

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD DISTRICT COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY 2nd September 2026. COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM
HELD AT LONGFORD WAR MEMORIAL HALL, MEETING ROOM 1**

1. **PRESENT** – Peter Munro (Chair), Annette Aldersea, Alex Francis, Adam McAveney, Frances Stewart, Neil Tubb
2. **IN ATTENDANCE** – Cr. Dick Adams, Cr. Matthew Brooks, Cr. Paul Terrett (Guest), Jane Harrison (Guest)
3. **APOLOGIES** – Kenneth Richards
4. **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*, 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.

No declaration of any pecuniary interest was declared by any person present.

5. 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.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The original minutes of the meeting of the Longford District Committee held on 5th August, 2026 confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

MOVED: Annette Aldersea

SECONDED: Adam McAveney

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.0 PROMOTIONAL ISSUES:

7.1 Signage for Longford Roundabout.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

NMC 29/5/26 Officer Comment: The permit was approved by DSG May 2026. The roundabout sign will be installed.

ACTION: Continue to Monitor.

7.2 Proposed relocation of the stone Longford entrance wall to the Woolmers end of Longford.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

29/5/26 Officer Comment: The Works Permit approval for the installation of a kerb barrier was received in May 2026.

ACTION: Continue to monitor.

7.3 New Promotional Signage either side of Longford Roundabout on Illawarra Road.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

ACTION: Continue to monitor.

7.4 Directory of Clubs & other organizations & their branches in Longford – including sign.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes. Continue to Monitor

Budget Request items 2026/27.

3/6/26 Maree Bricknell & Leigh McCullagh undertook to follow up with Fiona Dewar.

5/8/26 Annette Aldersea met with Fiona Dewar. There will be a new sign board to upgrade/replace the existing Rotary sign on the Village Green, listing social and sporting clubs and Longford based committees.

ACTION: Annette Aldersea & Ken Richards to monitor/progress, contact Rotary.

7.5 Blue Tree

7/1/26 Cr. Matthew Brooks asked LDC if there were any suggestions or nominations for a replacement Blue Tree.

4/2/26 Christine Darke suggested a permanent rust metal Blue Tree, possibly cut and erected by the local ironmonger in Longford, as an option – to be quite high, although not as high as previous tree, bolted to a concrete slab and with a cut-out going down the trunk of the tree to spell “BLUE” (which would help alleviate wind pressure). For reference, there are examples online – some with letters “RUOK” on a branch, some painted blue. It would be another landmark for Longford, Solar powered lighting could be added to extend its visibility.

29/5/26 NMC Officer Comment: This is the project of Rural Alive and Well. (RAW) Tasmania. Former councilor Andrew Calvert was the key advocate for introducing the Blue Tree to the region to promote mental health awareness and reduce stigma.

3/6/26 Frances Stewart contacted RAW who responded with a redirection to www.bluetreeproject.com.au for information regarding the steps to create and register a blue tree. Some discussion regarding appreciation of Alex Francis’ Blue Tree on the side of the underpass near the previous Blue Tree and whether this could be made permanent. LDC and NMC will collaborate and contact Andrew Calvert for advice, along with investigating whether suitable material may be sourced for a metal tree.

5/8/26 Frances Stewart reported approaching Ian at Esk Ridge and Patrick at Optimo regarding donation of a metal Blue Tree for Longford. Both were overwhelmingly positive regarding the project, offering to cover all aspects of the project if a site could be found. Frances Stewart then spoke at Northern Midlands Council meeting 29th June, requesting Council locate an appropriate site. An update was provided from Vivien Tan with the Agenda regarding suggested locations. Committee discussion preferred consideration of a site at Mill Dam, visible from the Illawarra Road, near the bench seat and path. This location would have better visibility and access.

2/9/26 NMC suggested Carins Park, Stokes Park or the hillock on Union St overlooking the South Esk River.

2/9/26 Frances Stewart requested community feedback regarding location suggestions via LDC facebook, also copied to Longford Community page, which received strongly positive community responses. Responses included the roundabout (not safe or accessible), the old location (not accessible and metal tree would hardly be visible) and on top of the levee (would compromise the levee wall). More possible suggestions were near the bench at Mill Dam (could be damaged by flood debris) or below the roundabout and flood levee on the left hand side of Illawarra/Tannery road as you enter town, within the circle of trees, where it would have good visibility and public access.

Budget Request Items 2026/27.

MOTION: Following strong community feedback, Longford District Committee request Northern Midlands Council investigate whether it is possible to position the metal Blue Tree within the circle of trees below the roundabout between Illawarra/Tannery road and the flood levee, and whether public access is possible.

7.7 Public Noticeboard for Longford Community Events

1/4/26 Annette Aldersea raised the need for a public noticeboard for community events, such as ANZAC Day. Councillors noted that Perth have one near Feast and Campbell Town has one on a corner of Main Street, that these are set up by Council and that while it used to be the local District Committees who managed them, they are now controlled by a Council employee. 29/5/26 NMC Officer Comment: In relation to the Campbell Town Community Notice Board, a member of the District Committee has always held a key.

