

MINUTES

Evandale District Committee Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 31 March 2026 starting at 4:00pm

- 1 **PRESENT:** Stephanie Kensitt, David Swann, Bruce Argent-Smith, Robyn Williams, and Barry Lawson
- 2 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr Paul Terrett, NMC Secretary Vivien Tan and NMC Works Manager Leigh McCullagh
- 3 **GUESTS:**
- 4 **APOLOGIES:** Jean-Luc Curtis-Godillon, Jo Archer, Andrea Westbrook and Maree Bricknell NMC Acting General Manager and Deputy Mayor Janet Lambert
- 5 **ACKNOWLEDGMENT 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.

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 Swann Secoded: B Lawson Carried

That the minutes of the meeting of the Evandale Local District Committee held on 3 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings

8 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**


	Description	Action
8.1 (A)	<p>Pioneer Park - Improvements</p> <p>The Park already has a significant investment in trees that should be cared for.</p> <p>Moved: G Divall Secoded: J Archer Carried</p> <p>Motion Irrigation System of Pioneer Park</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion regarding the ability of having community led plantings. This would need to work with the Master Plan	<p>Listed as a Council Priority Project.</p> <p>Awaiting funding opportunities.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible formation of subcommittee - apply for community grants. Council requested to apply for grants <p>February 3, 2026</p> <p>Motion: Moved: JL Curtis-Godillon Seconded: D Swann CARRIED</p> <p>Council undertake a full assessment of the Pioneer Park irrigation system, carry out necessary repairs, and implement regular scheduled maintenance to support the ongoing health of existing trees.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The Committee noted that the irrigation system at Pioneer Park is currently not functioning. Members expressed concern regarding the risk to the Park’s established trees and acknowledged the need for Council to undertake repairs and regular maintenance.</p>	
8.1(B)	<p>Pioneer Park – Picnic Shelter</p> <p>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. Will be requested in the Master Plan.</p>	<p>Listed as a Council Priority Project.</p> <p>Awaiting funding opportunities.</p>
8.1 (C)	<p>Pioneer Park - Master Plan</p> <p>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</p> <p>Motion 5/8/25 Moved G Divall Seconded D Swann</p> <p>The Committee requests that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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>The tenders for design and construct tenders will go out this first quarter and thereafter consultation.</p> <p>Moved: B. Argent-Smith Second: J Archer Carried</p> <p>Motion: Further Discussion on Pioneer Park Development Sequencing</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Motion for the 18 August 2025 Council meeting</p> <p>2025-09-15 OPEN COUNCIL - ORDINARY MEETING</p> <p>7 1.2 Pioneer Park - Master Plan - Evandale</p> <p>MINUTE NO. 25/276</p>	<p>Works manager will be available to meet in the March District Committee meeting</p> <p>At the 16 March 2026 Council meeting</p> <p>7.2.1 Pioneer Park Irrigation System</p> <p>MINUTE NO. 26/073</p> <p>DECISION</p> <p>That Council update the Local District Committee of the range of upgrade works within Pioneer Park as part of the broader improvement program, including the irrigation system.</p> <p>Full decision is included as an</p>

	<p>DECISION Carried Unanimously</p> <p>That Council note the request and that the committee will receive the information when the project progresses.</p> <p>Listed as a Council Priority Project. Looking to secure funding opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee discussed the use of lighting around the playground. Keep the lighting with a heritage look • Removal of the pine bark for safety as there have been needles and broken glass found in the mulch • Fix the old equipment and irrigation <p>MOTION Pioneer Parks Priority Upgrades.</p> <p>Moved B Lawson Seconded B Argent Smith Carried</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorses the priority upgrade works for Pioneer Park to focus on the installation of concrete footpaths, designed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists, prams, wheelchair users and motorised mobility scooter users; ○ Enhance safety and connectivity throughout the park; and ○ Improve overall access to park facilities. 2. Notes that the proposed priority upgrades should also incorporate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improved drainage and irrigation to support long-term usability and landscape sustainability; ○ Installation of heritage-style lighting to improve safety and amenity; and ○ Development of a safe, heritage-style play area consistent with the character of Pioneer Park. 3. Requests that Council Officers provide an updated expected schedule for implementation, including indicative staging and timeframes for the priority upgrade works, for consideration by Council. 	<p>attachment to the agenda.</p>
<p>8.2</p>	<p>Lighting at the Entrance to Evandale – Garden Bed Up lights</p> <p>The council installs lights at the road entrance sign into Evandale.</p> <p>Location: under the Evandale entrance statement</p> <p>- Consider the daffodils and street trees near the signage.</p> <p>Committee notes that the daffodils planted were mowed over.</p> <p>Works have a verbal confirmation to use the electricity from the light pole to run power to the area. This will enable an up light to be installed.</p>	<p>Budgeted for solar light – maintenance.</p> <p>Monitor</p>
<p>8.3</p>	<p>Significant Trees Register</p>	<p>Awaiting final report</p>
<p>8.4</p>	<p>Bicycle Racks - Location and Style</p> <p>MINUTE NO. 25/005 2025 01-20 Open Council – Ordinary Meeting</p> <p>DECISION</p>	<p>Quotations are being obtained for a vintage</p>

