

Campbell Town District Forum

5th May 2026 Minutes

1. Welcome

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

3. In Attendance: Councillor Alison Andrews, Councillor Paul Terrett

4. Guests: Leanne Peters.- Harmony on High (9.40-10.15am)

5. Apologies: Danny Saunders, Ken Reid

6. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Move: Jill Davis

Second: Sally Hills

Carried

7. Business Arising:

7.1 Significant trees awaiting final council endorsement.

7.2 Toilets: Blackburn park ongoing up for decision for next years budget

7.3 Neighbourhood watch - 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

7.4 Anglican Cemetery paddock on the northern side of church unsuitable for burials because of the amount of blue rock in the ground.

Motion: NMC to continue to investigate land for a community cemetery

Move: David Gatenby OAM Second: Barry Pyke

Carried

8. New Business:

- Barry Pyke still not happy with the safety of the footpaths in Campbell Town.

8.1 NMC bus tour: general concern West Street and Macquarie Road -

There are a lot of competing items to come up in budget discussion. A long-term plan is needed for road works upgrade/replacing.

Motion: District Forum request Northern Midlands Council to provide a ten-year plan for assessment and road works across the municipality.

Move: David Gatenby OAM Second: Jill Davis

Carried

8.2 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

Motion: ACT asks DF for support for the purchase of Gallery 81 for a permanent home for the Museum and Information Centre

Motion: Sally Hills

Motion Deferred until June meeting.

Motion: How much money was received from the sale of the hall and is it going to be used in Campbell Town as promised?

Move David Gatenby Second: Nicole Graham.

Carried

9. Next Meeting 2nd JUNE

June meeting is the last for members of District Forum committee. A motion from Vivien for the next meeting to inform members what is happening.

10. Meeting Closed: 10.30am

ABOUT CAMPBELL TOWN INC

To all members of the Campbell Town District Forum

As all are aware Campbell Town has over two centuries of history and it is imperative for us to make sure that it is preserved for all who come after us as well as visitors to our town.

The Museum and Information Centre enabled this to happen for some years and all went well when in the Old Court House until it was sold and moved to the Town hall where it stayed until sold recently. The museum was well supported by the community who over the years has contributed by supplying many items for display. Many more items would be forthcoming if there were a suitable space for them to be displayed.

The Information Centre is continuing to function in the Hall but there is nowhere for the History Items to be displayed.

At present the Info Centre is now operating 4/5 days a week.
2 new volunteers have started in last 6 months.
It is currently open 10-3 but could be extended if needed.

The About Campbell Town Committee which has been responsible for both the Museum and Info Centre for many years would like to see both continue and are looking forward to the District Forum supporting it in this endeavor

The Committee had looked at the town closely and believe there is only one place suitable for such a Centre and that is **Gallery 81**.

The Advantages of this site include :

- On Main thoroughfare
- Good access -disability friendly
- Built recently low maintenance & no renovations required..
- Easy to walk in and establish.
- Commercially set up
- Has series of spaces for various displays as well as rooms for storage. .
- Info Centre in front of building, museum displays in rear which would change regularly.
- Good security available.
- Good parking behind Library.
- Views from the building are great and add to the attractiveness of the building.

The Committee sees no Disadvantage

The Committee looks forward to members of the District Forum supporting it in this endeavor. If Gallery 81 were to be purchased by the NMC it would be real estate asset to replace the loss of the Town Hall to the Community and the NMC has promised that money from the sale of the Hall would be spend in the Campbell Town area. This is one way this could be done. We ask for and look forward to your support.

Sally Hills,
Co Ordinator.