

MINUTES- Evandale District Committee Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 3 February 2026 starting at 4:05pm

ATTENDANCE

1. **Present:** David Swann, Jean-Luc Curtis-Godillon, Bruce Argent-Smith, Robyn Williams, Barry Lawson (Acting Chairman)

In Attendance: Councillor Paul Terrett (*entered the meeting at 4:20pm*) and NMC Secretary Vivien Tan

2. **Guest:** Heidi Kent

Apologies: Councillor Janet Lambert, Stephanie Kensitt, Jo Archer and Andrea Westbrook

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.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: D Swann Seconded: B Argent-Smith Carried

That the minutes of the meeting of the Evandale Committee held on Tuesday 2 December 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	Include in community feedback for the need for complete irrigation plans in the Pioneer Park Master

<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 • Possible formation of subcommittee - apply for community grants. Council requested to apply for grants 	<p>Plan when funding has been sought.</p> <p>Listed as a Council Priority Project. Awaiting funding opportunities.</p>
<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>	
<p>6.1(B) 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>

6.1 (C)	<p>Pioneer Park - Master Plan</p> <p>Motion 3/12/2024 Moved B Lawson Seconded S Kensitt Carried</p> <p>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>Works manager will be available to meet in the March District Committee meeting</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>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 	
6.2	<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>Budgeted for solar light – maintenance.</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>	Committee requests a timeline for this installation.
6.3	Significant Trees Register	Awaiting final report
6.4	<p>Bicycle Racks - Location and Style</p> <p>MINUTE NO. 25/005 2025 01-20 Open Council – Ordinary Meeting</p> <p><u>DECISION</u></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>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 April 2025 <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>Reports received:</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>Committee would like to see a copy of the design.</i></p>	<p>Quotations are being obtained for a vintage penny farthing style of bike rack</p> <p>Evandale Committee requests to see proposed designs and or photos and a general understanding of timelines.</p> <p>Works will follow up with Project officer to manufacture.</p>

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Motion to Council

Moved: B Lawson Seconded: JL Curtis-Godillon CARRIED

Motion: Bike Rack Production Design, Location and Installation Timeline

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:

1. Details of the final design, including visual references and materials, consistent with previous committee recommendations that installations be sympathetic to the heritage character of the township and avoid visual intrusion into the streetscape.
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).

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.

6.5	<p>Heritage Tunnel and Watercourse - 2025-01-20 Council – MINUTE NO. 25/006</p> <p>That the council's planning department will consult with the developer and the Tasmanian Heritage Council regarding the Committee's motion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heritage Tasmania's Regional Heritage Advisor wrote to Council on 14/1/25 stating: <p>'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'.</p>	<p>The land was sold and no additional developments have occurred.</p> <p>Monitor for future planning applications.</p>
6.6	<p>Honey Suckle Banks – Dump Point and Area Plan</p> <p>Officer will undertake a detailed review of the proposed Honeysuckle Banks plan to gain a clearer understanding of the</p>	<p>Council has no plans to construct another area for the carpark at this time.</p>

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 once plans are drawn up.

(Works request has been submitted Doc ID 1591963)

- The dump point is planned to be placed by year end 2025 by Hudson Civil.
- Current Water table has prohibited installation

Honeysuckle Banks

The 48-hour free area for self - contained caravans & mobile homes is located at the Honeysuckle Banks Reserve, Leighlands Road Evandale

The dedicated free area is sign posted and is only permitted from NOVEMBER TO APRIL, summer months. **Permits are required.**

Photo showing the graded street parking available at Honeysuckle Banks. Dec. 25



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Moved: B Lawson Seconded: R Williams CARRIED

Motion: Establishment of Rock Barrier and Signage to Define Caravan Area Along the Riverbank within the grassed area beyond the locked gate.

