

MINTUES- Evandale District Committee Ordinary Meeting Tuesday 7 October 2025

ATTENDANCE

1. **Present:** B. Lawson, JL. Curtis-Godillon, J. Archer, B. Argent-Smith, S. Kensitt, G. Divall,
2. **In Attendance:** Cr P. Terret, Deputy Mayor J. Lambert and V. Tan- NMC Executive and Communications Officer

Guest: Heidi Kent

Apologies: A. Westbrook and A. Curtis-Godillon

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.

Special acknowledgement of the passing of Mr. John Lewis.

John served with distinction as Chairman of the **Evandale District Committee** and the **Evandale Advisory Committee** for many years. He also led the **Evandale Information and Community Centre** as Chair for over 25 years, dedicating countless hours to the betterment of our community. John's leadership, generosity, and kindness touched the lives of many. He will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Rest in Peace.

Election of a New Chair – Committee to open to nominations and vote.

Appointment of Chairperson:

Moved: J. Archer Seconded: JL. Curtis-Godillon Carried unanimously

That Stephanie Kensitt be appointed Chairperson for the remainder of the term 2024-2026

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: D.Swann Seconded: B Lawson Carried

That the minutes of the meeting of the Evandale Committee held on Tuesday 5 August 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)	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. • 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	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 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 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?	Motion for the 18 August 2025 Council meeting 7 1.1 Pioneer Park – Toilet Block - Shower MINUTE NO. 25/275 DECISION Carried Unanimously That Council notes the Committee’s request for clarification regarding the \$5000 budget allocation for the Pioneer Park Amenities – Public Shower facility and acknowledges that this matter is operational in nature and will be managed by Council officers accordingly.
6.1 (D)	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. 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. Moved: B. Argent-Smith Second: J Archer Carried Motion: Further Discussion on Pioneer Park Development Sequencing 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.	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.
6.2	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.	Budgeted for solar light - maintenance 2025-2026 Works request to consider a fixed and vandal proof lighting.

	Committee notes that the daffodils planted were mowed over.	
6.3	Significant Trees Register	Awaiting final report
6.4	Bicycle Racks - Location and Style MINUTE NO. 25/005 2025 01-20 Open Council – Ordinary Meeting DECISION <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> Motion Moved J Archer Seconded JL Godillon Carried The committee requests from the Council the Status of the Bike rack installation if. 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. Background: Proposed locations were NOT accepted. • Memorial Hall – 2 • Old Bakery – 2 Committee recommends alternative sites: • Report Evandale Bike Rack – location and style options 11 April 2025	Discussion Paper – April Discussion Report provided by J Archer Evandale Bike Rack – location and style options 11 April 2025 The committee resolved to meet Tuesday 6 May at 4pm at the Evandale Community Centre to mark locations on the map. June 3, 2025, Motion was considered an operational matter and not included in the council agenda Reports received: Evandale Bike Rack options post JO edit Bike racks Russel St 1104205.pdf Quotations are being obtained for a vintage penny farthing style of bike rack
6.5	Special Dates & Meeting dates for 2025 • Northern Committees Xmas function • December 2, 2025, ordinary meeting	Officer update is that this date will be changed to 3 December 2025
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

7. **COMMUNITY GROUPS – General Discussion**

- Community Centre:** New coordinator has been appointed. Ms Heidi Kent.
- Neighbourhood Watch:** Cuppa with a Cop was attended by 17person. Next meeting will be held first week of December. Newsletter will be out soon
- History Society:** Recent meeting has had many apologies due to travel. There is ongoing research as to using an application to record research, history and stories.
- Morven Park:** The Festival of Rail was successful with over 900-1000 attendees. The hall has been well used by the school and the football club.

8. Budget Items/Requests Table

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

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Future car parking – Honey Suckle Banks (Works request has been submitted Doc ID 1591963)

Officer will undertake a detailed review of the proposed Honeysuckle Banks plan to gain a clearer understanding of the 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.

