

MINUTES- Evandale District Committee Ordinary Meeting 5 August 2025

ATTENDANCE

1. **Present:** Barry Lawson, Geoff Divall, David Swann, Stephanie Ann Kensit, Jo Archer and Andrea Westbrook
2. **In Attendance:** Cr Paul Terret, Deputy Mayor Janet Lambert and Vivien Tan- NMC Executive and Communications Officer
3. **Guest:** nil
4. **Apologies:** Alison Curtis-Godillon, Jean-Luc Curtis-Godillon, John Lewis and Bruce Argent-Smith
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.

4.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: B Lawson Seconded: G Divall Carried

That the minutes of the meeting of the Evandale Committee held on Tuesday 3 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings subject to the amendments that B Lawson moved the confirmation and not B Argent-Smith and that the Bicycle racks proposed locations to include the report **Evandale Bike Rack – locations and style options** 11th April 2025

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)	Pioneer Park - Improvements The Park already has a significant investment in trees that should be cared for. Moved: G Divall Seconded: J Archer Carried Motion Irrigation System of Pioneer Park 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. <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• Student project designing a Master Plan for Pioneer Park- no local UTAS faculty available	Include in community feedback for the need for complete irrigation plans in the Pioneer Park Master Plan when funding has been sought. Listed as a Council Priority Project. Awaiting funding opportunities.
6.1(B)	Pioneer Park – Picnic Shelter 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	Listed as a Council Priority Project. Will be requested in the Master Plan. Awaiting funding opportunities.
6.1(C)	Pioneer Park - Toilet Block The community Centre noted that there were a few people that came in last month to ask about the shower facilities. Homeless people were found to live in the Sunday School Hall in the old burnt building and one homeless elderly person in	Not included in the 2025-2026 budget. This will be requested in the Pioneer Park Master Plan

	<p>Pioneer Park. At the Council meeting on the 17March 2025 7.1.1 Pioneer Park - Toilet Block – Shower DECISION That Council note the request and include an allocation in the draft 2025- 2026 budget for consideration. Motion to Council for March 17, 2025 Moved: G. Divall Seconded J. Archer Carried Unanimously Committee Recommends that the Council open the shower and put in the token system</p> <p>Motion Pioneer Park – Toilet Block Shower August 5, 2025 Moved J Archer Seconded G Divall Committee seeks clarification on the \$5000 budget allocation going to the shower Pioneer Park Amenities – Public Shower facility. 1)Will these showers be accessible? 2)What is the proposed timeline for operations? 3)Whose role is it to find the organisation responsible for issuing tokens?</p>	<p>Motion for the 18 August 2025 Council meeting</p>
6.1 (D)	<p>Pioneer Park - Master Plan 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 Motion 5/8/25 Moved G Divall Seconded D Swann The Committee requests that 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.</p>	<p>Listed as a Council Priority Project. Awaiting funding opportunities. The committee will be notified when funding becomes available.</p> <p>Motion for the 18 August 2025 Council meeting</p>
6.2	<p>Lighting at the Entrance to Evandale – Garden Bed Up lights The council installs lights at the road entrance sign into Evandale. Location: under the Evandale entrance statement - Consider the daffodils and street trees near the signage.</p>	<p>Budgeted for solar light - maintenance 2025-2026 Works request to consider a fixed and vandal proof lighting.</p>
6.3	Significant Trees Register	Awaiting final report
6.4	<p>Bicycle Racks - Location and Style MINUTE NO. 25/005 2025 01-20 Open Council – Ordinary Meeting <u>DECISION</u> <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 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, B) How much was the allocated amount, C) Can they confirm the suggested locations were considered and accepted, D) Date of work to commence.</p>	<p>Discussion Paper – April Discussion Report provided by J Archer Evandale Bike Rack – location and style options 11 April 2025</p> <p>The committee resolved to meet Tuesday 6 May at 4pm at the Evandale Community Centre to mark locations on the map.</p> <p>June 3, 2025, Motion was considered an operational matter and not included in the council agenda</p>