That Council:

1. Investigates the installation of a rock barrier within the grassed area beyond the currently locked gate for the purpose of clearly defining and limiting the designated caravan parking/stay area.
2. Notes that the installation of such a barrier will help ensure equitable access for local residents and visitors to the river for fishing, recreation, and general public use.
3. Develops and installs clear, permanent signage indicating:
 - o the designated area for caravans only,
 - o any conditions of use, including time limits and permit requirements (consistent with current caravan and camping practices in the Northern Midlands

Committee noted that during summer months the access to the riverbank is obstructed by caravans and the car parking area is

The grassed gated area is only opened in the dry periods and/or during certain event times for Evandale. i.e.. Penny Farthing and Glover events

This area can be monitored over this summer period, and if another area is deemed necessary, costing to be undertaken and then placed in the budget for consideration 26/27.

On site – Large tanks delivered. Works is finalising the crew for installation

Motion to Council

	<p>taken over. Evandale residents cannot access the riverbank and need to park off the main road. Is it possible for the gate to be open so that caravans can park on the grassed area?</p>	
6.7	<p>Motion: Restricting Heavy Vehicle Access — Murray Street and Rodgers Lane approach to Macquarie Street, Evandale</p> <p>Moved: B Argent-Smith Seconded: JL Curtis-Godillon Carried</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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/line marking improvements, and 5. an implementation plan, costs, and signage scheme 	<p>Traffic Counter Deployment</p> <p>Counters have been deployed and will be rotated within each area to capture varied data.</p> <p>Purpose: Assess traffic flow across all three motions for planning and analysis.</p> <p>There were light vehicles using the access however there is no registration information. It seems it is mainly local delivery vehicles.</p>
6.8	<p>Motion: Evandale Shopping Precinct: Safer 40 km/h Speed</p> <p>Moved B Argent-Smith Seconded: JL Curtis-Godillon Carried</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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). <p>Background:</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Traffic Counter Deployment</p> <p>Counters have been deployed and will be rotated within each area to capture varied data.</p> <p>Purpose: Assess traffic flow across all three motions for planning and analysis.</p> <p>The results are with the Traffic Engineer for recommendation.</p> <p>Committee awaiting report from Traffic Engineer</p>

	<p>users. Reducing to 40 km/h materially lowers kinetic energy in any conflict and improves driver reaction margins at crossing points.</p> <p>Committee requests an update and report from the Works department when the information is available.</p>	
6.9	<p>Motion: Restriction of Parking – Rodgers Lane to Murray Street on Sundays</p> <p>Moved: B Argent-Smith Seconded: JL Curtis-Godillon Carried</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Background:</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve traffic flow and reduce bottlenecks. • Enhance pedestrian safety. <p>Similar measures have been successfully applied in other areas, such as Coachmans Road and Saddlers Court, following community consultation and Council resolution.</p> <p>Purpose: Assess traffic flow across all three motions for planning and analysis.</p>	<p>Traffic Counter Deployment</p> <p>Counters have been deployed and will be rotated within each area to capture varied data.</p> <p>2/12/25 Committee requests actual data of:</p> <p>How many vehicles?</p> <p>Types of Vehicles? and</p> <p>What are the times of the day?</p> <p>The results are with the Traffic Engineer for recommendation.</p>
6.10	<p>Committee Meetings for 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March Budget meeting • March 31, 2026 (instead of April 7) • June 2, 2026 • August 4, 2026 • October 6, 2026 • December 1, 2026 	
6.11	<p>School Bus Shelter</p> <p>Requires more information from Parents or Bus companies as to where a possible location would be.</p>	ongoing

7. COMMUNITY GROUPS – General Discussion

1. **Community Centre:** Update of Visitor numbers for January are 517 tourists and 215 other (Total visitors is 732. There was a loss of 3 volunteers however with the big recruitment drive the Centre has gained 10 new volunteers. Onboarding of these volunteers has meant that the Centre can stay open 7 days a week. Sundays are open.
2. **Neighbourhood Watch:** Defer to next meeting. Nothing to report

3. **History Society:** Defer to next meeting. Nothing to report.

