertake a national audit of institutions offering urban and land use planning, building surveyors, and engineering qualifications, and to identify more readily available pathways for regional and remote study.

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could implement that would enhance local government's capacity to attract and retain appropriately skilled staff now and into the future?

Are there programs or changes to existing programs that would increase local government's ability to employ apprentices and trainees?

Are there other initiatives that the Australian Government could provide to improve the sector's ability to plan and develop skills fit for the future?

7. ENVIRONMENT

Local governments play a crucial role in protecting our local environment including places, flora and fauna.

Councils spend more money on environmental protection than any other level of government. According to SGS Economics and Planning, councils spent \$6.75 billion in 2021-22 on biodiversity, biosecurity, water management, and waste management. By comparison, states and territories spent \$6.62 billion, and the Commonwealth allocated \$6.7 billion over the same period.

Local government is also key in improving waste management and resource recovery to reduce pollution, maintain communities and keep people healthy. However, as the Australian Government recently reported, we are running out of viable landfill space and circular economy solutions are required.

Local governments are ideal partners for on-the-ground action to deliver environmental priorities and outcomes, but they need better funding and support.

Councils bring a local, community-based and integrated approach to managing environmental issues, including weed and pest management, monitoring and protecting threatened species, contributing to water security and enhancing biodiversity.

ALGA is calling on the Federal Government to:

- Fund councils to support the delivery of national environmental outcomes. This includes outcomes stipulated in international conventions, threatened species action plans, matters of national, state, and local environmental significance, and any new obligations/expectations under reforms to the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act.
- Fund local governments to manage environmental threats, including pests, weeds, and biosecurity threats.
- Ensure local government is appropriately recognised and engaged through environmental law reform processes.
- Seek agreement, under the National Water Initiative, on the overarching social, cultural, economic and environmental outcomes and goals for water on a national and holistic basis, and action planning and funding and achieve these outcomes and goals.

Waste management and resource recovery

Collecting, treating, and disposing of waste costs local governments an estimated \$3.5 billion annually.

The 2022 National Waste report revealed waste generation has increased 20 per cent over the last 15 years (8.3 per cent coming from municipal waste). Although, recycling and recovery of Australia's core waste has increased by 57 per cent since 2006-07, Australia still has one of the lowest rates of recycling among OCED countries.

The responsibility and cost for waste reduction in Australia should be borne by industry, and not local governments.

Implementing mandatory product stewardship, including payments to local governments for any residual resource recovery services, would ensure producer responsibility is operationalised and reduce the cost and risk burden on councils.

ALGA is advocating for the Federal Government to:

- Establish a mandatory product stewardship approach for waste materials and ensure product stewardship schemes include, and are effective, in regional and remote areas.
- Ban the importation and manufacturing of products containing identified contaminants.
- Prioritise national policy attention to waste streams with the highest potential to improve environmental outcomes, reduce costs to local government, and create economic opportunity.
- Introduce a 'local government impact assessment' into national waste policy and reform processes to ensure council interests are systematically incorporated into policy design.

How could the Australian Government partner with local government to strengthen Australia's environmental services and infrastructure?

What new programs could the Australian Government partner with local government in to progress local regional and national objectives?

What actions and investments should the Australian Government prioritise to improve resource recovery rates?

What initiatives and approaches should the Australian Government take to improve waste, recycling and resource recovery in regional, rural and remote LGAs?

What are the most significant opportunities in the circular economy and how can the Australian Government engage with local governments to leverage these opportunities?



8. CYBER SECURITY

Cyber security is a growing risk for all Australian governments and businesses, and councils are not immune. However many local governments are under-resourced and struggle to deal with increasingly sophisticated cyber threats and attacks.

Local governments manage large amounts of sensitive data about communities and community members, including private information from the aged care, health, and social services they deliver. Furthermore, most councils are responsible for managing critical infrastructure, including water, waste, power networks, and transport systems.

Councils need greater support to strengthen their cyber security preparedness and response capability, and protect valuable data.

ALGA is calling for greater funding and support from the federal government to improve cyber security capability and capacity across the local government sector.

Drawing upon your council's experience, and your knowledge of other councils within your state or territory, are there programs and initiatives that the Australian Government could implement to help local government develop its digital technology services and infrastructure?

Are there actions the Australian Government could take to improve cyber security within the local government sector?

9. CLIMATE CHANGE

The impacts of climate change – including from more frequent and severe natural disasters, coastal erosion and rising temperatures – are being felt right across every community.

Councils, being the closest government to communities, are crucial in creating a sustainable future and helping the Federal Government achieve net zero emissions by 2050. However, they need support to manage these impacts.

Climate adaptation

Local governments are on the frontline of climate adaptation. They build public swimming pools to keep people cool, plant trees for shade, and upgrade stormwater systems to handle heavy rains. With their local knowledge and leadership, they play a vital role in addressing climate risks and seizing new opportunities from new industries and achieving national climate adaptation objectives.

Councils are already investing significantly in climate adaptation, but they need more support to match the scale of the challenges. ALGA's modelling shows that councils deliver \$0.8 to \$3.1 in benefits for every \$1 invested. A \$2 billion investment by 2030 could benefit local communities by \$2.2 to \$4.7 billion.

ALGA is calling for a new \$400 million per year climate adaptation fund, to be distributed across all councils to provide local, place-based solutions to Australia's changing climate.

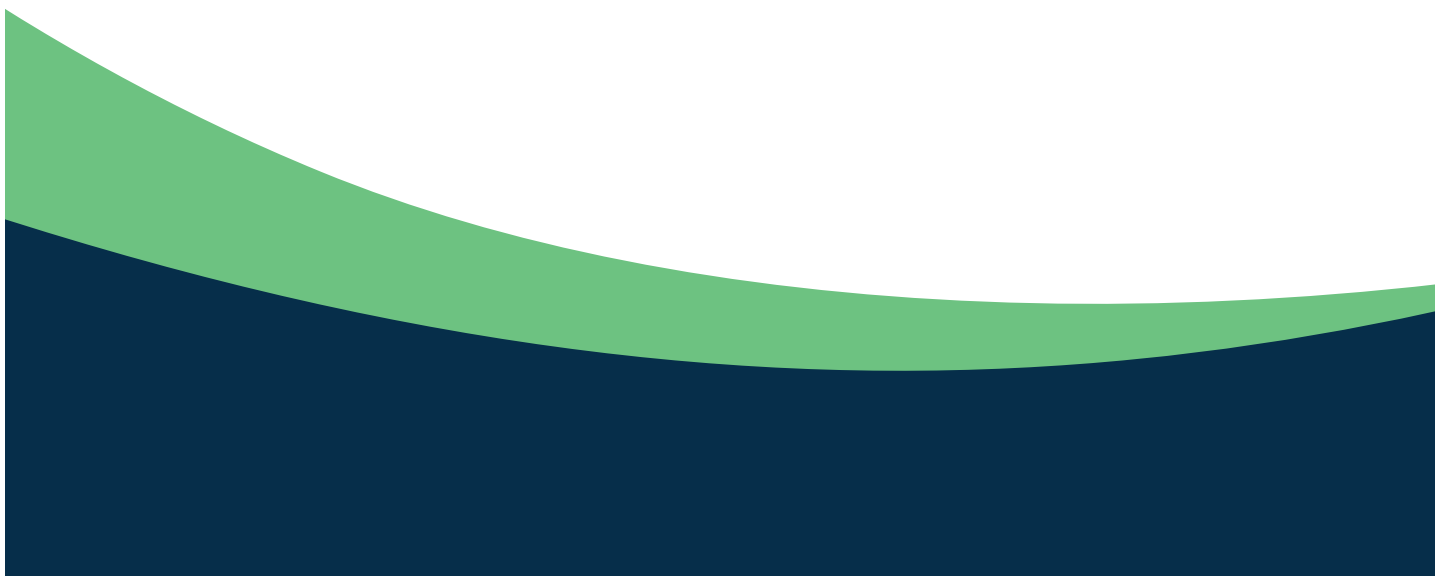
We are also asking the Federal Government to:

- Streamline and make it easier for local governments to undertake climate risk management. This should involve implementing a voluntary climate risk framework for local government which supports consistent climate risk assessment, reporting, decision making and expenditure.
- Develop, operate and maintain an information and data suite designed specifically for local government adaptation use (on an opt-in basis).

Emissions reduction

The Australian Local Government Climate Review 2024 found that 86% of councils (out of 120 respondents) had an emissions inventory. However, they face barriers in reducing corporate emissions, such as internal resourcing (69%), funding (64%), and staff capability (40%).

While councils are committed to reducing emissions locally, they need more funding to avoid burdening ratepayers and to allow communities to benefit from low-emissions technologies sooner.



ALGA is asking the Federal Government to:

- Collaborate with local governments as part of a multi-level governance approach (per the Australian Government's pledge to the Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships) to undertake strategic planning and prioritisation of net zero projects, infrastructure and service needs on a regional level.
- Fund emissions reduction plans with local governments across states and territories to facilitate a place-based approach to achieving net zero communities.
- Expand, and make more accessible, existing funding programs which enable local governments to reduce emissions and support community emissions reduction.
- Provide councils with accessible and nationally harmonised tools to maintain pace with trends in emissions measurement and reporting.
- Ensure local governments are compensated where emissions reduction processes place additional pressure on services and infrastructure (e.g. heavier EV truck impact on maintenance/standards of roads/bridges).

Renewable energy transition

Local governments are crucial partners in the transition to net zero. They engage with project proponents, negotiate community benefits, provide trusted information to residents, and manage the impacts of large projects on roads, housing, and local skills.

Councils strive to create a positive long-term legacy while balancing the immediate risks and impacts of the transition.

ALGA is asking the Federal Government to:

- Create a program of work dedicated to understanding local government experiences with renewable energy transition in their local area and region and develop specific supports for local governments.
- Establish a national approach and mechanism for cost recovery to local governments for the role of brokering benefits between project proponents and their communities, benefitting all Australians.
- Develop and maintain regional plans and a national map demonstrating zoning for prospective and proposed renewable energy projects and transmission corridors.

Noting the Australian Government's approach to reducing emissions, are there partnerships, programs, and initiatives that local government and the Australian Government can form to achieve Australia's 2050 net zero emissions target?

What are the opportunities to support councils to increase community resilience to the impacts of climate change?

What support do councils need to ensure that renewable energy projects deliver lasting benefits to the communities that house them?

What are the most significant climate risks being faced by local governments and what approach should the Australian Government take to supporting councils?

What roles and responsibilities for emissions reduction and climate risk management is your council shouldering that should be primarily managed by other levels of government? How should this responsibility be shared or rebalanced?

What are the most significant emissions reduction opportunities for your council and what could the Commonwealth provide to enable you to implement these opportunities?

10. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

ALGA has unique access and insight into government decision-making in Australia.

We represent local government at Ministerial Councils and forums on a range of key issues including transport, emergency management, energy, climate, environment, planning, culture and Closing the Gap.

At these meetings, ALGA's leaders provide a powerful and strong voice for councils and communities, and ensure local perspectives are considered in national policy development.

However, ALGA does not have a permanent voice on National Cabinet – the main forum linking all governments across the nation.

For almost 30 years, ALGA was a valued member and contributor to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG). However, ALGA's membership did not carry over when COAG transitioned to National Cabinet in 2020, and ALGA now only attends one meeting each year as an observer. ALGA is also invited to attend one meeting per year of the Council on Federal Financial Relations.

ALGA is calling on the Federal Government to return ALGA as a full member of National Cabinet with ongoing membership and voting rights. This will enable local government leaders to provide local perspectives on national decision making and ensure the views of Australian communities are understood and considered.

We are also seeking full membership of the Local Government Ministers' Forum, which ALGA currently attends in an ex-officio capacity.

Given the important role councils play delivering local solutions to national priorities, how can intergovernmental arrangements be further improved in Australia?

Are there new initiatives and programs that could be adopted to improve the level of cooperation and collaboration between the Australian Government and local government?

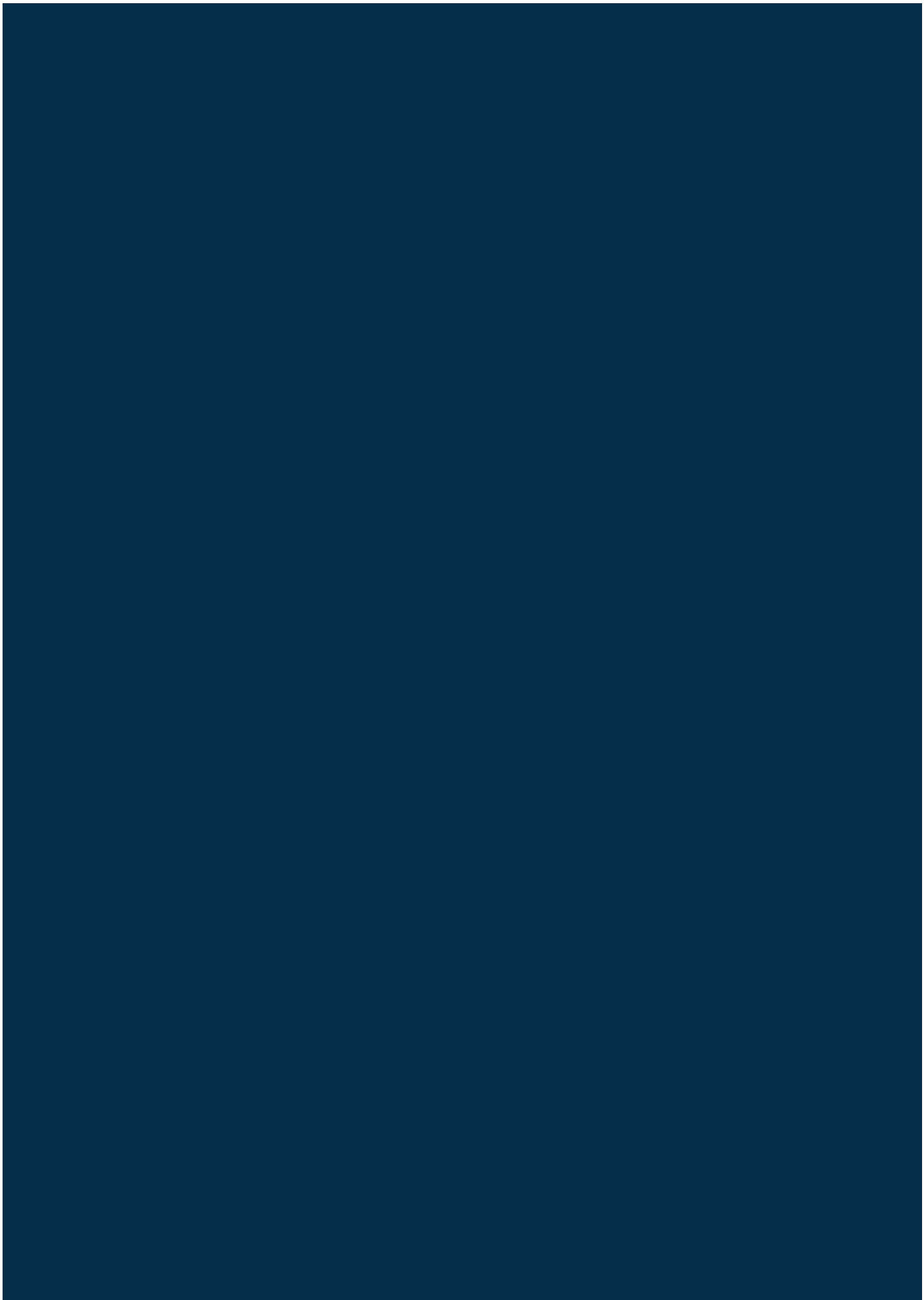
CONCLUSION

Thank you for taking the time to read this discussion paper and your support for the 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government.

A final reminder:

- Motions should be lodged electronically at www.alga.com.au and received no later than **11.59pm AEST on 27 February 2026**.
- Motions must meet the criteria published in this paper.
- Motions should commence with the following wording: *This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to...*
- Motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.
- Motions should be practical, focussed and relatively simple.
- It is important to complete the background section on the form.
- Motions must not seek to advance an outcome that would result in a benefit to one group of councils to the detriment of another.
- When your council submits a motion there is an expectation that a council representative will be present at the 2026 National General Assembly to move and speak to that motion if required.
- Resolutions of the National General Assembly do not automatically become ALGA's national policy positions. The resolutions are used by the ALGA Board to inform policies, priorities and strategies to advance local governments within the national agenda.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2026 National General Assembly in Canberra.





NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL

COUNCILLORS ALLOWANCES, TRAVELLING AND OTHER EXPENSES

Originated Date:	Adopted 5 April 1993-Min. No. 12/93 (as Policy 4)
Amended Date/s:	Revised 3 May 1999 – Min. No. 196/99 Revised 13 March 2001 – Min. No. 099/01 Revised 7 February 2005 – Min. No.44/05 Revised 19 December 2005 – Min. No.422/05 Revised 16 August 2010 – Min. No. 207/10 Revised 23 June 2014 – Min. No. 144/14 Revised 17 August 2015 – Min. No. 222/15 Revised 12 December 2016 – Min. No. 361/16 Revised March 2021 – Min. No. 113/21 Revised 12 December 2022 – Min. No. 22/410
Applicable Legislation:	Section 340A of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> , Schedule 5 Section 1 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> Reg. 42(2) of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2005</i>
Objective	To reimburse Councillors travelling and other expenses so that electors are not deterred by cost from seeking a position in Council.
Administration:	Governance
Review Cycle/Date:	Next review 2026

1. COUNCILLOR'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES

- 1.1 Travelling expenses will apply from each Councillor's place of normal residence to the authorised destination and return.
- 1.2 Reimbursement is to be paid monthly.
- 1.3 For the purpose of the "Corporation's business solely" the following policy is to apply:
- i) Travelling inside the Council area to attend a meeting of Council or a Committee of Council Meeting, deputation, inspection or tour in respect of which notice has been given to attend, provided such travelling originates and concludes at the Councillor's normal residence, or his normal place of work, as the case may be.
 - ii) Travelling outside the circumstances of (i) above, either generally or specifically up to 2,000 kms or 10,000 kms for the Mayor per annum in excess of which Council to consider claims submitted.
 - iii) Travelling upon business of the Council outside the Council area in compliance with a resolution of the Council.
 - iv) Travelling to and from any seminar/conference in compliance with a resolution or policy of Council.
 - v) Travelling to be paid at the rates prescribed by the Australian Tax Office.

2. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

For each term of office, Council will provide each councillor with

(i) COMPUTER & INTERNET

A laptop locked for corporate business systems with internet access is provided. The laptop remains the property of Council and at the conclusion of the term of office of a councillor the laptop is to be returned to Council.
and

(ii) A CAPITAL COST ALLOWANCE

- a) a capital cost allowance up to a maximum of \$2,000, to be increased by CPI annually, for purchase of a mobile phone, printer/scanner, and a filing cabinet to assist them in performing his/her duties,
- b) the capital cost allowance will be paid upon evidence of the purchase of equipment.



NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL

Should a Councillor resign or the term of office be terminated prior to the normal four year term, as the laptop is the property of Council, it is to be returned and a pro-rata refund of the capital cost allowance may be payable by that Councillor (this shall be in the form of a cash refund or an equivalent deduction from any allowance payable to the Councillor under Section 7).

3. TELEPHONES

Council will reimburse Councillors for the cost of access charges for voice mail, telephone rentals, the cost of a separate line for internet access and the documented calls attributed to their role as a Councillor (where second lines are installed, all calls will be reimbursed on the dedicated line as calls associated with their function as a Councillor).

As soon as contact numbers for separate telephone lines, mobile phones, and/or faxes are available details will be circulated in Council documentation.

4. EXPENSES INCURRED FOR CHILD OR DEPENDANT CARE

Council will reimburse a Councillor for necessary, reasonable expenses in relation to care of any child or dependant of the Councillor, incurred whilst carrying out the duties of office, including:

- Attendance at Council and Council Committee meetings.
- To attend meetings arising as a result of a Councillor being appointed by Council to an internal or external body or committee except where the body or committee reimburses relevant child care expenses incurred by the Councillor.
- Upon inspections or business within the Council area, provided such inspections or business are undertaken in compliance with resolutions of the Council.
- To attend to business of the Council, outside the Council area, in compliance with a resolution of Council.
- Attend any seminar/conference in compliance with a resolution or policy of Council.
- Upon inspections or business as arranged by the General Manager or Departmental Managers.
- Claims will be paid upon presentation of a receipt from a licensed care provider as well as evidence of entitlement or non-entitlement to the Commonwealth Government Child Care Benefit Scheme or other applicable scheme. Any entitlement is to be off-set against the hourly rate charged by the registered care provider.
- At the General Manager's discretion, care may be paid at an hourly rate of \$20/hour when no licensed provider is available (evenings for example).
- Care costs are not eligible for reimbursement if care is provided by a person who normally or regularly lives with the councillor or is a member of the Councillor's immediate family.
- All claims must detail the date and time care was provided and the business of council it related to.
- Council will not reimburse any claims that are more than 3 months old.
- Care expenses will, unless there are exceptional circumstances, be paid in arrears.

5. INSURANCE

Council will provide personal accident insurance on the lives of Councillors and their accompanying partners/ spouses for the time being whilst travelling to and from and attending Council meetings or on Council business, whether authorised or not and shall include the attendance at Council Functions which a Councillor is expected to attend.

- Limit of liability for all claims - Councillors and officer's - \$5,000,000.
- Limit of liability for all claims – Personal accident insurance - \$20,000,000.

As per JLT renewal of insurance policy report.

6. CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

Council will make a budget allocation each year to reimburse delegates registration, travel costs and accommodation expenses ('mini-bar' expenses limited to \$10 per day). Partners will be reimbursed for meals at state conferences and the 'major dinner' at Federal conferences.

The budget will be allocated to the following conferences:

- LGAT & LGMA conference to be attended by up to 6 councillors
- ALGA conference attended by Mayor & Deputy Mayor
- Australian Roads conference attended by 1 councillor
- 'Other' conferences and seminar sessions as approved.

Attendance to all conferences, seminars and training sessions with a cost in excess of \$200 are to be in compliance with a



NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL

resolution of the Council, except on emergency situations, where approval must be given by a unanimous approval from Council Executive.

Following attendance of a conference by any councillor, a report must be submitted to Council setting out the relevance to local government, and the benefits that can be further investigated by Council. Where two or more councillors attend a conference, a joint report may be submitted.

7. COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES

7.1 The Council shall pay allowances in accordance with Section 42 and Schedule 4 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015*.

7.2 The increase in allowances payable to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors take effect on 1 November each year.

NOTE:

In accordance with *Section 340A(2A) of the Local Government Act 1993*, the General Manager is obliged to pay Councillors the prescribed allowances. The Act states:

- i) *A Councillor is entitled to prescribed allowances.*
- ii) *A Mayor and Deputy Mayor are entitled to prescribed allowances in addition to any allowances referred to in subsection (i).*
- iii) *A Councillor, Mayor or Deputy Mayor may decide not to receive part or all of an allowance.*
- iv) *A decision under subsection (iii) is to be written by notice to the General Manager of the relevant Council.*

7.3 Allowances will be paid either fortnightly upon request to the Corporate Services Manager or on a monthly basis.

In accordance with Section 340A(3) and (4) of the *Local Government Act 1993* should a Councillor determine that he/she does not wish to accept all/part of the prescribed allowance or salary sacrifice to a Superannuation Fund, notification is to be provided to the General Manager in writing.

If a Councillor wishes to donate his/her entitlement to a charity or not for profit organisation then he/she shall be entitled to do so, and this does not require any disclosure by Council.

8. CLAIM FOR EXPENSES

8.1 Claims for travelling expenses or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in accordance with this policy shall be made to the General Manager not later than three (3) months after the claim has been incurred and shall be submitted on the prescribed form. Claims are preferred on a monthly basis.

8.2 Purchases or payment of expenses by the Mayor and Councillors on a Northern Midlands Council corporate credit card must be in accordance with Council's Business Credit Cards Policy and Procedures.

8.3 Where, in the opinion of the General Manager, a question arises as to whether a claim for reimbursement of expenses is ineligible under this policy, or the claim appears unreasonable or does not serve the interests of Council, the General Manager shall refer the matter to Council for decision and policy guidance.

NOTE:

Council is encouraged to regularly review and revise this Policy. It is incumbent upon the General Manager and Councillors themselves to provide Council with this opportunity by referring claims, even historically accepted claims, to Council for policy consideration. The General Manager should endeavour to refer the matter without disclosing the identity of the individual who submitted the claim.

9. STATIONERY

Council, shall upon request, provide Councillors with standard stationery held or obtained generally for the organisation's requirements. Requests for stationery will be by way of the completion of a requisition presented to the General Manager.

10. SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE

Council will provide a reasonable level of word processing assistance to enable elected members to carry out their official duties. The General Manager will have discretion in determining the extent of assistance which can be provided.



NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL
POLICY MANUAL

COUNCILLOR EXPENSES

CLAIM FORM

Name:

Address:

<i>Date Expense Incurred</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Total</i>
TOTAL CLAIMED		\$

I declare that the expenses claim on this form have been incurred by me whilst fulfilling my role as a Councillor for the Northern Midlands Council and have been made in accordance with Council's adopted policy. All claims for which receipts are available are hereby attached.

.....
Councillor

.....
Authorised for Payment
General Manager



Call for Submission of Motions
Councils are invited to submit motions for debate
to be Included at General Meetings

Name of Council : Hobart City Council

Contact person (name, title) Michael Stretton, CEO

Phone: 62382727 **Email:** ceo@hobartcity.com.au

Date of General Meeting for Motion to be Included: 10 April 2026

Motion Requirements:

In order for a Motion to be considered please indicate if the proposed Motion:

- Addresses the objectives of the Association¹.
- Concerns a local government matter.
- Is a matter of common concern to councils and not a specific local issue.
- Is linked to LGAT's current Annual Plan, available [here](#)
- Is not an existing resolution of the sector (please refer to the Follow up of Resolutions Report in the preceding General Meeting for a list of current resolutions).
- Has not been considered at a General Meeting in the 12 months prior.
- Relates to existing, or sought activities/policy of the Tasmanian Government and would benefit from members understanding the Tasmanian Government position prior to considering².

LGAT staff are happy to assist you in developing your motion. Please phone 03 6146 3740 in the first instance.

Please attach –

The proposed Motion, which should clearly articulate the action required of LGAT or the policy position being sought from the sector.

The attachment should also include additional background comments to ensure members have a complete understanding of what is being sought and how the Motion addresses the requirements listed above.

Email to admin@lgat.tas.gov.au

¹ The objectives of LGAT are

- (a) Protect and represent the interests and rights of Councils in Tasmania;
- (b) Promote an efficient and effective system of local government in Tasmania; and
- (c) Provide services to Members, councillors and employees of Councils.



Details of Motion

Motion Title **Second Generation Rodenticides**

Decision Sought

That Tasmanian councils cease using second-generation rodenticides at council facilities if they are still being used.

That Tasmanian councils be encouraged to engage with their communities to encourage avoidance of second-generation rodenticides, identified by the word 'poison' on packaging as opposed to 'caution'

Background Comment

The City of Hobart does not use second-generation rodenticides in its facility bait boxes and understands that other councils around the country also avoid its use.

There is currently a national campaign being undertaken to ban second-generation rodenticides as they are deadly to birds of prey and other wildlife that eat both live prey and carrion. Stricter use guidelines have been proposed, but councils could act immediately to cease their use and encourage awareness throughout the community.

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) has *“concluded that the way products containing second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs**) are currently used is creating current risks to *non-target animals, including native wildlife.*

This conclusion has led the APVMA to propose suspending SGAR products so that stricter controls around their use can be implemented quickly.

The controls on use that could be put into place during a suspension are designed to remove the most likely routes of native wildlife exposure, to manage the risks while the review is finalised.

The suspension of SGARs, if enacted, would occur as soon as possible after the end of a six-week consultation with the product registration holders and state and territory governments.

If the suspension goes ahead, SGAR products could still be used, but only in accordance with the enforceable new instructions, conditions and use patterns that will apply nationally.”

Support for the City’s motion will ensure a consistent, statewide approach to rodent management to ensure best practice and alignment across jurisdictions.



Call for Submission of Motions
Councils are invited to submit motions for debate
to be Included at General Meetings

Name of Council : West Tamar Council.....

Contact person (name, title) Kristen Desmond, Chief Executive Officer

Phone: 03 6323 9300 **Email:** wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au

Date of General Meeting for Motion to be Included.....10 April 2026.....

Motion Requirements:

In order for a Motion to be considered please indicate if the proposed Motion:

- X** **Addresses the objectives of the Association¹.**
- X** **Concerns a local government matter.**
- X** **Is a matter of common concern to councils and not a specific local issue.**
- O** **Is linked to LGAT's current Annual Plan, available [here](#)**
- X** **Is not an existing resolution of the sector (please refer to the Follow up of Resolutions Report in the preceding General Meeting for a list of current resolutions).**
- X** **Has not been considered at a General Meeting in the 12 months prior.**
- X** **Relates to existing, or sought activities/policy of the Tasmanian Government and would benefit from members understanding the Tasmanian Government position prior to considering².**

LGAT staff are happy to assist you in developing your motion. Please phone 03 6146 3740 in the first instance.

Please attach –

The proposed Motion, which should clearly articulate the action required of LGAT or the policy position being sought from the sector.

The attachment should also include additional background comments to ensure members have a complete understanding of what is being sought and how the Motion addresses the requirements listed above.

Email to admin@lgat.tas.gov.au

¹ The objectives of LGAT are

- (a) Protect and represent the interests and rights of Councils in Tasmania;
- (b) Promote an efficient and effective system of local government in Tasmania; and
- (c) Provide services to Members, councillors and employees of Councils.



Details of Motion

Motion Title **Changing Local Government's role in delivering immunisation programs**

Decision Sought

That LGAT advocates for the following:

1. That the Tasmanian Government remove or modify section 57 of the *Public Health Act 1997* which requires Councils to develop and implement an approved program for immunisation in its municipal area.
2. That the Tasmanian Department of Health take primary responsibility for delivery of school-based immunisation programs in Tasmania.
3. That Section 57 (1) if not removed be replaced with:

"A Council may develop and implement an approved program for immunisation in its municipal area by liaising with the Tasmanian Health Service who is required to carry out school-based immunisation programs statewide."

Background Comment

Under section 57 of the *Public Health Act 1997*, a council must develop and implement an approved program for immunisation in its municipal area.

57. Council immunisation programs

- (1) A council must develop and implement an approved program for immunisation in its municipal area.
- (2) The Director may require a council to provide any information the Director determines relating to its immunisation program.

For most councils this includes delivering the National Immunisation Program (NIP) to high school students. This is the School-Based Immunisation Program (SBIP). Some councils also deliver community immunisation clinics.

Delivering an immunisation program is a specialised activity, requires the employment or contracting of nurse immunisers or health professionals, and the management of specialised medical processes including administering vaccines, managing adverse reactions and the storage and transport of vaccinations.

Victoria and Tasmania are the only States where local Councils deliver school based immunisation programs. All other States coordinate this function through State government departments.

The Tasmanian Department of Health is considered to be best placed to manage the resourcing and risks associated with implementing an immunisation program across the state, including school-based immunisation programs.

This is especially the case as the State Government has implemented its school nurse program. Now that a school nurse program has been implemented it is Council's belief that running school immunisation programs should no longer be a requirement and that Council can and should be able to choose to opt in to providing these programs when and if it believes that it is appropriate to do so.

Northern Midlands Council Account Management Report

Income & Expenditure Summary for the Period Ended 28 February 2026 (67% Year Completed)