<p><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>penny farthing style of bike rack</p>
<p>Motion Moved J Archer Seconded JL Godillon Carried</p> <p>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,</p> <p>B) How much was the allocated amount,</p> <p>C) Can they confirm the suggested locations were considered and accepted,</p> <p>D) Date of work to commence.</p> <p>Background: Proposed locations were NOT accepted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Hall – 2 • Old Bakery – 2 <p>Committee recommends alternative sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report Evandale Bike Rack – location and style options 11/4/25 <p><i>Discussion Paper – April</i></p> <p><i>Discussion Report provided by J Archer.</i></p> <p><i>Evandale Bike Rack – location and style options 11 April 2025</i></p> <p><i>The committee resolved to meet Tuesday 6 May at 4pm at the Evandale Community Centre to mark locations on the map.</i></p> <p><i>June 3, 2025, Motion was considered an operational matter and not included in the council agenda</i></p> <p><i>Reports received:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Evandale Bike Rack options post JO edit</i> • <i>Bike racks Russel St 1104205.pdf</i> <p><i>Project Officer is sourcing supplier. 8 December 2025</i></p> <p><i>There was a budget allocation for bicycle improvements across the municipality. The proposed works can be delivered within the remaining carried forward allocation</i></p> <p>February 3, 2026</p> <p>Moved: B Lawson Seconded: JL Curtis-Godillon CARRIED</p> <p>Motion: Bike Rack Production Design, Location and Installation Timeline</p> <p>That Council formally advised the Evandale District Committee of the proposed production design, confirmed location(s), and the expected timeline for installation of the new bike racks, and that this advice includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details of the final design, including visual references and materials, consistent with previous committee recommendations that installations be sympathetic to the 	<p>Evandale Committee requests to see proposed designs and or photos and a general understanding of timelines.</p> <p>At the 16 March 2026 Council meeting</p> <p>7.2.2 Bike Rack Production Design, Location And Installation</p> <p>MINUTE NO. 26/077</p> <p>DECISION</p> <p>That Council Officers continue to work on this project and Officers will provide</p>

<p>heritage character of the township and avoid visual intrusion into the streetscape.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Confirmation of the approved locations, noting prior committee recommendations regarding alternative suitable sites and the need to ensure accessibility and minimal impact on the heritage streetscape. 3. An update on project scheduling, including procurement status, supplier arrangements, and estimated commencement and completion dates for installation. 4. Clarification of any budget allocations associated with the installation, including whether funds have been carried forward and the amount allocated (as previously queried by the Committee). <p>The Committee has repeatedly requested updates on design specifications, location decisions, budget allocation, and installation timelines for the bike racks to ensure the project aligns with local heritage character and community expectations. Enhanced transparency will support community engagement and timely project delivery.</p> <p>MOTION: Retention and Upgrade of Bicycle Parking at No. 10 and Time Traveller Park</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does NOT replace the existing bicycle racks located outside No. 10, and instead repaints the existing racks black to improve presentation and consistency with the streetscape; and 2. Installs penny farthing-style bicycle racks at Time Traveller Park, positioned behind the low hedge on the left side of the map; and 3. Ensure that the joining bar between the two 'end penny farthing designs' is long enough at no less than 1 metre in length and set at approximately 1.1m height. This is to enable a greater number of bicycles to be securely attached. 	<p>costing and proposed locations at the next Evandale District Committee Meeting.</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>
<p>8.5 Heritage Tunnel and Watercourse - 2025-01-20 Council – MINUTE NO. 25/006. The land was sold and no additional developments have occurred</p>	<p>Monitor for future planning applications.</p>
<p>8.6 Honeysuckle Banks Toilet and dump point.</p> <p>At the 16 March 2026 Council meeting</p> <p>7.2.3 Honey Suckle Banks – Rock Barrier For Caravan Area</p> <p>MINUTE NO. 26/078 Carried</p> <p>DECISION</p> <p>That Council advise the Committee that is not currently considering the opening of any additional land to expand the free camping area at Honeysuckle Banks. The site is temporarily opened once each year to</p>	<p>The dump point should be completed by end of May 2026. The toilet will be the next construction.</p> <p>Monitor</p>