4. **Morven Park:** Defer to next meeting. Nothing to report.

Train festival: September Steam Festival will be settled in the coming weeks and the committee would like to open it out to include stalls/ crafting stands/ demonstrations of tatting and spinning. This would be a sort of heritage fair using the oval which is an empty space whilst the trains are running. There would also be live entertainment - making use of the scoreboard for showing live screening/viewing.

8. BUDGET ITEMS/REQUESTS TABLE

	Budget Items/ Request List 2026/2027 Items that were not funded in 2025/2026 will be included here for next year's budget consideration. Carried over from 2025/2026. New items for 2026/2027 Items to be listed and include the itinerary for the Municipal Bus Tour by the councillors.	B Lawson will send around the table for District Committee comments
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Footpath at the end of Russel Street

The footpath at the end of Russel Street has deteriorated significantly and is now posing a safety risk. There is heavy pedestrian use in this area, and the worsening condition of the surface increases the likelihood of trips, falls, and mobility issues, particularly for older residents and parents with prams.

Request that Council investigate submitting a VRUP (Vulnerable Road User Program) funding application to address the deteriorating and unsafe footpath at the end of Russel Street, and that the Evandale Walkability Report be used to support the evidence base for the application and prioritisation of works.

9.2 Street light Cleaning

- Committee requests the streetlights be cleaned before the Penny Farthing weekend and Glover exhibition.
- There is one streetlight that is broken (outside of the Prince of Wales) where it needs to be fixed.
Action: To make request to Networks

9.2 High Street Footpath to Honeysuckle Banks

- The Committee noted that access to Honeysuckle Banks from the Evandale township could be improved for pedestrians.
- Members noted that this has been an ongoing issue with some people wanting to keep the heritage feel with gravel and others wanting a safer option. It was suggested that installing an exposed-aggregate footpath using a similar gravel to the existing gravel would enhance pedestrian safety while complementing the heritage character of the area.

Action: To put in a works request.

9.3 Public Waste Collection – Service Availability

- The Committee discussed current hard waste collection services and whether these could be extended to all residents. It was noted that Council provides a hard waste collection service for pensioners and concession card holders, which is available upon request and must be arranged by contacting Council.
- Reference was also made to the annual extra waste collections historically undertaken in township areas during December.
- A councillor advised that extending hard waste collections to all households would have budget implications and would need to be considered within existing financial constraints.

The Committee noted the information provided. No further action was taken.

9.4 Sewer Odour – Collins Street / Main Street

A committee member raised a question regarding a manhole near the corner of Collins Street and Main Street. It was noted that TasWater has been contacted. Due to this time of year, water is sitting in the manhole and becoming stagnant, resulting in a strong and unpleasant odour.

9.4 Traders in Purple

Tasmanian Planning Commission has requested Council to undertake a review, and the matter is being progressed accordingly. This is being reviewed in the 16 February 2026 Council meeting.

9.5 Evandale Water and Sewerage issues

- The Committee discussed ongoing concerns regarding Evandale's water supply and sewerage system.
- It was noted that one member had independently engaged with a TasWater hydrologist prior to release of the Tas Water Master Plan to better understand current and future water supply capacity, operational issues, and constraints affecting Evandale.
- The Committee requested clarification on what the current TasWater Master Plan is for Evandale's water and sewerage infrastructure, including any planned upgrades or servicing strategies.
- The Committee also noted the need to review the new TasWater pricing regime, particularly in relation to potential impacts on Evandale residents and businesses.
- It was further observed that sewerage flows tend to slow during dry periods and increase significantly during heavy rainfall, suggesting seasonal variability and possible wet weather inflow issues that warrant further investigation.

Actions: Request to TasWater for the information. Access to water guarantees and allocations. Off stream storages. Master plan is now being released.

10. CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closes the meeting at 5:30 pm. The next meeting of the Evandale District Committee is scheduled for 31 March 2026, at 4pm at the Evandale Community Centre.