Line Item Summary Totals

	Operating Statement											
	Governance		Corporate Services		Regulatory & Community Services		Development Services		Works & Infrastructure Services		Total Operating Statement	
	2023/24 Budget	2023/24 Actual	2023/24 Budget	2023/24 Actual	2023/24 Budget	2023/24 Actual	2023/24 Budget	2023/24 Actual	2023/24 Budget	2023/24 Actual	2023/24 Budget	2023/24 Actual
Wages	726,317	433,193	1,853,847	1,071,620	314,810	129,985	666,412	303,630	2,796,223	1,298,273	6,357,609.00	3,236,701.00
Material & Services Expenditure	672,660	373,278	1,166,240	594,058	119,877	32,659	445,955	522,115	5,067,179	2,963,923	7,471,911.00	4,486,033.00
Depreciation Expenditure	97,900	0	140,180	0	35,050	0	22,770	0	7,735,450	0	8,031,350.00	0.00
Government Levies & Charges	10,660	8,395	1,129,237	327,917	3,880	938	0	347	208,090	72,917	1,351,867.00	410,514.00
Interest Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Councillors Expenditure	233,300	87,350	0	599	0	0	0	0	0	0	233,300.00	87,949.00
Other Expenditure	127,129	115,765	579,311	632,196	262,140	85,849	12,480	20,899	164,260	14,942	1,145,320.00	869,651.00
Oncost	363,158	189,349	909,354	535,701	162,860	59,957	350,525	120,525	1,291,990	507,119	3,077,887.00	1,412,651.00
Internal Plant Hire/Rental	5,600	95,872	33,690	87,524	33,070	1,349	23,070	2,166	1,178,169	488,696	1,273,599.00	675,607.00
Internal Rental/Rates	0	0	1,300	0	0	0	0	0	7,740	0	9,040.00	0.00
Other Internal Transfers Expenditure	0	0	22,140	0	0	504	0	0	0	0	22,140.00	504.00
Oncosts Paid - Payroll	171,547	127,670	433,154	174,214	58,874	30,504	188,349	35,859	614,851	243,579	1,466,775.00	611,826.00
Oncost Paid - Non Payroll	265,187	107,515	583,789	255,949	82,833	30,925	270,956	89,635	999,979	406,128	2,202,744.00	890,152.00
Plant Expenditure Paid	6,830	28,116	25,750	49,844	0	1,245	21,250	7,039	556,880	439,340	610,710.00	525,584.00
	2,680,288	1,566,503	6,877,992	3,729,622	1,073,394	373,915	2,001,767	1,102,215	20,620,811	6,434,917	33,254,252.00	13,207,172.00
Rate Revenue	0	0	(13,895,203)	(13,880,371)	0	0	0	0	(1,783,550)	(1,786,532)	(15,678,753.00)	(15,666,903.00)
Recurrent Grant Revenue	0	0	(2,236,071)	(1,461,597)	0	(8,000)	0	0	(3,512,401)	(2,332,743)	(5,748,472.00)	(3,802,340.00)
Fees and Charges Revenue	(437)	(5,135)	(1,740,130)	(1,115,760)	(239,741)	(201,947)	(643,591)	(483,465)	(860,210)	(431,650)	(3,484,109.00)	(2,237,957.00)
Interest Revenue	(790,000)	(146,460)	(86,112)	(10,103)	0	0	0	0	0	0	(876,112.00)	(156,565.00)
Reimbursements Revenue	(1,000)	(384)	(38,682)	(22,858)	0	(262)	0	0	(5,704)	(7,354)	(45,386.00)	(30,858.00)
Interest Expenditure Reimbursed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Oncost Recoveries - Internal Tfer	(415,550)	(201,042)	(997,943)	(572,343)	(135,223)	(27,474)	(445,543)	(157,762)	(1,583,955)	(552,218)	(3,578,214.00)	(1,510,839.00)
Plant Hire Income - Internal Tfer	(13,020)	(21,430)	(47,380)	(13,955)	0	(2,229)	(46,560)	(1,010)	(1,475,820)	(693,889)	(1,582,780.00)	(732,513.00)
Other Internal Transfers Income	0	0	(587,359)	66,685	0	0	0	(168)	(40,000)	10,914	(627,359.00)	77,431.00
Other Revenue	(561,600)	(128,868)	(268,466)	(28,176)	(121)	(5,956)	0	0	(68,259)	(92,114)	(898,446.00)	(255,114.00)
	(1,781,607)	(503,319)	(19,897,346)	(17,038,478)	(375,085)	(245,868)	(1,135,694)	(642,405)	(9,329,899)	(5,885,586)	(32,519,631.00)	(24,315,656.00)
Underlying (Surplus) / Deficit Before	898,681	1,063,184	(13,019,354)	(13,308,856)	698,309	128,047	866,073	459,810	11,290,912	549,331	734,621	(11,108,484)
Gain on sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(2,478)	0	(2,478)
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	433,630	0	433,630	0
Net Loss On Disposal of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	433,630	(2,478)	433,630	(2,478)
Underlying (Surplus) / Deficit	898,681	1,063,184	(13,019,354)	(13,308,856)	698,309	128,047	866,073	459,810	11,724,542	546,853	1,168,251	(11,110,962)
Capital Grant Revenue	0	0	0	0	(50,000)	0	0	0	(8,441,599)	(2,050,425)	(8,491,599)	(2,050,425)
Subdivider & Capital Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(377,927)	0	(377,927)	0
	0	0	0	0	(50,000)	0	0	0	(8,819,526)	(2,050,425)	(8,869,526)	(2,050,425)
Operating (Surplus) / Deficit	898,681	1,063,184	(13,019,354)	(13,308,856)	648,309	128,047	866,073	459,810	2,905,016	(1,503,572)	(7,701,275)	(13,161,387)

DARK SKY LIGHTING POLICY

Originated Date: Adopted xxxxxx – Min. No: xxx/xxx

Amended Date/s:

Applicable *Local Government Act (1993)*

Legislation: *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (LUPAA)*
Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995

Objective The objective of this policy is to ensure that nominated Dark Sky Communities:

- i. Are supported by Council, government agencies and private landholders in achieving, maintaining and promoting International Dark Sky Community accreditation.
- ii. Ensure all new public lighting complies with Dark Sky International standards.
- iii. Progressively retrofit existing public lighting to meet Dark Sky International standards.
- iv. Establishes the enforceable lighting management framework required under the Dark Sky International Dark Sky Community Program and
- v. Supports ongoing compliance with accreditation requirements.

Administration: Works & Infrastructure

Review Cycle/Date: Every 4 years. Next review March 2030.

1. SCOPE

This policy shall only apply to nominated dark sky communities as decided in a council meeting, while actively seeking or where accreditation has been gained from the International Dark Sky Association as an International Dark Sky Community.

Communities can be added or removed from being included in the Dark Sky policy through council passing a resolution to add or remove a proposed town.

This policy shall apply to all public lighting and all private outdoor lighting within the legal boundary of any designated Dark Sky Community.

2. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy, certain words, phrases and terms used herein shall have the meanings assigned to them by this section:

- **Correlated Colour Temperature (CCT):** A specification of the colour appearance of the light emitted by a lamp, relating its colour to the colour of light from a reference source when heated to a particular temperature, measured in degrees kelvin (K).
- **Direct Illumination:** Illumination resulting from light emitted directly from a lamp, luminary or reflector. This does not include light reflected from other surfaces, such as the ground or building faces.
- **International Dark Sky Community:** An International Dark Sky Community (IDSC) is a town, city, municipality or other similar political entity that has shown exceptional dedication to the preservation of the night sky through the implementation and enforcement of quality lighting policies, dark-sky education, and citizen support of the ideal dark skies.
- **Floodlight:** A fixture or lamp designed to flood an area with light. A specific form of lamp or fixture designed to direct its output in a specific direction. Such lamps are often designated by the manufacturer and are commonly used in residential outdoor lighting. These lights must not emit light above the 45-degree plane, must not exceed 1,000 lumens and must be fitted with timers.
- **Fully Shielded:** An outdoor light fixture designed so that the installed fixture emits 0.0% uplight (U0) above the horizontal plane of the lowest part of the fixture. These light fixtures must be shielded in and of themselves.

Surrounding structures, like canopies, are not to be considered when determining if the fixture is fully cut off. Fully Shielded fixtures must be appropriately mounted so that the shielding prevents light from escaping above the horizontal and all light is directed downward.

- **Light Pollution:** Any adverse effect of non-natural light sources. Often used to denote sky glow from cities or towns, but also includes glare, light trespass, visual clutter and other adverse effects of lighting.
- **Light Source:** The part of a lighting fixture that produces light, e.g. the bulb.
- **Light Trespass:** Light falling where it is not wanted or needed. Spill light falling over property lines that illuminate adjacent grounds or buildings in an objectionable manner.
- **Luminaire:** A complete electric light unit.
- **Outdoor Light Fitting:** An outdoor electrically powered illuminating lamp or similar device used for lighting structures, parking lots, pathways, service canopies, recreational areas, signs or other similar outdoor lighting uses.
- **Recreational Lighting:** Lighting used to illuminate sports fields, ball courts, playgrounds or similar outdoor recreational facilities.
- **Spotlight:** A fixture or lamp designed to light a small area very brightly. See definition of Floodlight.
- **Unshielded Fixture:** A fixture that allows light to be emitted above the horizontal either directly from the lamp or indirectly from the fixture or reflector. Any fixture not fully cut off.
- **Curfew:** A defined time period during which certain categories of outdoor lighting must be extinguished or reduced in output to comply with Dark Sky requirements.
- **Maximum Light Output (Lumen Limit):** The maximum permitted initial lumen output from an outdoor luminaire as installed.

3. OBJECTIVE

The Northern Midlands Council recognises the uniqueness and opportunities available to communities within the LGA to seek recognition in the form of accreditation as an International Dark Sky Community. Given the opportunities for various communities to seek this recognition and the complex tenure arrangements (possibility of many hundreds of privately owned parcels of land) within these areas, lighting management shall be delivered through two streams:

- i. Public Lighting Infrastructure: being lighting infrastructure owned/managed by Council, government bodies and/or other service authorities for the purpose of lighting public spaces and infrastructure.
- ii. Private Infrastructure: focusing on community education, with private landowners being encouraged to upgrade existing external lights to be compliant with the International Dark Sky standards for International Dark Sky Communities.

4. NEW PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Lighting shall be 'Dark Sky Friendly' by considering the following principles:

- i. Outdoor public lighting must only be installed when deemed necessary and must only be activated when needed.
- ii. The intensity of outdoor lighting must be appropriate for its intended use.
- iii. All outdoor public lighting installed by Council shall be fully shielded (0% uplight, backlight, uplight and glare (BUG) rating U0) and shall have a correlated colour temperature not exceeding 3000K, with a preference for 2200K.
- iv. Maximum initial lumen output per fixture shall not exceed limits specified under Dark Sky International guidelines unless specifically exempted.

5. PUBLIC STREET LIGHTING

- i. The Northern Midlands Council specifies the lowest lighting level category, as indicated in current

Australian Standards, to keep the lighting level (and tariff costs) as low as possible; whilst recognising Council's obligations around Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

- ii. Installation of all new public street lighting will be to the minimum specifications in accordance with current Australian Standards and utilising standard TasNetworks luminaires which meet colour temperature requirements under International Dark Sky Community Program Guidelines (June 2018)
- iii. All street lighting shall utilise luminaires with an uplight rating of U0 and backlight/ glare values meeting BUG limits appropriate to their location.
- iv. Where TasNetworks does not offer compliant luminaires, Council shall not approve installation of non-compliant units and shall continue operating existing lighting until compliant luminaires become available.
- v. For all new street lighting installations shielding and/or aero screen fittings shall be utilised as standard.
- vi. Layout for new street lighting shall be prepared by a suitably qualified lighting engineer, ensuring that lighting is minimised while still maintaining minimum standards required under Australian Standards.

6. PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT

- i. All private outdoor lighting shall be fully shielded unless the fixture emits fewer than 600 lumens, in which case partially shielded fixtures may be permitted.
- ii. All lighting must be extinguished no later than 10pm unless required for safety or active use.
- iii. Lighting plans must be prepared and provided for any new Development Applications that will lead to the development of new external lighting (public or private), this includes land division applications which require street lighting and commercial or residential developments where lighting is proposed (for example, in car park areas, or around buildings). Outdoor lighting plans shall be assessed against lighting principles in the 'International Dark Sky Community Program Guidelines (June 2018)', as well as relevant industry and Australian Standards. To the extent that this Policy can require, those costs are to be borne by the developer.
- iv. Any private building application which proposes building a structure which has a footprint over 12m² and is proposed to be built inside a dark sky community must pay a Dark Sky Compliance Contribution if approved. The fee shall be transferred into a budget whose sole use will be to upgrade the existing infrastructure in dark sky communities to be compliant with the dark sky policy, unless given written consent by the GM to use the funds for other purposes.

7. EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

- v. Non-compliant public lighting within a designated Dark Sky Community shall be replaced or retrofitted within 5 years of the date of designation, or sooner where practicable.
- vi. Council recognises that existing luminaires and public lighting infrastructure may not meet the requirements for lighting under the 'International Dark Sky Community Program Guidelines (June 2018)'. In these cases, Council will work with communities seeking Dark Sky accreditation to prepare a lighting replacement plan to ensure public lighting conforms with Dark Sky Standards (as well as current Australian Standards).
- vii. These works are to be funded or co-funded by the relevant community interest group who puts forward the request / application for accreditation.
- viii. The Northern Midlands Council commits to ensuring Dark Sky appropriate lighting will be designed and located accordingly when renewing or upgrading Council owned lighting within an area which has sought (or has received) accreditation.

8. OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL AND/OR ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTING

To the extent to which this can be controlled through Legislation, Regulation or through Council's own projects, Outdoor Recreational and/or Athletic Field Lighting may be exempted from the strict shielding and short-wavelength emission requirements above provided all the following conditions are met:

- i. Lighting to conform to AS 2560.2:2021 Sports lighting, Part 2: Specific Applications, and AS/NZS 4282:2023 Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting.
- ii. Illuminance levels must be adjustable based on the task (e.g. active play vs. field maintenance).
- iii. A curfew requirement (e.g. lights must be extinguished by 10pm/2200h or one hour after the end of play, whichever is the later) is observed.
- iv. Timers to be installed to prevent lights being left on accidentally overnight by automatically extinguishing them.
- v. All sports lighting installations must utilise luminaires with zero uplight (U0).

9. ILLUMINATED SIGNS

Restrictions on the installation and operation of illuminated signs:

- i. Luminance of externally or internally illuminated signs shall not exceed 150 cd/m² at night.
- ii. All signs shall be extinguished no later than 10pm or the close of business, whichever is earlier.
- iii. The luminous/illuminated surface area of an individual sign shall not exceed 18.6 square metres

10. RESTRICTED LIGHTING

- i. Lighting with a correlated colour temperature above 3000K is prohibited within Dark Sky Communities.
- ii. To the extent to which this can be controlled through Legislation, Regulation, or through Council's own projects, the following lighting is to be restricted or prohibited within areas covered under this policy, unless a motion is passed through council allowing such
- iii. The use of searchlights, except when used by emergency personnel.
- iv. Lighting on advertisement signage is prohibited, except where this meets the above requirements.

11. REVIEW

The policy will be reviewed every four years or more frequently, if dictated by operational demands or legislative changes.

Accreditation of Ross as a Dark Sky Community

Brief to Northern Midlands Council
to support the accreditation of Ross through
the adoption of a dark sky compliant lighting policy

Ross Local District Committee

Date: Wednesday, 18 February 2026

Table of Contents

Executive Summary	3
Alignment with Council Strategies and Policies.....	4
Strategies	4
Policies.....	4
Other Councils.....	4
Economic Potential	5
Dark Sky and Astrotourism Statistics	5
Noctourism: A Growing Trend	5
Passage of Dark Sky Accreditation by Council.....	6
Letters of Support	7
Media Articles on the Proposal	15
Community Outreach	20
Community Events	21
Ross Night Sky Conditions	24
Geographical Setting and Low Light Pollution	24
Sky Clarity and Atmospheric Conditions	25
Astronomical Opportunities and Community Potential	26
Aurora Viewing Potential.....	26
Monitoring and Data Collection	28
Initial Observations	28
Outdoor Lighting	29
Street Lighting in Ross	29
Floodlighting	32
Dark Sky Lighting Policy	33
Summary	33
Appendix A: Dark Sky Lighting Policy.....	34

Executive Summary

The Ross LDC is applying to Dark Sky International to become a Dark Sky Community – a place where the night skies are truly dark and there is a dark sky compliant lighting policy to ensure the skies remain dark. There are forty-three Dark Sky Communities worldwide. Ross is applying to become only the second Dark Sky Community in Australia.

Recognition as a Dark Sky Community will give Ross a national and international reputation as a place to visit to view the night skies. Astro-tourism is already an international trend. This initiative will place Ross at the forefront of this trend and complement the town's existing attractions – the tree-lined streetscape, colonial architecture and history.

Dark skies are crucial for both human health and biodiversity. They support natural sleep patterns and a connection to nature for people, while also playing a vital role in the survival and thriving of countless nocturnal species, including insects and wildlife. Light pollution disrupts these natural rhythms, negatively impacting ecosystems and human well-being.

- Accreditation of Ross as a Dark Sky Community aligns with several Council strategies and policies
- The Dark Sky Community proposal is supported by the Ross community and many organisations and individuals
- The proposal has featured in several media articles
- The proponents have developed a 5-year plan to maximise the economic benefits of accreditation to Ross
- The proponents have raised the \$450 application fee, written the application to Dark Sky International and purchased a \$250 Sky Quality Meter for a data collection program

To achieve accreditation, a dark sky compliant lighting policy needs to be adopted by Council:

- The proponents have written a lighting policy that is dark sky compliant and meets AS1158
- To assist in implementation, the proponents have mapped the streetlights and publicly owned lighting in Ross and documented the changes required to lighting
- Upon accreditation, Ross will have 5 years to implement the lighting policy

Alignment with Council Strategies and Policies

Accreditation of Ross as a Dark Sky Community aligns with the objectives of the following Council strategies and policies:

Strategies

Economic Development Strategy 2024

- 1.5 Preserves the cultural heritage and characteristics of each town
- 1.6 Progressively implements the urban design / placemaking plans
- 1.10 Supports existing visitor-attraction events and the development of new events

Arts and Culture Strategy 2024

- 1.1 Ensures consideration and inclusion of cultural and creative activities in planning strategies
- 1.4 Invests in and supports existing art, culture and heritage-based visitor attraction events and the development of new events

Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2024

- 1.2 Invests in, manages and renews community infrastructure to ensure community health and wellbeing needs are met into the future

Policies

Festivals, Events and Promotions, 13 March 2000 (reviewed 20 January 2025):

- Increase the well-being of residents
- Attract economic benefits through growth in the number and length of stay of visitors
- Promote the establishment of industry related business activity and employment opportunities for residents

Heritage Incentive Scheme, 26 September 2001 (amended 17 February 2025)

- To provide an incentive to improve the streetscape views of properties that are in heritage precincts

Assistance to Community, Sporting and Non-Profit Organisations, 25 July 1994, (amended 13 December 2021):

- To establish a policy relating to the allocation of assistance to community organisations towards special or capital works for the improvement / benefit of Council owned assets

Other Councils

Compliant Dark Sky Lighting Policies have been adopted by Yankalilla in South Australia and Carnamah and Wongan-Ballidu in Western Australia.

Other councils in Tasmania are examining formal inclusion in the Dark Sky network.

Ross is well ahead of the game at the moment. Let's keep it that way!