	<p>accommodate the increased number of visitors associated with the Penny Farthing Championships and is closed again shortly thereafter.</p> 	
8.9	<p>Whitehills Road General Discussion regarding the speed limit (near number 845) to be from 70km/hr to 50km/hr. Country roads are set at 100km/hr</p>	
8.10	<p>Committee Meetings for 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2, 2026 • August 4, 2026 • October 6, 2026 • December 1, 2026 	
8.13	<p>Traders in Purple Tasmanian Planning Commission has requested Council to undertake a review, and the matter is being progressed accordingly. At the 16 February 2026 Council meeting MINUTE NO. 26/057 11.2 RECONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT 14/2024: REZONE 4 RIDGESIDE LANE, 38 ARTHUR STREET, 95 LOGAN ROAD AND PART OF 211 LOGAN ROAD, EVANDALE AND APPLY A MODIFIED EVANDALE SPECIFIC AREA PLAN TO THE LAND That, pursuant to section 38(2)(b) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, the Planning Authority refuses to prepare draft amendment 14/2024 (the proposal) to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule, having considered the LPS criteria.</p>	<p>Decision is with Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal</p>

9 COMMUNITY GROUPS – General Discussion

1. **Community Centre:** Centre is working nicely. There have been some good revenue days.
2. **Neighbourhood Watch:** no report until end June 2026
3. **History Society:** The room is being cleared and cleaned. The society is currently busy organizing ANZAC Day 2026 there has been some progress with identifying the people and dates in the large photo album. There are now more names of the 1830s to 1870s.
4. **Morven Park:** The next train festival will be on the 20th September 2026 with the addition of some artisanal crafts and possibly a car club.

10 BUDGET ITEMS/REQUESTS TABLE

Committee: Evandale Advisory Committee

Project	Description of proposed works/service	Est. cost etc
Honeysuckle Banks	<p>Camping in this area by non-self-contained vans and tents in the warmer months results in lots of human excrement scattered along the riverbank. A flood-proof toilet and RV dump point has been approved. Construction is now required to alleviate the excrement problem as soon as possible.</p> <p>There have been several complaints about camper vans and caravaners occupying all or much of the car parking area in summer months and thereby restricting access by locals to the swimming hole. To fix this problem, it is requested that large rocks be used to define an area off the carpark for a designated camping area. See the attached sketch for a possible solution. This side of the carpark has been selected as it affords better access to the picnic rotunda and the proposed toilets.</p> <p>The riverbanks are also in need of a clean-up to remove gorse, willows, blackberries, hawthorns etc. To ensure ongoing bank protection from possible erosion, the root balls of trees removed should remain in place to prevent erosion and removed trees should be replaced with appropriate native species.</p> <p>This area has some significant historic significance as Governor Macquarie camped here and named the area in 1811. It is also noted that Honeysuckle Banks is and has been for some time, an unactioned strategic project of Council.</p>	<p>Waiting for additional funding opportunities. The toilet block will start construction after the dump point is completed.</p>
Pioneer Park	<p>A Village Green for Evandale is envisaged that celebrates the pioneers who established the village. It would become a place of State significance attracting tourists throughout the year and would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beautiful trees providing autumn colours, spring blossoms and summer shade • Beautiful gardens • More BBQ facilities • More seating • Drinking fountains (both people and dogs) • Heritage lighting • Dry stone walls • Cycle and footpaths around the Green • “History Experiences” with signage/QR codes telling the stories of Evandale, the church and original school as well as pioneers and convicts buried in the park. <p>A landscape master plan for the development of the Village Green has commenced as a first step and now further funding</p>	<p>Apart from the necessary Council involvement in the development and implementation of the master plan, it is anticipated that the project could/would be part funded by the community through money, labour and time (including nurturing trees</p>

