

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.

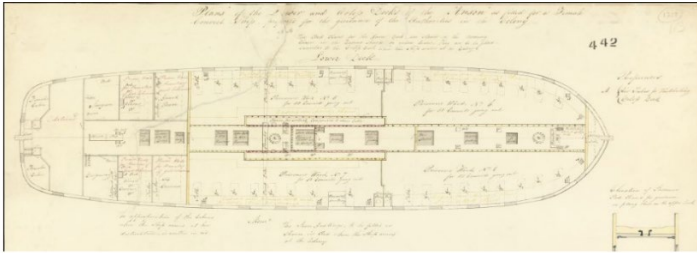
RESOLVED:

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>
7.2	Significant Trees	Awaiting final report. Ongoing
7.3	<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.</p> <p>Resolved – remove from next agenda.</p>
7.4	<p>Blackburn Park Toilet - Update</p> <p>Committee requests the commencement date of the Blackburn Park toilet facility.</p> <p>The budget was formally adopted in late July.</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.</p> <p>Construction will be this year 2026.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
7.5	<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:</p> <p>The venue for 2026 meetings will be:</p> <p>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 	
7.6	<p>Convict Brick Trail</p> <p>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>
7.7	Neighbourhood Watch suggested as a topic for discussion at another meeting.	Deferred to next meeting
7.8	<p>Footpath Maintenance and Gutters</p> <p>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>	Committee member to notify council works when they see this by phone 6397 7303 or through the “let us know” on council website.

8. Budget Items/Requests Table 2026-2027

	Budget Items/ Request List for the 2026/2027 BUDGET	Budget
8.1	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.	Budget Request made in 2025/26.
8.2	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.	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	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.	Budget request made in 2025/26.
8.4	Upgrade of Children's Play equipment at Valentine Park (referencing the Transit of Venus space theme)	Budget Request made in 2025/26
8.5	Off lead Dog Park and signage  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	Request for fencing and signage to be included in the budget for 2026-27.
8.6	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. <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. Additional information and plan can be found here: Strategic Projects - Northern Midlands Council	Plan has been emailed to the committee and is available on the Council website.

9. New Business:

9.1	<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>
9.2	<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>
9.3	<p>Letter regarding Campbell Town Hall sale read by the Chair for the Committee</p>	<p>Remove from March agenda.</p>
9.4	<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 	
9.5	<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.