

MINUTES Evandale District Committee Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 4 AUGUST 2026 starting after the Biennial General Meeting at 4:10pm, Evandale Information and Community Centre

1 **PRESENT:** Barry Lawson, Daniel Byron. David Swann, Peter Woof, Robert Strachan and Robyn Williams,

2 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr Paul Terrett and Vivien Tan (NMC Executive and Communications Officer).

GUESTS: Lynn McClenaghan

3 **APOLOGIES:** Bruce Argent Smith and Deputy Mayor Janet Lambert.

4 **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.

5 **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 **Seconded:** B. Lawson **Carried**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Evandale Local District Committee held on **2 JUNE 2026** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

	Description	Action
8.1	Pioneer Park - Master Plan MOTION Pioneer Parks Priority Upgrades. Moved B Lawson Seconded B Argent Smith Carried That Council: 1. Endorses the priority upgrade works for Pioneer Park to focus on the installation of concrete footpaths, designed to:	Works manager met at the March District Committee meeting General Discussion: That the committee is happy with the full loop of concrete footpath.

	2. Improve accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists, prams, wheelchair users and motorised mobility scooter users; 3. Enhance safety and connectivity throughout the park; and 4. Improve overall access to park facilities. 5. Notes that the proposed priority upgrades should also incorporate: ○ 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. 6. 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. At the 16 March 2026 Council meeting 7.2.1 Pioneer Park Irrigation System MINUTE NO. 26/073 Decision: 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. The Committee requested Council investigate and pursue grant and funding opportunities to support the implementation of Pioneer Park upgrades. It was noted that previous discussions with the Works Manager confirmed support for the full loop concrete footpath, with irrigation works and footpath construction scheduled for August–September. The Committee also requested that conduit for future lighting be installed concurrently with these works to avoid the need for re-excavation. General Discussion: committee endorsed the full loop pathway, with works to occur during the drier months of August–September. Motion June 29 2026 - Pioneer Park Upgrade and Funding That the District Committee requests Council to: 1. Investigate and pursue suitable grant and funding opportunities to support the implementation of upgrades to Pioneer Park; and Provide a report back to the Committee on available funding options and next steps.	Council will proceed with installation of the irrigation system and implementation of the Master Plan footpath Allocated budget in 2026-2027 is \$450,000 for Masterplan and play equipment update
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8.2	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 Works have a verbal confirmation to use the electricity from the light pole to run power to the area to enable an up light to be installed.	2024-25 Budgeted for solar light – maintenance. Monitor
8.3	Significant Trees Register Discussion: It was noted with disappointment that no trees from Evandale have been included in Council’s Significant Tree Register. The Committee highlighted that an Evandale District Committee member had previously submitted extensive documentation nominating numerous trees of historical and cultural importance. These submissions included detailed background information for several trees, for example: • A <i>Quercus robur</i> (English Oak), believed to have been planted by Mrs Cameron to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. • A <i>Pinus pinea</i> (Stone Pine), germinated in 1924 and planted in 1925 to commemorate ANZAC Day, which is already recognised on the National Trust Significant Tree List. • Trees planted by the Country Women’s Association in 1954. • A tree planted by Lord Casey, Governor-General of Australia, in 1967. • Centenary trees planted by Major R.A.C. Cameron in 1966 to mark 100 years of the Evandale Municipality. • Additional plantings associated with Premiers of Tasmania, the Red Cross, and World War II veterans. The Committee expressed concern that, despite the significance of these nominations, the current Council report reflects no recorded trees from Evandale.	The Committee requested that: • Council review the previously submitted Evandale tree nominations and supporting documentation; and • Consider the inclusion of these trees in the Significant Tree Register as a matter of priority.
8.4	Bicycle Racks - Location and Style At the 16 March 2026 Council meeting 7.2.2 Bike Rack Production Design, Location And Installation MINUTE NO. 26/077 DECISION Carried Unanimously That Council Officers continue to work on this project and Officers will provide costing and proposed locations at the next Evandale District Committee Meeting. MOTION: Retention and Upgrade of Bicycle Parking at No. 10 and Time Traveller Park	Delivery of street furniture are expected June. Installation will be at the time traveller park. Bicycle racks outside No 10 will be painted black.