	<p>is sought from Council to complete the park design including irrigation and electricity layout, plant species etc. Subsequently, and in line with a master plan, the park will require, on a step-by-step basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More rubbish bins • More seating and picnic areas • Better signage for location of toilets, playground etc. • More and upgraded garden beds and trees (including species to be planted) • Playground equipment (later – not initially) • History boards/QR codes detailing history and stories of Evandale and locations in the park (e.g. site of original “English” Church and school was recently installed.) • Parking on the grassed area adjacent to the cemetery (Murray Street) should be officially discouraged with appropriate “No Parking” signs • Re-gravelled/graded paths (ironstone) which are then regularly maintained (or exposed aggregate concrete path that maintains a heritage feel). <p>In addition, the current irrigation system needs to be regularly maintained, and new prunus trees need to be planted along Murray Street between the existing prunus trees in readiness for the eventual replacement of the old trees.</p>	<p>and flowering plants prior to planting) as well as grants (e.g. Tasmanian Community Fund). It is anticipated that this project could be funded over several years. Initial funding to be used for irrigation, electricity followed by paths and heritage lighting.</p>
Underground Power	Ongoing Council’s assistance (necessary approvals, coordination with other utilities and advocacy with State Government etc.) is requested to put the power lines underground in the heritage areas of Evandale.	
Heritage Lights	Several more heritage lights along Russell Street (and eventually High Street as existing lights need to be replaced), to complement the ones already there and to enhance the heritage nature of the town. Heritage lighting within Pioneer Park would also enhance the area, as well as making it safer at night.	
Nile Road Upgrade	Bitumen-seal gravel section. This section is used by many locals and tourists and needs upgrading.	
Saddlers Court Park	Additional tree planting needed here as well as provision of irrigation to existing and new trees. This is consistent with a strategic plan for trees and gardens in Evandale prepared for the District Committee.	
Russell Street	Reconstruction/upgrade of the road is needed as many areas are very worn and uneven. This road surface needs to be of good standard to ensure the safety of penny farthing riders in	

	the National Penny Farthing Championships that bring national and international attention to Evandale each year.	
Electric Vehicle Charging Station	Evandale needs a charging station for electric vehicles (in the parking area of the Information Centre. Council is requested to allow the facility to be built on its land and to seek installation by an appropriate body.	
Garden at Entrance to the Village	The garden on the left before the water tower on Evandale Road as it enters the village is not commensurate with the importance of this village to Tasmanian tourism. It needs to be more substantial, colourful and must make a “statement”. Dead plants need to be removed, and new plants are required. For example, several dwarf red flowering gum (<i>Corymbia ficifolia</i>) may be a suitable addition. An automatic irrigation system for the garden is also required.	
Foot Paths	<p>A foot path program for Evandale is required to give more consistency and safety. Examples of areas needing improvement (in priority order) are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Russell Street (particularly in front of shops where the surface is currently a safety hazard) 2. High Street 3. Collins Street 4. Nile Road near Prince of Wales Hotel 5. Arthur Street <p>This project is compatible with the Walkability Project funded by the Medical Research Future Fund with support from the Tasmanian Government and the Local Government Association of Tasmania. The project is a collaboration between the University of Tasmania, Deakin University, RMIT University, and the University of Sydney.</p>	
Street Trees	More street trees are required throughout the village, e.g. Cambock Lane East, High Street. More streets should look like Cambock Lane West.	
Street Seats	Appropriate heritage looking seats are required at several locations to enable older people to rest while walking around the village. Locations include High, Macquarie, Russell and Barclay Streets.	

11 NEW BUSINESS

12. CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closes the meeting at 5:30pm. The next meeting of the Evandale District Committee is scheduled for 2 June 2026, at 4pm at the Evandale Community Centre.