Economic Potential

Dark Sky and Astrotourism Statistics

Western Australia

- 89% of interstate and intrastate visitors show moderate to high interest in stargazing and dark sky experiences.
- The 2023 total solar eclipse in Exmouth attracted over 15,000 visitors, with minimal environmental impact due to ecologically conscious tourists.
- Towns like Gascoyne Junction host regular stargazing events, drawing up to 30,000 annual visitors including hikers, grey nomads, and international tourists.
- First Nations-led tours have seen a 500% increase in bookings post-eclipse.^[1]

Tasmania

- Tourism Tasmania reports a surge in visitors drawn by the Aurora Australis, nocturnal wildlife tours, and dark-sky experiences.
- The Dark Mofo festival attracts around 50,000 visitors, prompting airlines like Qantas to add extra flights.
- Tasmania is positioning itself as a leader in noctourism, a trend focused on night-time travel experiences.^[2]

New South Wales

- Vivid Sydney, one of the world's largest light festivals, draws over 2.5 million visitors and generates \$180 million in economic activity annually.
- The Glow event at Sydney Zoo expects 100,000 visitors, contributing \$20 million to the local economy.^[2]

Noctourism: A Growing Trend

- A global survey of 27,000 travellers identified noctourism as a top travel trend for 2025.
- Night-time experiences such as stargazing, auroras, bioluminescence, and light shows are increasingly popular.
- Travellers seek immersive, awe-inspiring experiences that connect them with nature and culture after dark.^[2]

¹ [Dark sky tourism displays astronomical potential | Austrade](#)

² [Rise in after-dark travel drives tourism surge across Australia](#)

Passage of Dark Sky Accreditation by Council

The following motion was carried unanimously by the Ross Local District Committee at the meeting of 1 October 2024.

8.4 DarkSky Place International Certification

MOTION: Moved N. Davies Seconded: M Smith Carried Unanimously
That council supports Ross Township's application for DarkSky Certification as the 5th location in Australia due to Ross's unique position of a dark night sky and unrestricted horizons and request to formally ask TasNetworks to install a shade on the light pole of Church Street to block out light on the Southern and Western sides.

Ross District Committee

3 | Page

At the Council meeting of 21 October 2024, Northern Midlands Council unanimously passed a motion supporting the application by Ross Local District Committee to apply for accreditation as a Dark Sky Community.

7.4.2 Dark Sky Certification

MINUTE NO. 24/0346

DECISION

Cr Andrews/Deputy Mayor Lambert
That council supports Ross Township's bid to be a Dark Sky Community.

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

Mayor Knowles, Deputy Mayor Lambert, Cr Adams, Cr Andrews, Cr Goss, Cr McCullagh and Cr Terrett

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil

Officer Recommendation:

That council supports Ross Township's bid to be a Dark Sky Community.

Page 27



NORTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL

2024-10-21 Open Council - Ordinary Meeting - Minutes

Letters of Support

Letter of support from Mayor Mary Knowles.



09 October 2024

TasNetworks
Via email: Councils@tasnetworks.com.au

Dear TasNetworks Team,

Re: Request for Support – Dark Sky Community Certification for Ross Township

On behalf of the Northern Midlands Council and the Ross community, I am writing to formally request your support for Ross Township's application for Dark Sky certification as an International Dark Sky Community. This certification recognizes communities that have demonstrated a strong commitment to preserving the night sky through responsible outdoor lighting practices and dark sky education. Ross's unique position, with its dark night skies and unobstructed horizons, offers an exceptional opportunity to promote astro-tourism and encourage stargazing enthusiasts to visit our region. The International Dark Sky Places (IDSP) program certifies communities, parks, and protected areas around the world that preserve and protect dark sites through responsible lighting policies and public education.

A Dark Sky Community is a town, city, municipality, or other legally organized community that has shown exceptional dedication to the preservation of the night sky through the implementation and enforcement of a quality outdoor lighting ordinance, dark sky education, and citizen support of dark skies.

Dark Sky Communities excel in their efforts to promote responsible lighting and dark sky stewardship and set good examples for surrounding communities.

To support this initiative, we kindly request TasNetworks' assistance in mitigating light pollution in Ross by installing a shade or cap on light pole #347381 located on Church Street. Specifically, we ask that the cap restrict light spill on the south and west sides, thereby reducing unnecessary sideways light and preserving the integrity of Ross's night skies.

This modification would greatly aid our efforts to achieve Dark Sky certification and reinforce the community's commitment to preserving our beautiful night skies for future generations.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your positive response.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Knowles OAM
Mayor, Northern Midlands Council

PO Box 156
Longford Tas 7301
Telephone (03) 6397 7303
Facsimile (03) 6397 7331
www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au

Tasmania's Historic Heart

Letter of nomination from Dark Sky International member Landon Bannister.



Northern Midlands Council
13 Smith Street
Longford, Tasmania 7301
26/11/2024

Re: Request for Support – Dark Sky Community for Ross Township

Dark Sky Tasmania, a chapter of DarkSky International, is fully in support of the Ross Local District Committee and the Northern Midlands Councils push for a Dark Sky Community in the township of Ross.

Dark Sky Tasmania has been well aware of Ross as a destination for those seeking dark skies for a long time, both formally and informally. Ross is also well known as a hot spot for Aurora Australis chasers, as highlighted by the recent publication of the guide 'Ross by Night: Night Sky and Aurora Photography'.

Ross' location in the central east of Tasmania places it in a strong position to maintain its pristine skies, being substantial distance from any major city. The community and council has also demonstrated a history of proactive behaviour in dark sky preservation.

We wish Ross Local District Committee and the Northern Midlands Council the best in this exciting endeavour, and are more than willing to assist in any way that we can

Yours Sincerely,

Landon Bannister
President, Dark Sky Tasmania

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Landon Bannister".

president@darkskytas.org

Address|34 Federal St | Hobart| Tasmania|7000
Email| info@darkskytasmania.org Web|darkskytasmania.org

Letter of Support for Dark Sky Community Accreditation

Jessica Newton
Tasmanian Wool Centre
48 Church St
Ross TAS 7209

11 July 2025

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the application of Ross to become an accredited Dark Sky Community. I agree with the committee, that Astrotourism will bring economic and educational advantages. Ross stands poised to benefit from this, with local businesses, restaurants, and hospitality providers eager to welcome stargazers, amateur astronomers, and nature enthusiasts. Community events will not only draw visitors but also instil a sense of pride and ownership among residents.

As a not-for-profit Museum and retail space, the Tasmanian Wool Centre exists in order to maintain local buildings and items of historic significance and to tell the story of the wool industry in the midlands. Our clientele is heavily tourist based, and we welcome the potential visitors this accreditation will bring to the area.

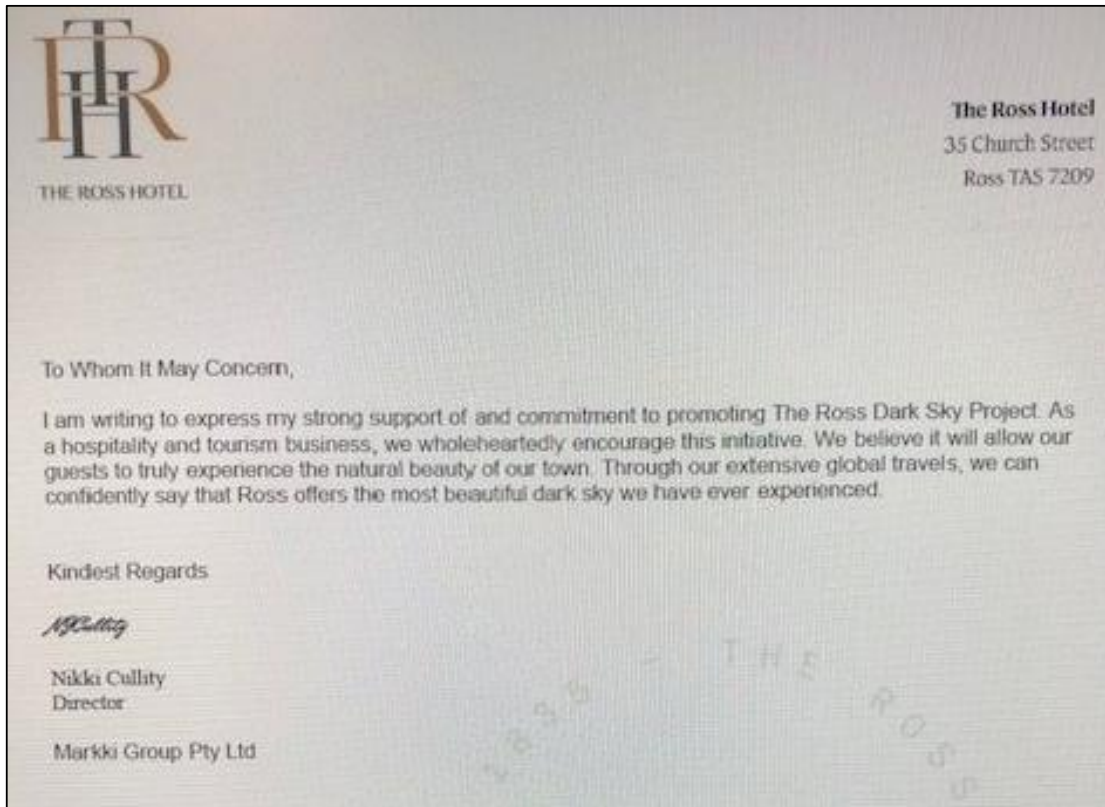
I am confident that with continued collaboration, innovation, and passion, our community will not only meet but exceed the standards set forth by the International Dark-Sky Association.

I look forward to celebrating our shared success under a sky full of stars.

With much appreciation,



Jessica Newton
Manager
Tasmanian Wool Centre, Ross



Riverview at Ross
2 High St
Ross TAS 7209

To the Northern Midlands Council

I have been the Manager of Riverview at Ross (motel) for the past three years and also the Ross Caravan Park since 2025.

During this time, I have seen the value that Dark Sky Tourism would bring to Ross and the surrounding Midlands area. Many of our guests are avid Aurora chasers and photographers and we are often asked about the Aurora, and the best location in Ross to see it.

We are currently collaborating with an astrophotographer to hold four weekend photography courses in Ross over the next year, the first one being in October 2025.

In the future we would like to organise nightly Aurora and Dark Sky tours so that any visitors staying in town would be able to have a dark skies experience during their stay. For this to be a possibility we need more attention given to the value of such an experience in Ross and increase visitors to the area year-round, which is where the Dark Sky Community application would be of great value if accepted.

We as a tourism operator are full and busy 3-5 months per year when Tasmania is in its thriving summer period and then it falls off heavily. Having the Dark Sky Community application approved would provide a great promotional boost for Ross and help to increase its year-round tourism bookings, supporting all businesses to thrive in the area, allowing for continued investment, job creation, opening up of new business opportunities.

Tourism is the largest income stream for Tasmania and as this is fully embraced by government the budget for tourism related advertising and promotion will continue to grow. The Midlands is an area with a small footprint within the tourism advertising budget, we do not have that "drawcard" to make it a must-see tourist destination, so many people planning their trips here often do not hear of Ross until they book it as a midway point between other destinations. My estimation is that 75% of my guests are wonderfully surprised and delighted when they arrive in town and provide feedback that they would like to stay longer.

My belief is that Dark Skies Tourism could be that drawcard for encouraging more advertising and promotion to be given to Ross and its surrounding towns, providing visitors with a reason to stay here as a destination rather than as a convenient stop to somewhere else.

Letter of support from Riverview at Ross Motel

From: Stephanie Morrison <whitecrofttas@gmail.com>
Date: 30 July 2025 at 2:33:33 pm AEST
To: Nigel Davies <nigelemrysdavies@icloud.com>
Subject: Re: Dark Sky info

Dear Nigel,

My name is Stephanie and I am the owner of White Croft Cottage in Ross Tasmania a self contained accommodation business and I am excited to support the prospect that our village could be part of the International Dark Sky Community . I have many guests who are interested in astronomy & many who come to see the auroras and the dark vast sky that can be seen here in Ross.

Best regards

Stephanie Morrison

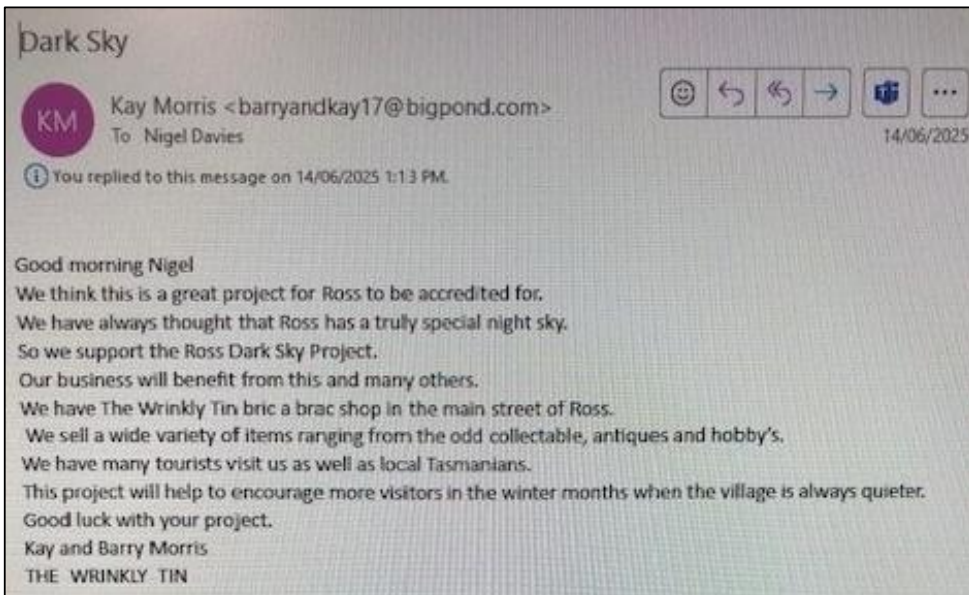


Stephanie


White Croft Cottage







e: whitecrofttas@gmail.com | w: www.whitecroftcottage.com

28 Bond Street, Ross, Tasmania, 7209, Australia




Ross Dark Sky Project

 Christine Robinson <sncrob1@gmail.com>
To: Nigel Davies

10:54 AM

 You forwarded this message on 25/06/2025 12:09 PM.

We have a business in Ross '1821 Crafts and Gifts'. 10 Church Street.

We are a collective stocking products hand-made in Tasmania both local and state wide.

My husband, Steve and myself manage the shop. We have lived in Ross for 12 years and fully support this project. Steve is a photographer and his work is for sale in the shop. Since our arrival in Ross he has been photographing the Aurora Australis and the night sky.

We believe making Ross a Dark Sky destination will be of enormous benefit to the village of Ross and the wider Tasmanian community.

Yours sincerely
Christine Robinson
1821 Crafts and Gifts Ross

From: Michael Smith
Sent: Wednesday, 9 July 2025 2:18 PM
To: Nigel Davies <nigel@nda.com.au>
Subject: Support for the Ross Dark Sky Project

Hello Nigel


It's Michael Smith here from Books On Bridge.

As you know we are a small local book shop operating in Ross and have become aware of your efforts to achieve accreditation as a Dark Sky Community for Ross.

We think this is an exciting project which will be of immense benefit to not only our wider community but particularly our local businesses who will directly benefit from the increased visitation that will be generated, especially through our quieter winter months.

We fully support the Ross Dark Sky project and considering that it will have no negative community impact that we can see, we would be pleased to offer whatever support we can to show our commitment towards the project and to ensure it comes to fruition.

All the best
Michael Smith

	Michael Smith	6-8 Bridge St.
	0478 29 60 53	ROSS
	booksonbridge@outlook.com	Tas. 7209

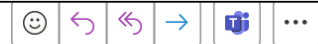
I'm a business owner of a tourist shop (Classwood) with wooden gifts made out of various woods. I have taken a lot of Aurora Australis photos in Ross and have made magnet, cards and postcards to sell in my shop. The tourists love them and knowing that the picture was taken just on the hill next to the shop.

I have heard about the Dark Sky [project](#) and I fully support it.

Candyce Hurren
Owner/Manager of Classwood.



Robert Dunn <australianextreme@gmail.com>
To: Nigel Davies



20/07/2025

Hi Nigel,

My name is Rob Dunn & I am a business owner in Ross.

My business is called Australian Extreme Chilli Condiments, My shop is at 34 Church Street Ross Tasmania.

I make & sell my hand made award winning chilli infused sauces, salts, bbq rubs & more.

I am in favour of the "Ross Dark Sky Project".

Kind regards,

Rob Dunn.

Australian Extreme Chilli Condiments.

Media Articles on the Proposal

The application for accreditation as a Dark Sky Community has generated significant interest in the local media:

Saturday December 21, 2024

RELAX 57

relax

READING
FOR YOUR
WEEKEND



A night sky and blood moon over Penguin with an inset of Ross District Committee chair Nigel Davies. Pictures by Rodney Braithwaite and Phillip Biggs

Tasmanian village goes dark

The town of Ross is on the path to promote 'astrotourism' through stargazing. AARON SMITH reports.

IN AN era of brighter skies from increased light pollution, one Tasmanian town is intent on remaining in the dark.

The village of Ross in the heart of the Midlands region is in the process of applying for place certification through DarkSky International. If successful in its bid, the locality will join more than 200 Dark Sky Places across 22 countries that are recognised for their stargazing potential.

Only five of these sites can be found in Australia, all of which are on the mainland. They include The Jump-Up in Winton, Queensland, Warrumbungle Dark Sky Park in New South Wales, and Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary in South Australia.

Ross District Committee chair Nigel Davies said the town suited this initiative due to its small size and remote location.

"We quite often have had people coming to the southern end of Ross to stargaze and

look at auroras," he said.

"So I thought it would be an interesting idea to seek certification from DarkSky and promote Ross as a location for astrotourism."