NOTE FROM EVANDALE RESIDENT

I note that you are a member of the Evandale District Committee and would like to bring to the attention of the Committee, a concern which we hope can be addressed with Northern Midlands Council in a conciliatory and constructive way.

From late Spring until Autumn each year, the car park at Honeysuckle Banks on Leighlands Road is occupied to capacity by mobile homes and caravans, preventing local residents from accessing the car park. We are aware that this is a designated 48 hour free area for self-contained caravans and mobile homes. We don't object to Honeysuckle Banks being utilised for this purpose. Our concern is that it is the car park that is fully occupied, to the exclusion of Evandale residents.

We understand that there are plans to install a dump station at Honeysuckle Banks for use by self-contained caravans and mobile homes. This will no doubt be an additional attraction and reason to use the free area. We are wondering if the works to install the dump station may include construction of a hard stand adjacent to the car park to accommodate the caravans and mobile homes, leaving the car park free to be used as - a car park?

We would appreciate your thoughts and feedback from the Committee.



9.2	Lift the Tone Campaign Northern Midlands Council proudly endorses the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT)#LiftTheTone campaign to promote respectful communication. Northern Midlands Council Resolutions – 15 September 2025 (Ordinary Meeting: Minute No. 25/272). Robust debate is healthy—but abuse and intimidation are not. Let’s work together to create a safer, more respectful community. Take the pledge -	Information item - Remove from next agenda
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	http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au/lgat-advocacy/lift-the-tone	
9.3	Northern Midlands Community Directory – online resource To promote awareness and encourage community groups, clubs, and arts and cultural organisations to list themselves in the Northern Midlands Community Directory. This will help residents and visitors easily connect with local services and activities. It's completely free and easy to register! Simply visit https://www.nmba.asn.au/communityorganisations and complete your group's details.	Information item - Remove from next agenda
9.4	Nominations Now Open for Northern Midlands Australia Day 2026 Awards Acknowledging the dedication and achievements of individuals and events that make the Northern Midlands special. Nomination forms can be found on council website. Nominations close on the 12 November 2025	Information item - Remove from next agenda
9.5	Meeting Dates for 2026. • February 3, 2026 • March Budget Submission to council (date TBC) • March 31, 2026 • April Council Bus Tour or Municipality (date TBC) • June 2, 2026 • August 4, 2026 • October 6, 2026 • November Christmas Dinner in Ross (date TBC) • December 1, 2026	
9.6	Northern Committees Christmas Dinner – Save the Date December 3rd 2025, 6:30PM - Invitation to follow.	Please note the new date.
9.7	Moved B Argent-Smith Seconded: JL Curtis-Godillon Carried Motion: Evandale Shopping Precinct: Safer 40 km/h Speed That Council: 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). Background / Rationale (for inclusion in the agenda report) • 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 users. Reducing to 40 km/h materially lowers kinetic energy in any conflict and improves driver reaction margins at crossing points.	
9.8	Moved: B Argent-Smith Seconded: JL Curtis-Godillon Carried Motion: Restriction of Parking – Rodgers Lane to Murray Street on Sundays 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. 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: • Improve traffic flow and reduce bottlenecks. • Enhance pedestrian safety. • Similar measures have been successfully applied in other areas, such as Coachmans Road and Saddlers Court, following community consultation and Council resolution.	

9.9	Moved: B Argent-Smith Seconded: JL Curtis-Godillon Carried Motion: Restricting Heavy Vehicle Access — Murray Street and Rodgers Lane approach to Macquarie Street, Evandale That Council: 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/linemarking improvements, and 5. an implementation plan, costs, and signage scheme Background: Rodgers Lane is very narrow; when heavy vehicles enter Macquarie Street their turning path encroaches into the opposing traffic lane, creating an avoidable safety risk and amenity impacts for the Evandale town centre.	
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10. CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 4:29 pm. The next meeting of the Evandale District Committee is scheduled for 2 December 2025, at 4pm at the Evandale Community Centre.

