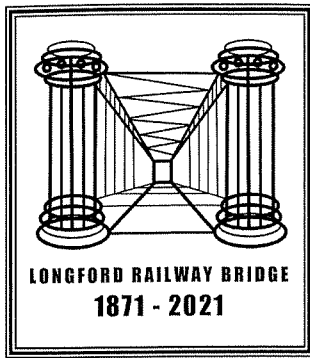




LONGFORD RAILWAY SESQUICENTENARY COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Longford Railway Sesquicentenary
Committee held 18 June 2025 at Council Chambers,
Smith St, Longford Commencing at 3.40pm

1. Attendance

Councillor Dick Adams OAM (Chair), Nigel Burch, John Stebbings, Gayle McLucas, Roy Tan, Rhys Prestidge General Manager for Asset Management and Vernon Hawes Civil Assets TasRail.

In attendance

Vivien Tan, Executive & Communications Officer (Minute taker)

2. Apologies

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting deferred to next meeting.

4. Business arising:

4.1 Rail Bridge Update - Columns Manufacture/Installation

Rhys Prestidge General Manager for Asset Management from TasRail and Vernon Hawes Civil Assets TasRail, provided an update to the committee regarding the manufacture/installation of the pillars. TasRail will send some pictures of the molds and flower caps of the columns.

Since the last meeting there has been considerable progress made. The 6m tall columns have been manufactured and are now at Penguin Composite awaiting finishing. Each column weighs one tonne.

The molds that have been manufactured will be held by Penguin Composite. This will enable the columns for the other end of the bridge to be made funding permitting.

The next stage is to complete the steel frames that will be inserted into each column. There has been a redesign of these frames, they will now be inserted into the columns through a hole cut in the columns and sitting on a large steel plate. TasRail is getting quotes and then have them manufactured. This will take 2-3 months to manufacture.

The final colour is to be selected. A sample was presented to the committee with an anti-graffiti treatment. J Stebbings recalls the original colour of the columns was "silver frost" and was a mat finish.

The committee determined to take the sample piece to the bridge to look at this would contrast with the bridge colour.

TasRail noted that the colour would need to be finalised by August 2025 for production. (In the previous 28 June 2023 minutes, the committee discussed it would be cream.)

TasRail noted that there will need to be a crane access at the park side to bring the columns to the bridge. The committee notes the current work along the footpath and access to the bridge. The chair will discuss with Northern Midlands Council Works Manager regarding the fencing and future access for installation of the columns.

The Official opening date to be determined but most likely would be in the beginning of 2026.

4.2 Model Railway Exhibition

The date for this will be 26 and 27 July 2025. The costs of the hall hire were presented at the meeting at \$360.80 for the weekend and projected expenses of food and beverages be \$350.00.

Motion:

Moved N Burch Seconded G McLucas Carried

That the cost of the expenses of the hire of the hall be covered.

Motion:

Moved N Burch Seconded G McLucas Carried

That the cost of the expenses of the food and beverage be covered.

Refer to the quotation from the Longford Town Hall Committee and the financial report for more information.

5. **Financial report**

There were no changes to the financial statement to report. The committee resolved to accept the report.

6. **General Discussion**

The committee will investigate the funding opportunities and art grants for the lighting of the columns. It would be possible to do projections onto the columns. This was to be actioned by G McLucas.

Discussion as to an interpretation panel, viewing platform and fence designs.

7. **Close of meeting, decision on next meeting.**

The Chairman everyone for their attendance and declared closed at 4.25pm.

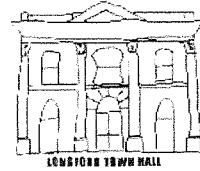
Next meeting: Wednesday 23 July at 3:30pm at the Park side of the Bridge.

Enter via Union Street and park at the Off-lead dog run. Weather permitting.

LONGFORD RAIL BRIDGE RESTORATION GROUP PROJECT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2025-26	Total
Op Balance						
505035 Income - Longford Rail Bridge Restoration Group (GST Free)						
10/01/2022 Donations	1787.34	48.6				
11/08/2022 Donations (Misc)		75				
24/07/2023 Donations				1000		
	1787.34	123.6	0	1000	0	2910.94
Income						
505036 Income - Longford Rail Bridge Restoration Group (GST Applicable)						
Contribution 1 x Calendar Anonymous		9.09				
Contribution 1 x Calendar N/A		9.09				
Contribution 1 x Calendar Paul Godier		9.09				
Contribution 1 x Longford railway Calendar 2022 Andrew Howard		9.09				
Contribution 1 x Calendar Cash Sale		9.09	18.18			
Contribution 1 x 2022 Calendar NMC		1336.36				
Contribution 1 x Calendar Levi		22.73				
1 x Calendar P & D Poole			9.09			
1 x Calendar John Izzard			9.09			
	0	1404.54	36.36	0	0	1440.9
Income						
Sub total	1787.34	1528.14	36.36	1000	0	4351.84
505037 Grant Income						
27/01/2022 Grants State Government		50000				
15/08/2022 Grant Liability increase 2021-22 Capital grants						
	0	50000	0	0	0	
505095 Expenditure - Longford Rail Bridge Restoration Group						
23/02/2021 Contractor payments - Testing and tagging	-75					
9/12/2022 Consumables/Materials - Print		-931.82				
9/12/2022 Consumables/Materials 150gsm calendar pages & 250gsm Cover Pre-Press		-290				
Jul/Aug 2023 Hall Hire and test/tag electrical equip				-518.18		
	-75	-1221.82	0	-518.18	0	-1815
Expenditur						
	1712.34	306.32	36.36	481.82	0	
Balance						2536.84



QUOTE

Longford Train Exhibition

Date
26 Feb 2025

Expiry
28 Mar 2025

Quote Number
QU-0013

Longford Town Hall
Committee
67 Wellington Street
LONGFORD TAS 7301
AUSTRALIA

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount AUD
Hall Function (Local) per day	2.00	164.00	328.00
Subtotal			328.00
TOTAL GST 10%			32.80
TOTAL AUD			360.80

Terms

Hall hire 26-27 July 2025. Bond auspiced by Longford Cultural Society.