If the non-profit accepts the village's nomination, it will become the second Dark Sky Community in the country behind Carrickalinga in South Australia. But that coastal town's small population of 409 people looks large in comparison to Ross, which had just 291 residents as of the 2021 census.

"You've got no light apart from the passing cars on the highway," Mr Davies said.

"If you look to the south from Ross, you can see probably 20 kilometres. Outlands is invisible over the horizon."

To qualify for certification, the village needs to submit light pollution readings that will be judged against the Bortle scale.

Created in 2001 by amateur astronomer

John E. Bortle, this system classifies locations into one of nine groups, ranging from 'excellent dark sky site' to 'inner city sky', as the least visible. Initial readings appear positive for Ross, with the township considered a level two 'dark sky site', while part of Church Street meets the threshold for the illustrious level one ranking.

It's an impressive result for the village, as most localities of its size would be ranked level three for a 'rural sky' or level four as 'suburban/rural transition'.

"I'm in the process of borrowing a meter from The Wilderness Society that they're using in the south-west," Mr Davies said.

"We will have to submit readings from this meter as part of our application to prove that the area qualifies in its current state."

Dark Sky Communities must retrofit all publicly owned lighting within five years of registration while ensuring they don't lose their status through the mass installation of street lights or neon signs.

That would pose a challenge for any town, no matter their size. Mr Davies said this initiative aimed to prevent worsening light

pollution through the support of residents and local businesses.

"I think that the community will be interested in the concept and over time, it will bring more people to Ross," he said.

"The idea of astrotourism is a fairly new one, but there are places in New Zealand which have been registered for a number of years which attract quite a lot of people."

As a Dark Sky Community, Ross would be obliged to host two promotional events a year to explain visible constellations and other aspects of the nighttime sky.

Five sites across the village have been identified as strong stargazing locations due to their wide horizons and absence of light. The best of them is found on Church Street to the town's south, but its potential is limited by a nearby street light. Having received letters of support from both the council and Tasmanian Dark Sky Association president Landon Bannister, Mr Davies will now approach Ross businesses for their approval.

"It's not a straightforward or quick process, you have to show that you have community support," he said.

Launceston Examiner article, 21 December, 2024

Tasmanian village goes dark to promote 'astrotourism' through stargazing



By [Aaron Smith](#)

In an era of brighter skies from increased light pollution, one Tasmanian town is intent on remaining in the dark.

The village of Ross in the heart of [the Midlands region](#) is in the process of applying for place certification through [DarkSky International](#).

If successful in its bid, the locality will join more than 200 Dark Sky Places across 22 countries that are recognised for their stargazing potential.

Only five of these sites can be found in Australia, all of which are on the mainland. They include The Jump-Up in Winton, Queensland, Warumbungie Dark Sky Park in New South Wales, and Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary in South Australia.

Ross District Committee chair Nigel Davies said the town suited this initiative due to its small size and remote location.

"We quite often have had people coming to the southern end of Ross to [stargaze and look at auroras](#)," he told [The Examiner](#).

"So I thought it would be an interesting idea to seek certification from [DarkSky](#) and promote Ross as a location for astrotourism."



Church Street in Ross. Picture by [Phillip Biggs](#)

If the non-profit accepts the village's nomination, it will become the second Dark Sky Community in the country behind [Carrickalinga](#) in South Australia.

But that coastal town's small population of 409 people looks large in comparison to Ross, which had just 291 residents as of the 2021 census.

"You've got no light apart from the passing cars on the highway," Mr Davies said.

"If you look to the south from Ross, you can see probably 20 kilometres. Oatlands is invisible over the horizon."

To qualify for certification, [the village](#) needs to submit light pollution readings that will be judged against the Bortle scale.

Created in 2001 by amateur astronomer John E. Bortle, this system classifies locations into one of nine groups, ranging from 'excellent dark sky site' to 'inner city sky', as the least visible.

Initial readings appear positive for Ross, with the township considered a level two 'dark sky site', while part of Church Street meets the threshold for the illustrious level one ranking.

It's an impressive result for the village, as most localities of its size would be ranked level three for a 'rural sky' or level four as 'suburban/rural transition'.



The Bortle scale showcased at Cerro Paranal in Chile. Picture by the [European Southern Observatory](#)

"We will have to submit readings from this meter as part of our application to prove that the area qualifies in its current state."

Dark Sky Communities must retrofit all publicly owned lighting within five years of registration while ensuring they don't lose their status through the mass installation of [street lights](#) or neon signs.

That would pose a challenge for any town, no matter their size. Mr Davies said this initiative aimed to prevent worsening light pollution through the support of residents and local businesses.



Ross District Committee chair Nigel Davies. Picture by [Phillip Biggs](#)

"I think that the community will be interested in the concept and over time, [it will bring more people to Ross](#)," he said.

"The idea of astrotourism is a fairly new one, but there are places in New Zealand which have been registered for a number of years which attract quite a lot of people."

As a Dark Sky Community, Ross would be obligated to host two promotional events a year to explain visible constellations and other aspects of the nighttime sky.

Five sites across the village have been identified as strong stargazing locations due to their wide horizons and absence of light. The best of them is found on [Church Street](#) to the town's south, but its potential is limited by a nearby [street light](#).



The Church Street and Roseneath Road intersection in Ross. Picture by [Phillip Biggs](#)

The Ross District Committee put a recommendation to [the Northern Midlands Council](#) back in October to install a shade on the light which would block out its southern and western sides.

The local government unanimously approved this request, with councillor Alison Andrews AM calling it "a really exciting project".

"There's huge support in the community and they're already busy getting it all happening," she said at the time.

Mayor Mary Knowles has since written to TasNetworks in support of the initiative, with the state-owned company set to conduct a review of the light.

Having received letters of support from both [the council](#) and Tasmanian Dark Sky Association president Landon Bannister, Mr Davies will now approach Ross businesses for their approval.

"It's not a straightforward or quick process, you have to show that you have community support," he said.

"There's an initial enquiry/application to determine if the [area](#) is suitable. Once that's prepared and we get an affirmative response from [DarkSky International](#), we then pay our application fee and lodge the full application.

"I understand it's a process that takes 12 to 24 months to complete."



DISCOVER ROSS:

Heritage by Day, Stars by Night and Magic All Year Round

ROSS REACHES FOR THE STARS: HISTORIC TASMANIAN VILLAGE BIDS FOR DARK SKY STATUS

The tiny Northern Midlands village of Ross, known for its convict – built bridge and charming colonial streetscapes, is now looking to the heavens – quite literally. The township of Ross has officially lodged an application to be a Dark Sky Community, one of only a handful of locations worldwide recognised for their pristine skies. If successful it will be the second Dark Sky Community in Australia, adding new dimension to Tasmania's appeal as a travel destination.

The Northern Midlands long celebrated for fine wine and locally produced food, unspoiled wilderness, and rich heritage. Now the Northern Midlands is shining – or rather dimming – in a new way. The region's naturally dark skies, untainted by the artificial glow of city lights, is fast becoming one of its most valuable assets. "Visitors from the mainland often can't believe what they're seeing," says Nigel Davies, Chair of the Ross Local District Committee. "People from Melbourne or Sydney have never seen the Milky Way like this – sweeping across the sky, bright and breathtaking. For many, it's their first glimpse of an aurora with the naked eye."



The global rise of 'noctourism' – travel focused on night-time experiences such as stargazing, meteor showers, and night wildlife tours is fuelling this movement. Even the BBC has listed 'noctourism' as one of the seven travel trends shaping 2025 and the potential impact on travel destinations worldwide. Davies says Ross has already complete the first stage of the accreditation process and is currently developing a formal lighting policy as required by Dark Sky International, the body responsible for certifying dark sky locations. "There's strong support from our residents and from Northern Midlands Council," he said. "We've even formed a Ross Astronomical Society to host stargazing and astrophotography nights. It's a grassroots effort that's growing quickly." As Tasmania positions itself as a beacon for nocturnal tourism, Ross is leading the way – not with floodlights or fireworks, but with the simple, ancient wonder of a sky full of stars.

ABOVE: Ross Bridge. BELOW: Uniting Church at Ross. Photos courtesy of Scott Wilmot Bennett.

Northern Courier article, June, 2025

Dark Sky project

Would you be interested in investigating a Dark Sky designation for your town or community? We often publish photographs from locals of the aurora, moonrises, and the like. We know people love looking at, and photographing, the night sky. If you're interested, read on...and then ask the Southern Midlands Council for their support.

The Bortle Scale measures the darkness of the night skies. Ross enjoys a reading of 2

The human brain is a 'difference engine'. It does not waste processing power on things that do not change from moment to moment. Rather, it focuses attention on sudden changes – a burn from a hot pan, or a sudden movement on the edge of vision.

In the same way, we become used to features in our surroundings that don't change, and we take them for granted. Take the night skies outside your door in the Southern Midlands. Have you ever considered how truly dark they are and how magnificent the Milky Way is, stretching in a great arc across the heavens?

This is something the residents of mainland Australia can't see beneath the light domes of the big cities. And when they visit us in rural Tasmania and step outside the door at night, it creates a 'wow' moment – because it is something different, more impressive and thought-provoking than their night sky experiences back home.

The loss of dark night skies for most of the population of the developed world is creating a new appreciation of dark sky phenomena, such as auroras, comets, the Milky Way and the planets. The BBC in the United Kingdom referred to this phenomenon as astro-tourism and identified it as one of five hot new tourism trends in 2025.

Here in the Southern Midlands, Oatlands recently hosted Dark Sky Moments, an exhibition of aurora photographs by Geoff Curry at the Air Space Gallery.

And just over the border in the Northern Midlands, the village of Ross is applying to Dark Sky International for accreditation as a Dark Sky Community.

Dark Sky International was founded in 1988 to combat light pollution and protect natural darkness. There is currently only one other Dark Sky Community in Australia and, if successful, Ross will become the second.

To achieve this status, Ross has to demonstrate that its night skies are truly dark by recording readings with a Sky Quality Meter and, in conjunction with the Northern Midlands Council, develop a lighting policy that ensures the night skies in Ross and other small Northern Midlands towns remain dark in the future.

The recently formed Ross Astronomical Society hopes to support this initiative by organising night sky viewing opportunities and educational events on astro-photography.

Success in these initiatives will complement the existing attractions of Ross – the tree lined streets, historic buildings and the Ross Bridge – especially in the quieter winter months when the skies are at their darkest.

Dark Sky International also accredits larger areas for their dark skies. The Wilderness Society, with the support of the Tasmanian Government, is applying to accredit South-West Tasmania as a Dark Sky Sanctuary, and the Wellington Park Management Trust in Hobart is applying to accredit Wellington Park as a Dark Sky Reserve.

With all this activity, can Tasmania develop a reputation as the Dark Sky State?

Nigel Davies
Chair, Ross Local District Committee

16 | Southern Midlands Regional News

Southern Midlands Regional News, 28 July 2025



Facebook post from Dark Sky Tasmania, 22 April, 2025

Community Outreach

We publish regular updates on the Ross Neighbourhood News Facebook page to keep the community informed about the application and the benefits of accreditation.

Nigel Davies
★ Rising contributor · 3m · 🌐

Ross Dark Sky Community – update

The application to accredit Ross as only the second Dark Sky Community in Australia is progressing well:

- We aim to raise the national and international profile of Ross as a destination. Support from businesses and accommodation in Ross is welcome, as it demonstrates community interest and backing for the application. Sincere thanks to The Wrinkly Tin, The Ross Hotel, 1821 Crafts and Gifts and The Tasmanian Wool Centre for their enthusiastic letters and emails supporting the project. We welcome any additional contributions.
- The Ross Astronomical Society has been formed to promote the enjoyment of the night sky and hold events on star gazing and astro-photography
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1510877936962507>
- We have purchased a Sky Quality Meter to confirm the darkness of our night skies.
- TasNetworks has shielded the streetlight at the southern end of Church Street to improve night sky viewing conditions from this location.

PUBLIC GROUP • 7 MEMBERS
The Ross Astronomical Society

Ross Neighbourhood News Facebook page post: 14 July 2025

Community Events

We plan an ongoing program of public events to engage both residents of Ross and visitors in the concept and aims of DarkSky. We have three strategies to achieve this program:

Strategy 1: Establish the Ross Astronomical Society

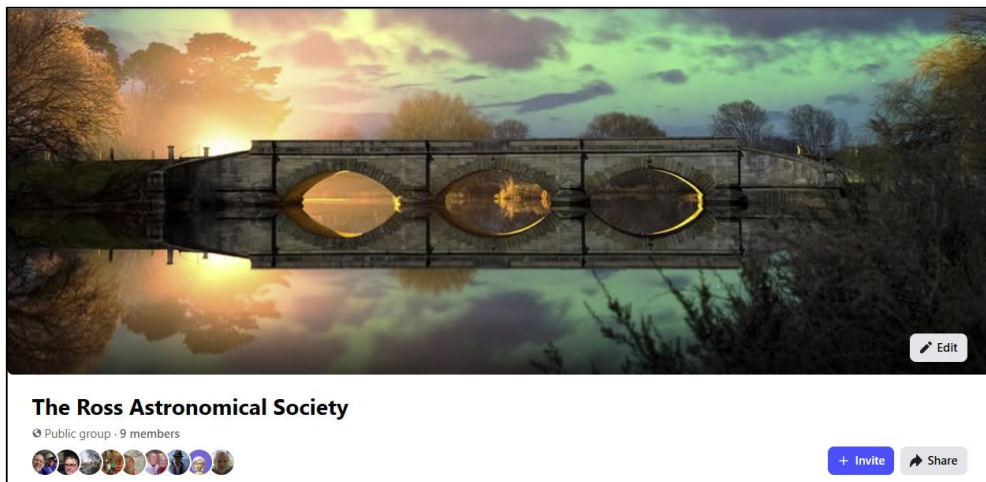
Our first action was to establish the Ross Astronomical Society. The initial membership comprised three members of the Ross Local District Committee and a fourth non-member. All own telescopes and have varying levels of expertise in astronomy and astrophotography. One member, Scott Bennett, is the author of the publication *Ross by Night*.

The first event organised by the Society was a visit to an exhibition of aurora photographs at the Air Space Gallery in nearby Oatlands:



Scott Bennett, Rod Haigh, Nigel Davies and Marcus Rodrigues, founders of the Ross Astronomical Society at the Air Space Gallery in Oatlands 7 June 2025

Once established, the group set up a public Facebook page and invited interest from the local Ross community. Five new members joined in the first week:



The Ross Astronomical Society Facebook page, one week after set-up: 15 July 2025

Strategy 2: Engage with Local Business and Accommodation Providers

It is our intention that the Ross Astronomical Society play a central role in promoting the Dark Sky Community by organising events, posting on Facebook and interacting with local accommodation providers. On securing accreditation, each local business will be provided with hand-outs promoting Ross as a Dark Sky Community for distribution to visitors (see Appendix C: Resources for Residents).

Local businesses sell Scott Bennett's publication *Ross by Night*, and postcards of aurora taken by other astro-photographers in the town. The owners of the Ross Riverview Motel have approached the Society to provide speakers for residential photography courses they are planning.

Strategy 3: Engage with Local Event Organisers

Ross has become the home of several annual events. These include *The Ross Marathon*, *Picnic at Ross*, a vintage car event, *TasFaire*, a fantasy-themed medieval festival, *The Tasmanian Chilli and Cheese Fest* and *Heartlands Autumn Harvest Festival*.



The Ross Marathon is held in September



The classic car festival Picnic at Ross in May



TasFaire is a medieval-themed event in April

By co-promoting evening dark sky activities with these events, we hope to encourage day visitors to stay overnight and attend evening events.

Plan to Meet DarkSky Requirements: Community Outreach

The following actions are planned to ensure community outreach meets Dark Sky requirements:

Action	Deadline	Comment
Attend Dark Sky Symposium, Melbourne	19-21 March 2025	Completed
Develop contacts made at Symposium	April 2025	Completed - Wilderness Society, Wellington Park Management Trust, Aurora Australis Tasmania, Tasmanian Green MP
Promote Dark Sky Community accreditation in local media	Ongoing	Four articles published to date
Write Dark Sky 'explainer' for local groups	May 2025	Completed
Visit businesses and accommodation providers with explainer, inform them about Dark Sky and seek their support	June 2025	Completed
Form Ross Astronomical Society and create Facebook page	June 2025	Completed
Publish regular Dark Sky updates on Ross Facebook page	July 2025	Ongoing
Write Dark Sky promotional material for distribution to local outlets after accreditation	December 2025	First draft completed
Organise Dark Sky events with Ross Pub and Motel	2026	Preliminary contacts made with accommodation owners
Identify organisers of compatible annual events and discuss Dark Sky supportive events	2026	
Discuss concept of Tasmania – the Dark Sky State with state government	2026	

Ross Night Sky Conditions

The village of Ross is becoming increasingly recognized for the quality of its night sky, making it a potentially valuable location for astronomical observation and astrotourism.

