

MINUTES Campbell Town District Committee Ordinary meeting
 Tuesday 2 June 2026 9:30am
 at the Campbell Town Guide Hall, 20-30 King Street Campbell Town.

- 1 **Present:** Sally Hill, Danny Saunders, Barry Pyke, David Gatenby OAM, Ken Reid, Elizabeth Porter and Nicole Graham,
- 2 **In Attendance:** Crs Alison Andrews and Paul Terret, Vivien Tan NMC Executive Officer
- 3 **Guests:** Gordon Manning
- 4 Apologies: Nil

5 Acknowledgement of Country by D Saunders:

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 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

7 Confirmation of Minutes:

MOVED: D Gatenby OAM SECOND: B Pyke Carried

That the minutes of the meeting of the Campbell Town Local District Committee held on Tuesday 5 May 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

At 10:15 am N Graham entered the meeting.

Business Arising:

	Business	ACTION
7.1	Significant Trees	Awaiting final council endorsement
7.2	Blackburn Park Toilet Public Shower Facilities Council will be including a Shower facility when the new toilet is constructed. Construction will be this year 2026. Plans and Designs are out to tender keeping with the heritage look and feel. Timeline will be in the next 9 months. Cameras will most likely be installed.	Budget Decision June 29
7.3	Meeting Dates for 2026. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 2026 (TBC) • September 1, 2026 • October 6, 2026 • November Christmas Dinner in Ross (date TBC) • November 3, 2026 • December 1 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting will be in August after the committees are ratified. • BGM and election of Committee directors will be held. • June minutes and updates will be sent to current committee.

<p>7.4</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Watch Discussed with Inspector Fox 3/3/2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to determine if they will pursue the set up. • Nicole Graham to advertise on her Facebook page for interested persons and District Forum members ask that NMC add the information to their Facebook page. <p>General discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion of letter box drop to see if there is community interest. • PCYC activities may help prevention • 131 444 needs to be called to register the crimes • Suggestion of getting media involved 	<p>Motion: Carried Moved E Porter Seconded S Hills That Council write to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management and the Shadow Minister for Police advocating for the allocation of full-time police personnel in Campbell Town to address increasing crime trends and improve community safety, noting recent increases in recorded offences across Tasmania. Put to June 29th 2026 Council meeting</p>
<p>7.5</p>	<p>Campbell Town Cemetery Moved: D Gatenby OAM Seconded: S Hills Carried</p> <p>Motion: 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 NMC is engaging consultants to review a 50 year plan for the whole municipality. NMC is looking for suitable land options. Anglican Cemetery paddock on the northern side of church unsuitable for burials because of the amount of blue rock in the ground.</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. • A suggestion was made to consider establishing a memorial garden in Campbell Town, with future burials potentially directed to Ross. <p>Motion 16 March 2026 Council meeting.</p> <p>7.1.1 Campbell Town Cemetery That Council continue the development of a 50-year Cemetery Plan for the Northern Midlands. Carried</p>	<p>General Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A consultant has been engaged to develop the municipal cemetery plan. April 2026 • Council is progressing a long-term Cemetery Plan and investigating land for a new public cemetery in response to capacity constraints. • Expansion of columbarium facilities and development of memorial gardens are being considered. • Securing funding is required to progress these initiatives. <p>Ongoing</p>

7.6	<p>West Street, Campbell Town Moved: E Porter Seconded: B Pyke Carried</p> <p>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>Council officers have been requested to inspect and assess road conditions on West Street. Council will include for consideration in the budget 2027-2028 Monitor</p>
7.7	<p>Bridge Street Road Conditions Moved: K Reid Seconded: B Pyke Carried</p> <p>Motion: That council check the condition of Bridge Street and corners of King and Queen Street. 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.</p>	<p>General Discussion: If there are caravans parked on both sides of Queens Street there is no place to turn – B Pyke to send in photos for a works request. Ongoing</p>
7.8	<p>Footpaths A. William St – works have started B. Footpath from Bond St to main shopping area Vulnerable User Fund grant acquired.</p>	<p>Works have started May 2026 due for completion end of July 2026</p>
7.9	<p>District Committee Meeting times General discussion Meeting times are during business hours and precludes those that are working to join the committee. The committee could have an increased diversity of ages and working backgrounds.</p>	<p>Defer to new committee 2026-2028</p>
7.10	<p>Social media Motion Deferred Moved K Reid Seconded D Gatenby. To set up a Facebook page for the Campbell Town District Committee to attract and inform a younger age group.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to the new committee. Officer to investigate how many followers and usage of the Longford District Committee Facebook page
7.11	<p>Campbell Town Guide Hall General discussion -Safety and security installing CCTV</p>	<p>Works request J Davis To clear up along the fence line and fix the gate.</p>
7.12	<p>Footpaths in Campbell Town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barry Pyke still not happy with the safety of the footpaths in Campbell Town. NMC bus tour: general concern West Street and Macquarie Road - 	<p>Officer Comment 1. Council has a 5-year Road internal report. It is an independent review.</p>