	Background: Proposed locations were NOT accepted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Hall – 2 • Old Bakery – 2 Committee recommends alternative sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report Evandale Bike Rack – location and style options 11 April 2025 	Reports received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evandale Bike Rack options post JO edit • Bike racks Russel St 1104205.pdf
6.5	Special Dates & Meeting dates for 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting October 7, 2025 ordinary meeting • December 2, 2025, ordinary meeting 	
6.6	Heritage Tunnel and Watercourse - 2025-01-20 Council – MINUTE NO. 25/006 That the council's planning department will consult with the developer and the Tasmanian Heritage Council regarding the Committee's motion. Heritage Tasmania's Regional Heritage Advisor wrote to Council on 14/1/25 stating: 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.	The land was sold and no additional developments have occurred. Monitor for future planning applications
6.7	Evandale District committee promotions and advertising. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Watch - disseminate information to residents. • Evandale township Facebook page- will be tagged by council 	Council officer sending minutes to newsletter editors and tagging FB

7. COMMUNITY GROUPS

1. **Community Centre:**
2. **Neighbourhood Watch:**
3. **History Society:**
4. **Morven Park:** Festival of Rail: September 21, 2025

[Noted no full reports.](#)

8. Budget Items/Requests Table

Budget Items/ Request List 2026/2027		
	Items that were not funded in 20205/2026 will be included here for next year's budget consideration. Carried over from 2025/2026. New items for 2026/2027	

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Chamber of Commerce – Evandale

This is being established to encourage businesses to collaborate and promote tourism. The vision is to ensure thoughtful commercial activities. This will be complimentary to the District Committee.

The Chamber hopes to be a catalyst for festivals – bringing business into the town.

10. CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 5:18 pm. The next meeting of the Evandale District Committee is scheduled for 7 October 2025, at 4pm at the Evandale Community Centre.

The Evandale District Committee (EDC) has been asked to present the Northern Midlands Council with options for the locations and styles of bicycle racks for installation in Evandale.

Currently, footpaths on Russell Street are frequently obstructed by cyclists leaving bikes in the way of personal mobility scooters and wheelchairs when visiting the cafés on Russel St.

To inform EDC views, some Members have approached local businesses and the various bike riders that visit the village to determine the best options regarding the nature of preferred racks and locations.

The EDC has considered the needs of the ‘lycra’ cyclists who usually visit the Village for short times and, as importantly, the growing number of touring cyclists. The ‘lycra’ cyclists prefer to have their bikes close by where they can see them while enjoying refreshments at local businesses.

The touring cyclists, who may spend several hours in the village, are more likely to secure their bikes while they explore and support local businesses. While they might leave their bikes secure and unattended, they would want them to be in a reasonably public view.

It is important to mention that, while the majority of EDC Members support the installation of appropriately designed and located bike racks and rails, some are very concerned about the visual impact these structures might have on the heritage streetscape. There is a general view that thoughtful design and use of appropriate materials can maximise the integrity of the streetscape while still supporting cyclists and local businesses.

Proposed location for consideration, in order of preference. See attached map and design option:

1. 14 RUSSELL STREET – Evandale Café

On the front footpath, both sides of the existing tree, a simple bike ‘rail’ to run parallel to the footpath – but set back an adequate distance to allow for opening of car doors. Is it envisaged that this rail could be of a heritage design and in a material that complements the style of existing streetlamps.

2. 4 RUSSELL STREET – Ingleside

On the front footpath, between the existing tree and the Glover advertising signpost, a simple bike ‘rail’ to run parallel to the footpath – but set back an adequate distance to allow for opening of car doors. Is it envisaged that this rail could be of a heritage design and in a material that complements the style of existing streetlamps.

3. 9 RUSSELL STREET - Time Traveller park area

Behind the low hedge on the left of the Map stand, either against the fence, or parallel to the road directly behind the hedge. The EDM suggests that his be rack be designed to complement the penny farthing history of the Village – as per attached - see attached photo.

4. PIONEER PARK ENTRANCE – Russell Street

Just inside the Pioneer Park Entrance, on the left side, either against the side fence, or behind the front fence parallel with the road. It is preferred that this would be a bike rack with heritage penny farthing ends and several wheel slots between the ends - see attached photo.

If these sites are found to be inappropriate, and no other sites on Russel Street are agreed on, the other option could be on the front lawn of the Evandale Community Centre on Barclay Street – however this location is unlikely to support the local businesses to the same extent as positioning racks in Russell Street.

Kind Regards,
Evandale District Committee

Bike rack and bike rail examples.

Penny farthing-style bike rack used in historic streetscapes in Europe.



The following pic is to demonstrate how a simple railing can be used to support cycles.

While this example is made of stainless steel, a rack of this style could be made from wrought iron in a style that would complement Evandale's heritage streetscape.



EVANDALE

(Bike rack options)