Geographical Setting and Low Light Pollution

Ross's location in the heart of Tasmania's Midlands places it far from the light pollution typically found in larger urban centres:

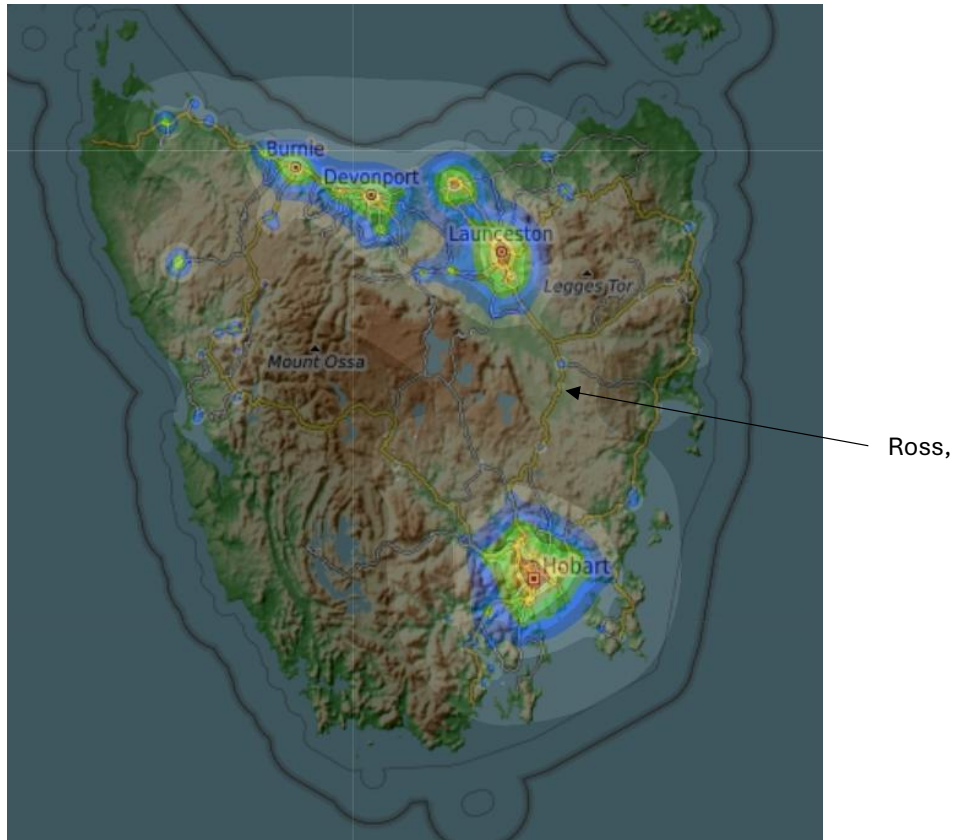
- With a population of 400 people and no industrial or commercial development, the village generates minimal artificial lighting
- There is no illuminated signage
- There are no floodlit sports facilities
- The dense canopy of 100-year-old trees forms a canopy along all the main streets and greatly reduces any upward reflection of artificial light at night
- The surrounding countryside — largely composed of grazing land and scattered farmsteads — contributes almost no light interference. This low level of skyglow is one of the most important features that make Ross ideal for night-sky viewing



The major thoroughfares of Ross are lined with dense arcades of old growth Elm, Oak and Ash, reducing upwards reflection of artificial light

Tasmania itself is recognized for its dark skies, but many parts of the state are forested or mountainous. Ross, on the other hand, lies on the open plains, offering wide horizons and unobstructed views of the sky. This flat terrain provides ideal conditions for observing celestial events

such as meteor showers, planetary conjunctions, and the Milky Way, particularly during the winter months when the skies are often crisp and clear.



Ross is located approximately midway between the light domes of Launceston, to the north, and Hobart, to the south. It is 12 km south of Campbell Town and 31 km north of Oatlands.

Sky Clarity and Atmospheric Conditions

The Midlands climate is typically dry and cool, especially in winter and spring — two seasons that often provide the best viewing conditions for astronomers. The region experiences frequent clear nights, with less cloud cover than Tasmania’s western and southern coasts, which are more influenced by maritime weather systems. The cool, dry air also reduces atmospheric turbulence, a factor known as “seeing” in astronomical terms, which can distort the clarity of celestial objects when viewed through telescopes.

While some areas of Tasmania experience higher rainfall and humidity, the Ross area is in a rain shadow, making it drier and more stable for nighttime observations. Average annual rainfall between 2020 – 2024 was 546.3mm. The winter observing months of May, June and July are the driest, with average monthly falls of 32mm, 37mm and 37mm respectively. Air quality is also generally excellent due to the low population density and absence of major industry, further enhancing sky visibility.

Tasmania itself is feted as having the cleanest air on the planet, as measured by the Bureau of Meteorology station at Cape Grim at the northwest tip of the state. This region’s air is so pristine it is used as a baseline for global atmospheric studies.

Astronomical Opportunities and Community Potential

Although Ross does not currently host a formal astronomical observatory, it has recently formed a Ross Astronomical Society. Two members of the Society have established reputations: Marcus Rodrigues has an international reputation as an astro-photographer and recently visited CERN by invitation, and Scott Bennett is the author of the publication *Ross by Night*. The location and sky quality of Ross present an excellent opportunity for amateur astronomers, astro-photographers, and dark-sky tourism operators.

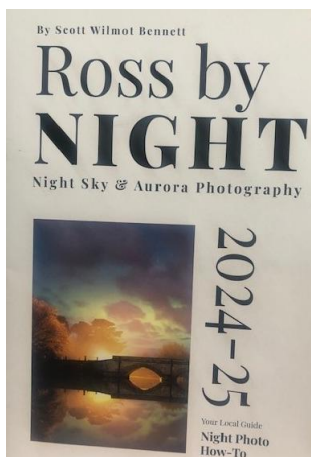
The clear visibility of major southern hemisphere constellations, such as Crux (the Southern Cross), Centaurus, and Carina, combined with the possibility of seeing the Magellanic Clouds and Aurora Australis (Southern Lights) during periods of heightened solar activity, makes the area especially attractive to southern sky enthusiasts.

The Ross Riverview Motel is considering “dark sky packages” that combine stargazing and astro-photography courses with heritage tourism. This dual appeal — history by day, stars by night — could give Ross a unique niche in Tasmania’s growing astrotourism scene.

Aurora Viewing Potential

Ross is located at a latitude 42°S where the Aurora Australis can be observed, especially during periods of strong geomagnetic activity. The town’s low light pollution and unobstructed southern views provide excellent conditions for aurora viewing when the solar wind and space weather conditions are favourable.

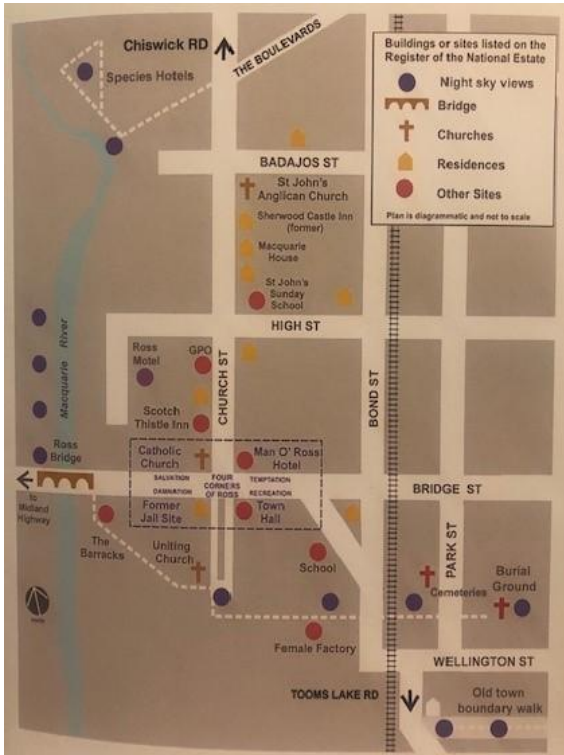
The aurora viewing potential of Ross is well demonstrated by Scott Bennett’s publication *Ross by Night*, with its aurora photographs, map of the best night sky viewing locations and ‘how to’ section on aurora photography. The ability to witness the aurora from a historically rich and easily accessible village is an added draw for both local and international visitors.



Ross by Night



Aurora and the Ross Uniting Church



Aurora viewing locations in Ross



Aurora viewed from Church St, Ross

Photographs from Scott Bennett's publication *Ross by Night*

Monitoring and Data Collection

Initial Observations

We began monitoring the darkness of the Ross night sky prior to lodging the initial pre-application. Although viewing conditions in Ross seemed to be excellent and the guesstimate was somewhere between 1 and 2 on the Bortle scale we wanted a more quantitative assessment.

The Wilderness Society, currently applying to accredit South-West Tasmania as a Dark Sky Sanctuary, loaned us a Sky Quality Meter that was donated by Paddy Pallin. This enabled us to take the following readings shown in the table below. The readings were all taken at the location of the (now shielded) streetlight at the southern end of Church Street. The darkest readings were better than the 21.2 mpsas required for dark sky accreditation. The readings were recorded in the Globe at Night website.

Some of these readings were taken with a moon in the sky, as we were not aware at the time of the preference for readings to be taken on moonless nights.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	SQM Observations						
2							
3	Location:	Ross, Tasmania, Australia					
4	Latitude:	-42.032335					
5	Longitude:	147.492235					
6							
7	Observations:						
8		Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3	Reading 4	Reading 5	Average
9		19.87	19.49	19.79	19.9	20	19.81
10	Date:	24/12/2024					
11	Time:	10:30pm					
12	% cloud cover:	25%					
13	Temperature:	22C					
14							
15		Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3	Reading 4	Reading 5	Average
16		21.36	21.38	21.36	21.37	21.39	21.37
17	Date:	29/12/2024					
18	Time:	11.36pm					
19	% cloud cover:	10%					
20	Temperature:	23C					
21							
22		Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3	Reading 4	Reading 5	Average
23		20.8	20.8	20.81	20.84	20.87	20.82
24	Date:	2/01/2025					
25	Time:	4:30am					
26	% cloud cover:	0%					
27	Temperature:	18C					
28	Notes:	Visible aurora					
29							
30		Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3	Reading 4	Reading 5	Average
31		21.09	21.07	21.06	21.04	21.03	21.06
32	Date:	5/01/2025					
33	Time:	3:30am					
34	% cloud cover:	20%					
35	Temperature:	25C					
36							

SQM observations at Ross between 24/12/2024 and 5/1/2025

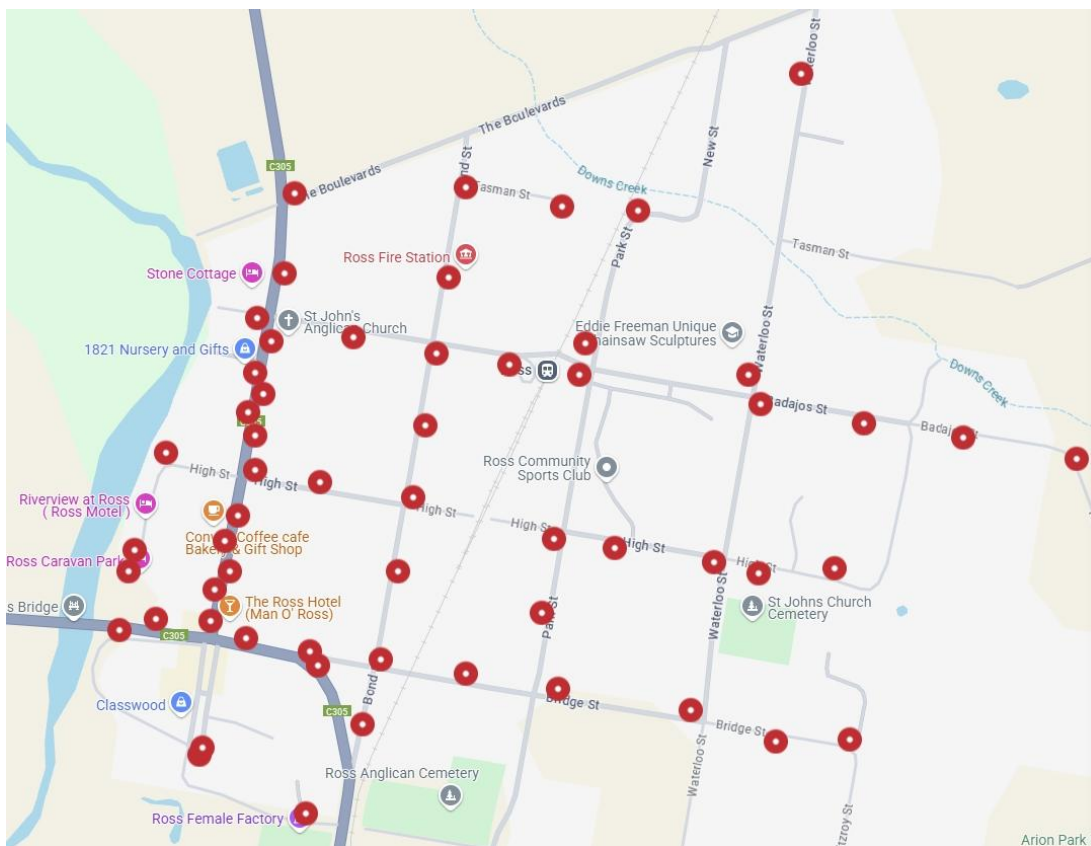
Outdoor Lighting

There are three categories of lighting in Ross that are relevant to dark sky conditions: street lighting, external porch and façade lighting on public buildings, and floodlighting of historic monuments. There is no illuminated signage or sports ground floodlighting.

The status of each of these categories of lighting is described below.

Street Lighting in Ross

There are 53 streetlights within the boundaries of Ross and an additional two streetlights just outside the boundaries. All lights are maintained by the Tasmanian electrical utility TasNetworks under the direction, and at the cost of, the Northern Midlands Council.



List of the 53 streetlights in Ross as supplied by TasNetworks:

ID	Type	Description	Watts	Pole #
203807	LED_18_1	LED 18 TasNetworks BAU	21.9	347263
75587	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347255
75606	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347351
75607	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347387
75623	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347307
212298	LED_75	LED 75 Aldridge VLED MKII	74	347381
75670	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347330

75671	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347328
75672	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347281
75674	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347357
75737	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347345
75739	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347250
75740	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	383964
75756	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347312
54413	HPS_70_E	High Pressure Sodium (elliptical) 70	86	347388
205840	LED_14_3	LED 14 Aldridge PLED II	17.7	347391
205892	LED_14_3	LED 14 Aldridge PLED II	17.7	347342
207480	LED_17_1	LED 17W Berlin decorative bottom entry	19.1	325294
207487	LED_17_1	LED 17W Berlin decorative bottom entry	19.1	347386
75600	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347405
75616	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347288
62457	HPS_70_E	High Pressure Sodium (elliptical) 70	86	347380
62466	HPS_70_E	High Pressure Sodium (elliptical) 70	86	347377
75668	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347354
75677	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347338
75684	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347297
89011	LED_14_3	LED 14 Aldridge PLED II	17.7	347348
205219	LED_14_3	LED 14 Aldridge PLED II	17.7	347277
205886	LED_14_3	LED 14 Aldridge PLED II	17.7	347382
205887	LED_14_3	LED 14 Aldridge PLED II	17.7	347385
75598	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347369
75615	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347415
62459	HPS_70_E	High Pressure Sodium (elliptical) 70	86	347384
62461	HPS_70_E	High Pressure Sodium (elliptical) 70	86	347390
75664	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347259
75697	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347402
75747	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347266
83836	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347376
212992	LED_14_3	LED 14 Aldridge PLED II	17.7	347316
75601	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347427
75617	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347359
75619	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347373
210085	LED_14_3	LED 14 Aldridge PLED II	17.7	228258
62456	HPS_70_E	High Pressure Sodium (elliptical) 70	86	347379
75669	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347302
75678	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347335
75683	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347367
75703	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	350388
75710	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347305
75719	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347272
75733	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347299

75751	LED_14_1	14W LED	17	347423
87501	LED_17_1	LED 17W Berlin decorative bottom entry	19.1	347383

Summary Table of Streetlighting

The following table shows the number of each luminaire, together with the wattage and approximate temperature of emitted light. The light temperature was measured using the Kev WB app on an iPhone. There are six types of luminaires in use.

Description	Watts	Number	Kelvin
14W LED	17	34	4500
High Pressure Sodium (elliptical) 70	86	6	2700
LED 14 Aldridge PLED II	17.7	8	4500
LED 17W Berlin decorative bottom entry	19.1	3	4500
LED 18 TasNetworks BAU	21.9	1	4500
LED 75 Aldridge VLED MKII	74	1	4500

The High Pressure Sodium lights meet DarkSky requirements with a temperature of 2700K. Fortunately, lights of this type constitute most of the lights in the main Church Street thoroughfare, where street lighting is most dense. Unfortunately, these atmospheric 'yellow' lights are being phased out by TasNetworks as they fail in favour of brighter 'white' LEDs, due to the higher wattage requirements. This is a serious threat to the heritage night-time streetscape in Ross and needs to be addressed.

In a recent survey, 99 respondents – 99% of total respondents – supported retention of the yellow sodium streetlights in Church Street.

Plan to Meet DarkSky Requirements: Public Buildings and Businesses

The following actions are planned to ensure lighting on public buildings and businesses conform with the Lighting Management Policy:

Action	Deadline	Comment
Identify suitable compliant luminaires and cost with Sylvania Schreder	July 2025	Completed – waiting for response
Discuss replacement of two porch lights with owners of The Ross Hotel	July 2025	Completed – waiting for implementation
Write proposal to Council for replacement luminaire program on public buildings	2026	
Write proposal to Australia Post for replacement luminaires on Post Office	2026	
Obtain Council agreement to replacement luminaire program	2027	
Obtain Australia Post agreement to replacement luminaire program	2027	
Implement replacement luminaire programs	2028-2030	

Floodlighting

Two historic monuments are floodlit at night. These are the Cenotaph (three floodlights) and the Ross Bridge (one floodlight).