	That Council: 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.	Committee requests a timeline for installation noting that this has been in progress since 2024.
8.5	Honeysuckle Banks Toilet and dump point. At the 16 March 2026 Council meeting 7.2.3 Honey Suckle Banks – Rock Barrier For Caravan Area MINUTE NO. 26/078 DECISION 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 accommodate the increased number of visitors associated with the Penny Farthing Championships and is closed again shortly thereafter. The Committee did not support Council’s position. Following discussion, members expressed ongoing concerns regarding: • Congestion and loss of access for day visitors and residents • Caravans occupying key areas, particularly near the riverbank and car park • The need to better manage parking and visitor movement within the site The Committee indicated a preference for investigating an alternative arrangement, specifically: • Establishing a designated “caravan-only area” closer to the road, rather than along the riverbank Retaining riverfront areas for general public access and recreation	Officer Update: The dump point is progressing. TasWater lines are being installed to the site. 2026-2027 approved budget is \$174,000
8.7	Whitehills Road General Discussion: The Committee raised concerns regarding the speed limit on Whitehills Road near property number 845. It was noted that speed signage on this stretch of road is inconsistent, with one	The Committee requested that the speed limit signage be reviewed and corrected to ensure consistency. Officers to liaise with the State Growth (Department of State

	direction signed at 50 km/h and the opposite direction at 70 km/h. The Committee also noted that surrounding rural roads are generally signed at 100 km/h, further contributing to confusion for road users.	Growth) to investigate and rectify the discrepancy.
8.8	Committee Meetings for 2026 - October 6, 2026 - December 1, 2026	
8.9	Choose the Scenic Route Photography exhibition – now on at the Community Centre with a Peoples’ choice Award and draw July 31 st 2026 for a \$50 voucher.	Winner of Peoples choice announced.

9 COMMUNITY GROUPS – General Discussion

1. **Community Centre:**
2. **Neighbourhood Watch:**
3. **History Society:**

10 10 APPROVED 2026/27 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS – EVANDALE

The Committee is asked to note the approved 2026/27 Evandale budget allocations and the Council response to Evandale LDC budget items raised.

Officer Comment: Members are invited to note the projects and funding allocations provided for Evandale in the adopted 2026/27 Budget. The budget delivers significant investment in community infrastructure and services while also providing Council's response to a number of requests previously raised by the Evandale District Committee. Several items remain under investigation or future consideration and may inform subsequent budget discussions and strategic planning.

Capital Works Area	Project	Approved Allocation
Roads		\$–
Stormwater	Evan Barclay Street Subdivision Contribution	\$–
Land, Buildings & Recreation	Evan Medical Centre Extension	\$470,000
Land, Buildings & Recreation	Evan Community Centre – floor coverings/book shelving	\$15,000
Subtotal – Land, Buildings & Recreation		\$485,000
Special Project Funding	Morven Park Management Committee – electricity to ticket box	\$5,000
Special Project Funding	Evandale Community Centre & Hall Committee – hand dryers, brochures	\$5,000
Subtotal – Special Project Funding		\$10,000

Capital Works Area	Project	Approved Allocation
Total approved allocation		\$495,000

Evandale LDC budget items raised 2026/27 – Council response

Budget item raised	Response
Honeysuckle Banks toilet, dump point, extension of caravan parking area	In progress
Pioneer Park – implementation of development in accordance with Masterplan	Staging consultation to commence
Underground power in heritage areas of Evandale	Further investigate
Heritage Lights in Russell Street extended	Not a current priority
Spotlight at Evandale entry statement (solar)	Provided under maintenance
Nile Road – seal gravel section	Not in program at this stage
Saddlers Court Park – planting of shade trees and upgrade play equipment	Investigate
Russell Street – reconstruction/upgrade of street	Russell St Footpath plan to be designed
Electric vehicle charging station in the parking area of the Information Centre	Private enterprise project
Garden improvements at entrance to village needs to be more colourful and make more of a statement	Provided under maintenance
Footpath improvements – Russell Street, Arthur Street, High Street, Collins Street, Nile Road near Hotel	Further investigate
Street Trees Cambock Lane East, Cambock Lane West, and High Street	Provided any needed under maintenance
Street Seats High, Macquarie, Russell and Barclay Streets	Further investigate

11 11 NEW BUSINESS

12. CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closes the meeting at ____pm. The next meeting of the Evandale District Committee is scheduled for **6 October 2026**, at 4pm at the Evandale Community Centre.