	<p>There are a lot of competing items to come up in budget discussion. A long-term plan is needed for road works upgrade/replacing.</p> <p>Motion: Carried <i>Move: David Gatenby OAM Second: Jill Davis</i> District Forum request Northern Midlands Council to provide a ten-year plan for assessment and road works across the municipality.</p>	<p>2. This is a structured objective and precise report that is audience tailored to suitably qualified people such as our engineers to interpret the current and long-term condition of public infrastructure.</p> <p>3. At any given time there will be priority works on failed roads.</p> <p>4. Road repairs are subject to change according to road failure, budget and manpower. Ongoing</p>
7.13	<p>Campbell Town Museum and Information Centre: General discussion about the letter (attached) received from the Museum and Information Committee (About Campbell Town Inc – ACT Inc) asking for support</p>	<p>The Museum Committee delivered a presentation at the Council workshop in May, as noted on 1 June 2026. General Discussion: suitable sites including café 100 and the chemist shop</p>
7.13	<p>Campbell Town Hall Sale: Motion: Carried How much money was received from the sale of the hall and is it going to be used in Campbell Town as promised? <i>Move David Gatenby Second: Nicole Graham</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately \$500,000 from the sale of the Campbell Town Hall will be retained for use within the Campbell Town region. 	<p>N Graham tabled a poll conducted on the Campbell Town and Facebook. (Please see attached documentation)</p>

8. Budget Items/Requests Table 2026-2027 - considered separately closer to the budget development timeframe

9. New Business:

9.1 Bike Racks – Delivery of the Street furniture is expected in June and the installation take place

Location – to be determined

9.2 District Committee for the term 2026-2028.

- Application forms for the District Committee 2026- 2028 term membership are now available.
- Applications should be received before 19th June 2026. The applications will go before council.
- Once members are ratified they will be notified of the Biannual General Meeting and the meeting to elect the directors of the committee. The date for this will be confirmed after the committee members are ratified and members will be notified.

9.3 Campbell Town Hospital

General Discussion

D. Gatenby raised concerns regarding increasing pressure on the Campbell Town Hospital, noting that the facility is currently operating at capacity. With approximately 80 new dwellings anticipated to be constructed in the town over the next two years, it is expected that demand on hospital services—particularly the emergency department—will continue to grow.

It was noted that, in the absence of current plans for expansion, there is a risk that emergency services may become overwhelmed, resulting in extended treatment times. Accordingly, it was suggested that support be provided to advocate for the expansion of the hospital to ensure it can adequately service the needs of the growing population.

Action

It was further recommended that Council, in partnership with the community, actively advocate to the Tasmanian Government and relevant health authorities regarding the need for planning and investment in the expansion of Campbell Town Hospital. This includes seeking updates on any current or proposed infrastructure planning and working collaboratively to highlight the impacts of population growth on local health services, ensuring the community's concerns are clearly represented and addressed.

9.4 Climate Resilience Workshop - Campbell Town

D. Saunders reported that he attended the Climate Resilience Workshop held in Campbell Town, which was attended by farmers and residents from Cleveland and Avoca. He noted that the climate science was clearly presented, highlighting that periods of drought are expected to occur, along with associated hazards impacting the region. [Information item only](#)

9.5 Trees on High Street

B. Pyke raised concerns regarding the street trees along High Street, noting that fallen leaves are accumulating on footpaths and creating maintenance and cleanliness challenges. It was observed that the volume and thickness of leaf litter may impact amenity and pedestrian accessibility.