Location	Kelvin	Comments
Cenotaph	3577	Three floods, timer operation, extinguished at midnight
Ross Bridge		One flood, no timer



Flood lighting at the Cenotaph



Flood lighting at the Ross Bridge



Cenotaph flood lights



Ross Bridge flood light

Plan to Meet DarkSky Requirements: Floodlighting

The following actions are planned to ensure floodlighting conforms with the Lighting Management Policy:

Action	Deadline	Comment
Determine cost of installing timer on the Ross Bridge floodlight	2026	
Write proposal to Council for installation of timer on the Ross Bridge floodlight	2026	
Obtain Council agreement for installation of timer on the Ross Bridge floodlight	2027	
Install timer on the Ross Bridge Floodlight	2028	

Dark Sky Lighting Policy

The proposed Dark Sky Lighting Policy is shown in Appendix A.

Summary

The community of Ross is enthusiastic about our future contribution to reducing light pollution, improving human and environmental health, minimising energy use and celebrating our night skies. As a Dark Sky Community, we will commit to achieving our goals and those of Dark Sky International. We will commit to support Dark Sky International campaigns and projects. We will commit to assist emerging Dark Sky communities in their journeys. We commit to share annual updates with Dark Sky International (see Appendix D: Annual Report Pro Forma).

Appendix A: Dark Sky Lighting Policy

Strategic Reference	Provide leadership, good governance, and efficient, effective and responsive Council services
File Reference / Record No	
Responsibility	
Version Number	1.0
Effective Date	Feb 2026
Last Revised Date	
Minute Book Reference	
Next Review Date	
Applicable Legislation	Local Government Act 1999 Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 Australian Standards Electricity Act 1996
Related Policies	Nil

1. **Objective**

- a. The Northern Midlands Council recognises the uniqueness and opportunities available to communities within the Local Government Authority (LGA) to seek recognition from the International Dark-Sky Association as an International Dark Sky Community. This is the case given the limited existing lighting infrastructure within the semi-rural environment and the shelter provided from suburban light spill by the hills & distance throughout the district.
- b. The International Dark-Sky Association encourages outdoor lighting practices that will minimise light pollution, glare, light trespass, and sky glow to preserve the natural dark of the night sky, prevent lighting nuisances on properties and reduce artificial light effects on wildlife. While maintaining the rural atmosphere and village character of the applicable communities.
- c. Council under this Dark Sky Lighting Policy aims to achieve the following for the nominated Dark Sky Communities:
 - i. Ensure that Council, other Government bodies and private landholders within an area designated or seeking accreditation as an International Dark Sky Community, understand how they can assist attaining, preserving, and promoting the International Dark Sky Community concept.

- ii. Ensure all new public lighting within an area designated or seeking accreditation as an International Dark Sky Community, meets the standards and requirements expected by the International Dark Sky Association.
- iii. Retrofit existing outdoor public lighting within an area designated or seeking accreditation as an International Dark Sky Community, to meet the standards and requirements expected by the International Dark-Sky Association.
- d. This policy forms the enforceable lighting management framework required under the Dark Sky International 'Dark Sky Community' Program and is intended to satisfy all mandatory lighting criteria for accreditation and ongoing compliance.

2. **Scope**

- a. This policy shall only apply to nominated dark sky communities as decided in a council meeting, while actively seeking or where accreditation has been gained from the International DarkSky Association as an International Dark Sky Community.
- b. Communities can be added or removed from being included in the Dark Sky policy through council passing a resolution to add or remove a proposed town.
- c. This policy shall apply to all public lighting and all private outdoor lighting within the legal boundary of any designated Dark Sky Community.

3. **Definition**

- a. For the purpose of this policy, certain words, phrases and terms used herein shall have the meanings assigned to them by this section:
 - *“Correlated Colour Temperature (CCT)”*: A specification of the colour appearance of the light emitted by a lamp, relating its colour to the colour of light from a reference source when heated to a particular temperature, measured in degrees kelvin (K).
 - *“Direct Illumination”*: Illumination resulting from light emitted directly from a lamp, luminary or reflector. This does not include light reflected from other surfaces, such as the ground or building faces.
 - *“International Dark Sky Community”*: An International Dark Sky Community (IDSC) is a town, city, municipality or other similar political entity that has shown exceptional dedication to the preservation of the night sky through the implementation and enforcement of quality lighting policies, dark-sky education, and citizen support of the ideal dark skies.
 - *“Floodlight”*: A fixture or lamp designed to “flood” an area with light. A specific form of lamp or fixture designed to direct its output in a specific direction. Such lamps are often designated by the manufacturer and are commonly used in residential outdoor lighting. These lights must not emit light above the 45-degree plane, must not exceed 1,000 lumens and must be fitted with timers.
 - *“Fully Shielded”*: An outdoor light fixture designed so that the installed fixture emits 0.0% uplight (U0) above the horizontal plane of the lowest part of the fixture. These light fixtures must be shielded in and of themselves. Surrounding structures, like canopies, are not to be considered when determining if the fixture is fully cut off. Fully Shielded fixtures must be

appropriately mounted so that the shielding prevents light from escaping above the horizontal and all light is directed downward.

- *“Light Pollution”*: Any adverse effect of non-natural light sources. Often used to denote “sky glow” from cities or towns, but also includes glare, light trespass, visual clutter and other adverse effects of lighting.
- *“Light Source”*: The part of a lighting fixture that produces light, e.g. the bulb.
- *“Light Trespass”*: Light falling where it is not wanted or needed. Spill light falling over property lines that illuminate adjacent grounds or buildings in an objectionable manner.
- *“Luminaire”*: A complete electric light unit.
- *“Outdoor Light Fitting”*: An outdoor electrically powered illuminating lamp or similar device used for lighting structures, parking lots, pathways, service canopies, recreational areas, signs or other similar outdoor lighting uses.
- *“Recreational Lighting”*: Lighting used to illuminate sports fields, ball courts, playgrounds or similar outdoor recreational facilities.
- *“Spotlight”*: A fixture or lamp designed to light a small area very brightly. See definition of Floodlight.
- *“Unshielded Fixture”*: A fixture that allows light to be emitted above the horizontal either directly from the lamp or indirectly from the fixture or reflector. Any fixture not fully cut off.
- *“Curfew”*: A defined time period during which certain categories of outdoor lighting must be extinguished or reduced in output to comply with Dark Sky requirements.
- *“Maximum Light Output (Lumen Limit)”*: The maximum permitted initial lumen output from an outdoor luminaire as installed.

4. Policy Statement

- a. The Northern Midlands Council recognises the uniqueness and opportunities available to communities within the LGA to seek recognition in the form of accreditation as an International Dark Sky Community. Given the opportunities for various communities to seek this recognition and the complex tenure arrangements (possibility of many hundreds of privately owned parcels of land) within these areas, lighting management shall be delivered through two streams:
 - i. Public Lighting Infrastructure: being lighting infrastructure owned/managed by Council, government bodies and/or other service authorities for the purpose of lighting public spaces and infrastructure.
 - ii. Private Infrastructure: focusing on community education, with private landowners being encouraged to upgrade existing external lights to be compliant with the International Dark Sky standards for International Dark Sky Communities.

5. Policy

a. New Public Infrastructure

- i. If meeting all requirements under Australian Standards and/or other local authority standards, installation of all new Council managed outdoor public lighting shall be in accordance with the minimum requirements for lighting under International Dark Sky Community Program Guidelines (June 2018).
- ii. Lighting shall be 'Dark Sky Friendly' by considering the following principles:
 1. Outdoor public lighting must only be installed when deemed necessary and must only be activated when needed.
 2. The intensity of outdoor lighting must be appropriate for its intended use.
 3. All outdoor public lighting installed by Council shall be fully shielded (0% uplight, backlight, uplight and glare (BUG) rating U0) and shall have a correlated colour temperature not exceeding 3000K, with a preference for 2200K.
 4. Maximum initial lumen output per fixture shall not exceed limits specified under Dark Sky International guidelines unless specifically exempted.

b. Public Street Lighting

- i. The Northern Midlands Council specifies the lowest lighting level category, as indicated in current Australian Standards, to keep the lighting level (and tariff costs) as low as possible; whilst recognising Council's obligations around crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED).
- ii. Installation of all new public street lighting will be to the minimum specifications in accordance with current Australian Standards and utilising standard TasNetworks luminaires which meet colour temperature requirements under International Dark Sky Community Program Guidelines (June 2018)
- iii All street lighting shall utilise luminaires with an uplight rating of U0 and backlight/ glare values meeting BUG limits appropriate to their location.
- iv. Where TasNetworks does not offer compliant luminaires, Council shall not approve installation of non-compliant units and shall continue operating existing lighting until compliant luminaires become available.
- v. For all new street lighting installations shielding and/or aero screen fittings shall be utilised as standard.
- iv. Layout for new street lighting shall be prepared by a suitably qualified lighting engineer, ensuring that lighting is minimised while still maintaining minimum standards required under Australian Standards.

c. Private Development

- i. All private outdoor lighting shall be fully shielded unless the fixture emits fewer than 600 lumens, in which case partially shielded fixtures may be permitted.
- ii. All lighting must be extinguished no later than 10pm unless required for safety or active use.
- iii. Lighting plans must be prepared and provided for any new Development Applications that will lead to the development of new external lighting (public or private), this includes land division applications which require street lighting and commercial or residential developments where lighting is proposed (for example, in car park areas, or around buildings). Outdoor lighting plans shall be assessed against lighting principles in the 'International Dark Sky Community Program Guidelines (June 2018)', as well as relevant industry and Australian Standards. To the extent that this Policy can require, those costs are to be borne by the developer.
- iv. Any private building application which proposes building a structure which has a footprint over 12m² and is proposed to be built inside a dark sky community must pay a Dark Sky Compliance Contribution if approved. The fee shall be transferred into a budget whose sole use will be to upgrade the existing infrastructure in dark sky communities to be compliant with the dark sky policy, unless given written consent by the GM to use the funds for other purposes.

d. Existing Infrastructure

- i. Non-compliant public lighting within a designated Dark Sky Community shall be replaced or retrofitted within 5 years of the date of designation, or sooner where practicable.
- ii. Council recognises that existing luminaires and public lighting infrastructure may not meet the requirements for lighting under the 'International Dark Sky Community Program Guidelines (June 2018)'. In these cases, Council will work with communities seeking Dark Sky accreditation to prepare a lighting replacement plan to ensure public lighting conforms with Dark Sky Standards (as well as current Australian Standards). These works are to be funded or co-funded by the relevant community interest group who puts forward the request / application for accreditation.
- iii. The Northern Midlands Council commits to ensuring Dark Sky appropriate lighting will be designed and located accordingly when renewing or upgrading Council owned lighting within an area which has sought (or has received) accreditation.

e. Outdoor Recreational and/or Athletic Field Lighting

- i. To the extent to which this can be controlled through Legislation, Regulation or through Council's own projects, Outdoor Recreational and/or Athletic Field Lighting may be exempted from the strict shielding and short-wavelength emission requirements above provided all the following conditions are met:
 1. Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) lighting guidelines (RP-6) are followed according to the appropriate class of play.

2. Field lighting is provided exclusively for illumination of the surface of play and viewing stands, and not for any other applications.
3. Illuminance levels must be adjustable based on the task (e.g. active play vs. field maintenance).
4. Off-site impacts of the lighting will be limited to the greatest practical extent possible.
5. A strict curfew requirement (e.g. lights must be extinguished by 10pm/2200h or one hour after the end of play, whichever is the later) is observed.
6. Timers must be installed to prevent lights being left on accidentally overnight by automatically extinguishing them.
7. All sports lighting installations must utilise luminaires with zero uplight (U0).

6. Illuminated Signs

- i. Restrictions on the installation and operation of illuminated signs:
 1. Luminance of externally or internally illuminated signs shall not exceed 150 cd/m² at night.
 2. All signs shall be extinguished no later than 10pm or the close of business, whichever is earlier.
 3. The luminous/illuminated surface area of an individual sign shall not exceed 18.6 square metres

7. Restricted Lighting

- i. Lighting with a correlated colour temperature above 3000K is prohibited within Dark Sky Communities.
- ii. To the extent to which this can be controlled through Legislation, Regulation, or through Council's own projects, the following lighting is to be restricted or prohibited within areas covered under this policy, unless a motion is passed through council allowing such
 1. The use of searchlights, except when used by emergency personnel.
 2. Lighting on advertisement signage is prohibited, except where this meets the above requirements.

Further Information

This policy will be available for inspection at the Council office listed below during ordinary business hours and provided to interested parties as per Council’s Fees and Charges Register. Copies are available to be downloaded, free of charge, from Council’s website:

<https://www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/>

Northern Midlands Council

13 Smith Street
 Longford
 Tasmania 7301

Phone: (03) 6397 7303

Email: council@nmc.tas.gov.au

Office hours: Monday to Friday, 8.45am to 4.30pm (except public holidays)

Grievances

Any grievances in relation to this policy or its application should be forwarded in writing addressed to the General Manager.

Review Cycle

This document is subject to review in two (2) years from the date of adoption or more frequently if legislation, accreditation or Council requires.

Document History

Date	Version	Council Resolution No.	Description of changes

INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY ASSOCIATION

5049 E Broadway Blvd, Suite 105 - Tucson, AZ 85711-3646 USA - +1 520-293-3198 - www.darksky.org

*TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE NIGHTTIME ENVIRONMENT AND OUR HERITAGE OF DARK SKIES THROUGH
ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE OUTDOOR LIGHTING*



INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY COMMUNITIES

**International Dark Sky Community
Program Guidelines**

June 2018

TABLE OF CONTENTS

DEFINITION OF AN INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY COMMUNITY	3
GOALS FOR IDSC CREATION	3
DESIGNATION BENEFITS	3
ELIGIBILITY	4
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL COMMUNITIES	4
PROVISIONAL STATUS	8
IDSC APPLICATION PROCESS	9
NOMINATION	9
STEPS FOR APPLICANT	9
TO BE INCLUDED IN IDSC APPLICATION PACKAGE	10
IDA REVIEW PROCESS	10
POST-DESIGNATION REVIEW AND MAINTENANCE.....	11
REASSESSMENT OF IDSC DESIGNATIONS.....	12
REINSTATEMENT FOLLOWING SUSPENSION	13
REVOCATION.....	13

International Dark Sky Community Designation Guidelines

DEFINITION OF AN INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY COMMUNITY

An International Dark Sky Community (IDSC) is town, city, municipality or other similar political entity that has shown exceptional dedication to the preservation of the night sky through the implementation and enforcement of quality lighting policies, dark-sky education, and citizen support of the ideal of dark skies.

GOALS FOR IDSC CREATION

- To identify communities with exceptional commitment to and success in pursuing dark sky preservation and restoration, and their promotion of quality outdoor lighting
- To promote improved outdoor nighttime quality of life for residents and visitors
- To support protection of human health, nocturnal habitats, public enjoyment of the night sky and its heritage, and/or areas ideal for professional and amateur astronomy
- To provide local, national, and international recognition for such communities
- To promote the ideals of the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) by encouraging communities to identify dark skies as a valuable community asset and aspiration

DESIGNATION BENEFITS

Achieving this designation brings recognition of the efforts made by the Community government, residents, and public and private organizations to protect the night sky and the nocturnal environment dependent on it. The IDSC designation enhances awareness of dark-sky matters on the part of Community residents and visitors.

Designation as an IDSC entitles the Community to display the International Dark Sky Community logo in official publications, promotions, signs at entrances or within the Community, and retain the use of this logo by other groups within the Community when identifying the area itself¹. IDA will promote and highlight ongoing Community ef-

¹ For instance, a Community can identify itself as “*Flagstaff, the world’s first IDA Dark Sky Community*” or other words to the same effect, or an organization within the Community can state “*located in Flagstaff, an IDA Dark Sky Community*”.

 International Dark Sky Community Designation Guidelines

forts to protect night skies, and will maintain pages identifying and describing all IDSCs on its website.

ELIGIBILITY

The Community must have some type of legal organization that is officially recognized by outside groups. This can be in the form of a town, city, municipality, or other legally organized community (such as urban neighborhoods and subdivisions), but need not be an incorporated entity. Unincorporated or otherwise informally organized communities are eligible for IDSC status if their governing jurisdictions enact public policy consistent with the requirements of “Minimum Requirements For All Communities” (below) that are legally binding in at least the territory of the Community.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL COMMUNITIES

- 1) A quality comprehensive lighting policy like the IDA/IES Model Lighting Ordinance² (MLO) that includes all of the following minimum standards for permanent lighting installations^{3,4}:
 - A) Full shielding⁵ of all lighting fixtures over 1000 initial lamp lumens⁶
 - B) A limit on the emission of short-wavelength light through one of the following restrictions:
 - i) The correlated color temperature (CCT) of lamps must not exceed 3000 Kelvins; **OR**

² <http://www.darksky.org/our-work/public-policy/mlo/>

³ More information on developing a lighting policy may be found on the IDA website.

⁴ Lighting required by law under the authority of any legal jurisdiction higher than that of the Community may be formally exempted from the requirements of this section.

⁵ “Fully shielded” is defined as a light source screened and its light directed in such a way that none is emitted above the horizontal plane passing through its lowest light-emitting part.

⁶ “Initial lamp lumens” is defined as the number of lumens of light emitted by a lamp when new and not counting any depreciation of output due to the age of the lamp. This information can be found in manufacturer data sheets.

 International Dark Sky Community Designation Guidelines

- ii) Allowed lighting must not emit more than 25% of its total spectral power at wavelengths < 550 nanometers; **OR**
- iii) The scotopic-to-photopic (S/P) ratio of allowed lighting must not exceed 1.3
- C) A restriction on the total amount of unshielded lighting, such as a limit on lumens per net acre or a total site lumen allowance in unshielded fixtures (or equivalent wattages)
- D) A policy to address over-lighting, such as lumens per net acre caps (irrespective of shielding state) or maximum illuminance specifications
- E) Regulations of new installations of publicly-owned outdoor lighting:
 - i) A provision that clearly indicates where, when, and under what circumstances new publicly owned outdoor lighting, including street lighting, is warranted and will be permitted; **AND**
 - ii) A provision that requires that adaptive controls⁷ and/or curfews⁸ be employed in all future installations of public outdoor lighting
- F) Restrictions on the installation and operation of illuminated signs⁹:
 - i) Luminance levels for operation between sunset and sunrise shall not exceed 100 nits (100 candelas per square meter) as measured under conditions of a full white display; **AND**
 - ii) Sign illumination shall be extinguished completely one (1) hour after sunset, and remain off until one (1) hour before sunrise; **AND**

⁷ “Adaptive controls” is defined as devices such as timers, motion-sensors, and light-sensitive switches used to actively regulate the emission of light from light fixtures.

⁸ “Curfew” is defined as a period of time at night during which lighting must be significantly dimmed in output or extinguished in accordance with an expected decrease in human presence.

⁹ “Illuminated sign” is defined as any informational or advertising sign that is illuminated by either internal or external means. Descriptive terms are adjusted here accordingly according to the type of illumination.

 International Dark Sky Community Designation Guidelines

- iii) The luminous/illuminated surface area of an individual sign shall not exceed 200 square feet (18.6 square meters)
- G) Outdoor recreational and/or athletic field lighting may be exempted from the strict shielding and short-wavelength emission requirements above provided that all of the following conditions are met:
 - i) Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) lighting guidelines (RP-6) are followed according to the appropriate class of play
 - ii) Field lighting is provided exclusively for illumination of the surface of play and viewing stands, and not for any other applications
 - iii) Illuminance levels must be adjustable based on the task (e.g., active play vs. field maintenance)
 - iv) Off-site impacts of the lighting will be limited to the greatest practical extent possible
 - v) A strict curfew requirement (e.g., lights must be extinguished by 10pm/2200h or one hour after the end of play, whichever is later) is observed
 - vi) Timers must be installed to prevent lights being left on accidentally overnight by automatically extinguishing them
- H) Affects an amortization period, applicable to **ALL** publicly **AND** privately owned lighting, to end not more than ten (10) years from the effective date of the outdoor lighting policy, after which all non-conforming lighting extant at the time of enactment must be brought into compliance with the policy.
- 2) Community commitment to dark skies and quality lighting as shown by:
 - A) City owned lighting conforming with, or committed to conforming with, the lighting policy (if the latter, a detailed plan with a timeline for completion in no more than five (5) years), **AND**

 International Dark Sky Community Designation Guidelines

- B) Municipal support of dark skies and quality lighting as demonstrated by city publications, flyers, public service announcements, funding of lighting upgrades, etc.
- 3) Broad support for dark skies from a wide range of community organizations such as chambers of commerce, local electrical utilities, IDA chapters, lighting retailers, homeowners associations, and others.
 - 4) Community commitment to dark skies and education as shown by at least one of the following:
 - A) Planning and execution of at least two (2) community dark sky awareness events¹⁰ per year. This may be organized through a local astronomy club, municipality, school, etc.
 - B) Inclusion of dark sky awareness documents (IDA brochures or Community-created brochures) with other Community informational documents for residents and visitors.
 - C) Inclusion of dark sky education in Community schools and curriculum.
 - 5) Success in light pollution control as demonstrated by at least one of the following:
 - A) Examples of a number of construction projects appropriate to the Community population and amount of new construction and renovation activity, built under the lighting policy and demonstrating its effective application
 - B) Alternative evidence of success in light pollution control, to be discussed with the International Dark Sky Places Program Manager for compliance.
 - 6) A sky brightness measurement program must be established and maintained either by the Community or by a public or private entity (e.g., university, research center, IDA chapter, astronomy club, etc.) to follow the evolution of light pollution in the IDSC. Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to submit their measurements

¹⁰ Note that astronomy education events such as star parties do NOT qualify as “community dark sky awareness events” unless the presentation explicitly includes a message relating to dark skies and outdoor lighting.

 International Dark Sky Community Designation Guidelines

to the citizen science projects such as My Sky At Night (myskyatnight.com) and Globe At Night (globeatnight.org).

- 7) Once established, the Community must erect and maintain appropriate signage indicating the International Dark Sky Community designation along a roadway entrance, along a footpath entrance if no roadway exists, a public gathering place such as a square or common, or at a municipal government center such as a city or town hall. If approved by IDA, language as an alternative to “International Dark Sky Community” may appear on the signage and in Community communications regarding the IDSC status. Once the sign is erected, a photograph documenting it must be taken and sent to IDA along with a description of its location.

PROVISIONAL STATUS

In some cases, a Community interested in the program may lack all of the resources required to achieve a designation outright. If resource unavailability otherwise hinders the progress of a Community’s application, that Community may apply for and be granted Provisional status at the discretion of the IDA Board of Directors. Provisional status recognizes the Community’s ongoing work to become an International Dark Sky Community and is intended as a leverage point to successfully enable actions such as lighting upgrades/retrofits.

Provisional status expires after three (3) years. At any time before the end of this period, a Community may reapply for full status. Material submitted for the removal of Provisional status may be an addendum to the initial application as long as the material includes a current assessment of the goals, outreach efforts, and lighting policy listed in the original application and clearly demonstrates that any program requirements left unmet at receipt of the Provisional status have been satisfied.

To be considered for Provisional status, send a nomination package to IDA that includes all of the following information:

- 1) Documented intent to create and support an IDA Dark Sky Community
- 2) An enacted and legally effective outdoor lighting policy, and summary of outreach efforts to date
- 3) A description of the circumstances that currently prevent the Community from meeting the minimum Dark Sky Community requirements
- 4) An action plan describing steps the aspiring Community will take to meet all program requirements in the specified Provisional status period

International Dark Sky Community Designation Guidelines

IDSC APPLICATION PROCESS

NOMINATION

The nomination may be initiated by an IDA qualified nominator¹¹ who has personally reviewed a Community's outdoor lighting and commitment to night sky preservation. Nominators are encouraged to correspond with IDA staff and the Community throughout this process. In addition, the application must include evidence, such as in the form of a letter of support, from the Community government (mayor, council, etc.) consenting to the nomination for IDSC status.

STEPS FOR APPLICANT

1. Make initial contact with IDA by phone or email to discuss the process and receive recommendations, followed by continued communications to update IDA staff on progress and receive continued assistance.
2. Designate a formal point of contact (POC) person, such as a project manager, and provide their telephone number, address and email address to IDA staff. Before and after designation, any changes to this POC, or their information, must be communicated to IDA immediately in order to ensure accurate communication at all times.
3. Obtain a letter of nomination from a qualified IDA member nominator, as well as a supporting letter from elected representatives of the Community, such as the mayor and/or council of a municipality. Solicit additional letters of support from Community organizations, clubs, groups, universities, etc.
4. Upon completion, send the application to IDA staff for review of the document at least one month before the chosen submission deadline date. IDA staff will confirm that the application is complete and ready for submission or return it with suggestions for improvements.
5. Submit the final application packet electronically in PDF and/or Microsoft Word (.doc) format to IDA staff for formal review. Submit in plenty of time for IDA staff

¹¹ An "IDA qualified nominator" is defined here as an individual or organization holding an IDA membership in good standing at the time that the IDSC application is submitted. The Community itself may join IDA as an organizational member and self-nominate.

 International Dark Sky Community Designation Guidelines

to review and prepare your application to make the bi-monthly deadline that you prefer, as found on the IDA website. Requests to rush applications will **NOT** be honored; planning ahead is essential if the Community wishes to meet a specific deadline.

 TO BE INCLUDED IN IDSC APPLICATION PACKAGE

1. Map of the Community clearly indicating its legal boundaries, and basic factual information about the Community
2. Letter of nomination support by IDA qualified nominator and elected representatives of the Community such as the mayor and/or council
3. The Community's lighting policy, meeting the minimum requirements as stated in the "Minimum Requirements For All Communities" section
4. Documentation of examples of Community commitment and construction/renovation projects demonstrating effective application of the lighting policy
5. Proposed alternative wording for a IDSC (e.g. Dark Sky Village, Starry Sky City, etc.), if desired, with a justification for the request

 IDA REVIEW PROCESS

Six (6) application submission deadlines occur in each calendar year, commencing in January and continuing every other month. Before the Community's final application is submitted, it is highly recommended that the Community be in regular communication with the International Dark Sky Places Program Manager to perfect the application by the next application deadline.

The International Dark Sky Places Manager will forward applications to the IDA Dark Sky Places Committee (DSPC) for review. DSPC review lags the submission dates by one two-month cycle. The total elapsed time between deadline and final IDSC designation approval is approximately ten (10) weeks.

Endorsement of applications by the DSPC is by a 2/3 supermajority vote; otherwise, the DSPC will return applications with reasons for denial of an endorsement and specific recommendations for improvement. If endorsed, the applicants will be notified and the International Dark Sky Places Program Manager will present the application to the IDA Board of Directors (BOD) for final review and approval. A ten (10)-calendar-day

International Dark Sky Community Designation Guidelines

waiting period then commences during which the Board of Directors has the right to deny IDSC status should it determine that any problems with the application exist.

If the BOD registers no objection within the ten-calendar-day waiting period, the IDSC designation is considered immediately awarded by IDA. The Community has the right to choose when the designation is made public, but it must organize the announcement to be made at the same time as the IDA public notice unless otherwise agreed by both parties. Along with the announcement notice, IDA will publish the Community's application on its website; by submitting the application, the Community acknowledges in advance that the application will be made publicly available. If an application is denied final approval by the IDA BOD, a letter will be sent to the applicant outlining elements of the application that need improvement along with specific recommendations for ways to remedy any problems the BOD identifies. Applications may be resubmitted for future consideration after remediation is complete. Resubmitted applications will be considered without prejudice.

IDA realizes that certain circumstances surrounding an IDSC application may cause some potential authors of letters of support (or opposition) to feel uneasy about publicly declaring their opinions about the IDA designation. In the interest of providing the DSPPC with as full a picture of Community sentiment about applications as possible, certain letters may be suppressed from online publication if it is felt that making the letters publicly available will subject their authors to retaliation or harassment. A prospective IDSC seeking this protection for letter-writers must make a formal written request. The International Dark Sky Places Program Manager must approve suppression of publication of any part of an application. Note that suppression of online publication does not prevent either the DSPPC or the IDA BOD from reading all submitted letters.

POST-DESIGNATION REVIEW AND MAINTENANCE

The IDSC designation is not awarded in perpetuity. Rather, it is subject to regular review by IDA and possible revocation if the minimum program requirements are not maintained. More details may be found in the "Reassessment of IDSC designation" section below.

To ensure that Communities remain exemplary in their protection and restoration of natural nighttime darkness, IDA will periodically reevaluate each site in the International Dark Sky Places Program. This is done to confirm that the Community continues to meet the minimum requirements and is making adequate progress toward LMP compliance goals outlined in this document.

 International Dark Sky Community Designation Guidelines

Each designated IDSC must submit to IDA a written report of its activities related to the maintenance of its designation on or before 1 October of each calendar year. The report is a short (typically less than ten-page) synopsis of the Community's activities and initiatives during the intervening year¹². The report should include dates and brief descriptions of any interpretive events, lighting retrofit projects, outreach efforts, etc. Samples of printed materials and press articles should also be included, if available.

Annual reports should not be burdensome to produce, as they are intended as a compilation of information accumulated throughout the year. Annual reports and supporting documentation must be submitted electronically to the International Dark Sky Places Program Manager in either PDF or Microsoft Word format. If the annual report is not received by IDA in a timely fashion, IDA may suspend the site's IDSC status until the annual reporting requirement has been met (see the following section). On or about 1 August and 1 September of each year, the International Dark Sky Places Program Manager will remind local contacts at each IDSC of the pending 1 October annual report submission deadline.

A designated IDSC is exempt from the annual reporting requirement in the calendar year in which the IDA designation was awarded. If the designation is received after 1 October of a given calendar year, the IDSC's first annual report to IDA will be due on 1 October of the following calendar year.

REASSESSMENT OF IDSC DESIGNATIONS

From time to time, IDA receives comments from visitors to Communities that raise concerns about the veracity and timeliness of information provided to IDA by site administrators. IDA may, at its discretion, investigate claims in which it is alleged that IDSCs are not adhering to commitments made to IDA and to the public in their applications to the Program. This section details the IDA procedure for carrying out such investigations, and the rights of IDSCs in such matters.

An allegation of impropriety concerning any of the elements of participation in the Program outlined in this document is subject to IDA investigation and potential remedial action including temporary suspension and/or permanent revocation of the IDSC designation. IDA staff shall perform due diligence in gathering facts concerning such allegations it deems credible, and will prepare a report of its findings for consideration by the DSPC. The DSPC commits to weighing the evidence fairly and impartially, and to

¹² Examples of acceptable annual reports are available on the individual IDSC pages on the IDA website.

International Dark Sky Community Designation Guidelines

seek to resolve disputes whenever possible through dialog. A Community subject to an investigation shall be notified in a timely manner and solicited for evidence contrary to the specifics of the allegation at hand. The Community will be given an opportunity to correct any deficiencies with regard to the Program guidelines established by the IDA investigation within a reasonable time period to be prescribed by the DSPC.

Failure to achieve consensus through these means risks a DSPC recommendation for suspension or revocation of the IDSC designation. If made, such a recommendation will be forwarded to the IDA Board of Directors for formal ratification before coming into force. The Board's decision on any disciplinary matters involving an IDSC shall be considered definitive and binding.

Any IDSC so investigated has the right to review the allegations against it and all factual information collected by IDA pertinent to the allegations.

REINSTATEMENT FOLLOWING SUSPENSION

If the DSPC recommends a suspension of a Community's IDSC designation and the Board ratifies the suspension, the Community administration shall be immediately notified. The status of a suspended IDSC shall be changed to "Provisional" in all IDA communications until the designation is reinstated or revoked; however, the process of obtaining reinstatement of a designation is not the same as that outlined in the "Provisional Status" section of these guidelines.

To obtain reinstatement of a suspended designation, the IDSC must provide evidence to the DSPC's satisfaction that the specific issues identified by the DSPC as grounds for the suspension have been corrected and that all Program guidelines are once again met. The DSPC will consider the evidence presented by the IDSC and render a judgment to either:

- Accept the reinstatement petition, **OR**
- Reject the petition and recommend revocation, **OR**
- Return the petition with further instructions and a defined deadline for a IDSC response.

REVOCAATION

A suspension left unresolved after one (1) year from the date of the Board's assent to the suspension automatically becomes a permanent revocation. Revocation entails removal of the IDSC from IDA's roll of approved International Dark Sky Places, and from mention on the IDA website and in member and external communications. IDA reserves the right to take legal action against any former IDSC whose designation is duly revoked but continues to use the IDA name/logo in advertising, communications,

International Dark Sky Community Designation Guidelines

and/or signage.

ROSS: DARK SKY COMMUNITY

RECAP

Aligns with Council strategies and policies (p4)

Competition, but Ross / NMC ahead of the game

Economic potential of Dark Sky and Astrotourism (p5)

Supported by Council, Ross businesses and community (p6 - 14)

Considerable media interest (p15 – 20)

Commitment to at least two DS events per year (p21 – 23)

Draft application lodged for comment:

“Lighting Management Plan required”

LIGHTING MANAGEMENT PLAN

A Lighting Management Plan:

- Defines standards for new lighting
- Sets timetable for upgrade of non-compliant existing lighting
- Five years to comply from year of accreditation

The Lighting Management Plan applies to:

Public lighting – streetlights, public buildings and floodlights (p29 – 31)

- 54 Streetlights in Ross
- Owned and managed by TasNetworks
- Paid for by Council

Floodlights (p32 – 33)

- Ross Bridge
- Cenotaph

DARK SKY REQUIREMENTS

Streetlights / public porch lights:

- 'Warm' light less than 3000K
- Fully shielded - no light emitted upwards
- Fitted with timers where possible

Floodlights (Ross Bridge / Cenotaph):

- Less than 1000 lumens
- Fitted with timers

PROPOSAL

Pass the Lighting Management Policy (p34 – 40)

Implement LMP with a smart-lighting trial in Ross:

- All lights replaced now
- Smart-light replacements with timers and 3G
- NMC saves on electricity
- TasNetworks saves on maintenance
- Subsequent roll-out statewide

THANK YOU