Action

Committee member to send through a works request is to be submitted to address the accumulation of leaf litter on High Street. It is noted that this issue may be seasonal in nature, with increased leaf fall expected during the winter period, particularly following recent rainfall.

9.6 Thank you to the Committee and Councillor Representatives

Councillors acknowledge and thank the District Committee members for their continued support and dedication.

Committee thanked the Councillors for their support.

10. The Chair closed the meeting at 10:55am.

LAST CHANCE - CAMPBELL TOWN COMMUNITY POLL

Northern Midlands Council has confirmed that the \$500,000 from the sale of the Campbell Town Hall will stay in Campbell Town for future projects.

This is YOUR chance to have a say on how the money should be spent.

- ✔ Please vote in the poll
- ✔ Add ideas in the comments if you have them

⚠ VERY IMPORTANT:

All votes and comments need to be completed by THIS SUNDAY 31 MAY so results can be collected before the next Campbell Town District Committee meeting on Tuesday 2 June.

Results from this poll (and the previous poll from 13 May) will be combined and presented to the Committee and then submitted to Council.

Committee members are/should not push our own ideas — we are there to represent YOUR views and YOUR community priorities as local ratepayers.

New committee members and new ideas are always welcome. Please see the recent Northern Midlands Council post if you are interested in joining.

If you want Campbell Town to benefit from this \$500,000 — now is the time to speak up. Current suggestions in alphabetic order for fairness. You can add your own poll items if your suggestion is not listed.

🌳 Current Community Suggestions Include:

- BBQs & Large Children's Playground in Valentine Park
- Bike Park / Pump Track
- Dedicated Dog Park (away from children's play areas)
- Commercial/Industrial Land Purchase to Help Attract Industry & Jobs
- Community Gym with Equipment within Sports Complex
- Purchase Cemetery Land
- Purchase Premises for Museum & Visitor Information re-location
- Undercover Swimming Pool

BBQs & Large Children's Playground in Valentine Park 24% >

Bike Park / Pump Track 4% >

Dedicated Dog Park (away from children's play areas) 10% >

Commercial/Industrial Land Purchase to Help Attract Industry & Jobs 5% >

Community Gym with Equipment within Sports Complex 25% >


Purchase Cemetery Land 11% >

Purchase Premises for Museum & Visitor Information re-location 1% >

Undercover Swimming Pool 20% >

188 Votes were received.

Campbell Town District Committee Budget Items carried from 2026-2027 (June 2026)

Project	Description of proposed works/service	Cost Est.
<p>Improve Gatty Park and area opposite Gatty Park on Glenelg St</p>	<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. 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 and airfields. Table and Chairs - park improvements – plan done</p>	<p>Listed in Council priority projects for grant funding</p>
<p>Dog Off leash area</p>	<p>New off leash area – Eastern side of Blackburn Park near river and railway bridge</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 Secoded D Saunders The committee agrees with the location but requests that the area be extended. Committee Members remarked that this location is too small and will look at other site possibilities weather permitting</p>	<p>Fencing and gates will be costed to include in the budget.</p>
<p>Play equipment – Valentine Park</p>	<p>Better play equipment (referencing the Transit of Venus space theme)</p>	<p>Budget consideration</p>
<p>Footpath – South of the red bridge</p>	<p>No footpaths on Midland Hwy south of Campbell Town 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>	<p>Long term prospect to link to Lake Leake Road</p>
<p>Macquarie Road – Condition and Safety Concerns</p>	<p>Additional work to improve Macquarie St - road surface – long term plan. The municipality is seeing more heavy trucks and increased usage. From sheep to intensive farming. The challenge is to maintain the side roads that were built in the 1950's or so.</p>	<p>Council to look for black spot funding. Monitor</p>

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	The bid to reduce the speed limit to 80km/h was dismissed by DSG as there are currently no blind corners and no residents.	
East Street	William St to King St – Feasibility study 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.	This is the rail reserve area. Not feasible.
Play equipment	Recreation ground – Consult with ground users 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.	Update: looking to put in basket ball hoops in the Rec ground