3/6/26 Maree Bricknell will investigate further.

5/8/26 Annette Aldersea reported meeting with Fiona Dewar regarding the project and location, with the suggestion being on the West wall of the BBQ shelter on the Village Green, facing Wellington Street. Construction to be metal frame and Perspex, with space for 9 A4 flyers. A suggestion was a vented bottom frame would prevent condensation. Purpose is strictly to promote community events, not business advertising.

ACTION: Annette Aldersea and Ken Richards to progress.

8.0 SAFETY & AESTHETIC ISSUES:

8.1 Wellington & Marlborough Streets – Sticky Beaks Intersection – STOP sign

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

ACTION: Monitor only

8.2 Environmental & Noxious weeds.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes

A Public Forum was held 29th May 2024, regarding the Northern Midlands Weed Management Strategy.

29/5/26 NMC Officer Comment: Weed Management is under the Compliance Officers. Refer to Council Weed Management Plan

3/6/26 Maree Bricknell agreed to look into publicizing NMC's selected "10 Top Weeds to look out for" on NMC Facebook and The Northern Midlands Courier as letter drop too expensive.

5/8/26 Vivien Tan provided copy of the flyer with the Agenda, which Annette Aldersea pointed out was more rural farm focused than garden based.

2/9/26 Frances Stewart circulated the flyer as a post on the Longford District Committee Facebook page and copied to the Longford Community page.

Budget Request Item 2026/27. Continue to Monitor, check for posting on Facebook & Courier.

8.3 Wellington Street and Marlborough Street Speed Limit Reduction.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes

NMC Executive assistant sent letter to the Minister 12th March 2024, and are awaiting a response.

3/12/25 NMC 17/11/25 Exec Assistant – Awaiting Traffic Engineer’s Report.

Inspector Fox follow up - Speed Camera and crash data: “As far as the Speed camera goes – it has been placed on Marlborough Street in the past few weeks but I’m not sure if it has been “active” in the early hours, but I can check. I have asked our traffic police and local police to give the area attention but the early morning time slot creates some issues with rostering and our award compliance with shift start times.”

12/11/25 NMC Exec Assistant – Awaiting Traffic Engineer’s Report for supporting justification or otherwise.

29/5/26 NMC Officer Comment: Lowering the speed limit through Longford to 40 kilometres per hour was not supported by the Department State Growth as 40 kilometres per hour is typically only appropriate where there are high volumes of pedestrians throughout the day which is not the case for this area.

3/6/26 Maree Bricknell undertook to have NMC send another letter to DSG regarding lowering the speed limit to 50kmh and will refer to the Traffic Engineer’s report and for advice. Leigh McCullagh said the speed reduction would only be to Hobhouse St along Marlborough St and to the RSL/High St on Wellington St. Brickendon corner was a separate issue.

2/9/26 Neil Tubb reported that Min. Kerry Vincent stated he understood Building Tasmania hadn’t received a request to review. LDC noted that NMC has received correspondence regarding Hill St and Marlborough St regarding traffic reports. 2/9/26 Peter Munro requested LDC support speed limit reduction to be moved down from Hobhouse Street to further south along Wellington & Marlborough Streets.

ACTION: Frances Stewart to contact Maree Bricknell for release of BT correspondence. Follow up with Police regarding traffic incident reports. Continue to Monitor.

8.4 Pedestrian Safety Concerns – Wellington and Marlborough Streets.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes

LDC MOTION tabled at Council meeting 22.04.2024 – Minute NO: 24/0128

DECISION: “That Council note the concerns raised by the Local District Committee and consider the relocation/installation of a refuge in the vicinity of the library in future budget deliberations”.

6/5/26 ACTION: Attend Council Meeting to again request release of written correspondence from Dept, State Growth. Continue to Monitor.

29/5/26 NMC Officer Comment: The proposed crossings were originally included as part of the Longford Main Street Upgrade project; however, they were not approved by Council following public consultation. Department of State Growth (DSG) has advised that the proposal to install crossings is not supported, as current traffic data indicates volumes do not meet the threshold required to warrant such infrastructure.

3/6/26 Maree Bricknell & Leigh McCullagh confirmed there was funding allocated to upgrade the existing pedestrian refuges, including Marlborough Street but new ones would be deferred, including the recognised need for one on Wellington Street near Archer St where children cross from behind the schoolbus.

2/9/26 LDC noted NMC has written to Building Tasmania regarding traffic, speed, pedestrian issues through Longford on 21/11/25, 26/3/26, 24/6/26.

ACTION: Follow up with Police regarding traffic incident reports. Continue to Monitor.

8.5 Tactile Assistance for Vision Impaired at Road Crossings

4/2/26 LDC noted a community member requesting more Tactile Assistance measures for road crossings on Longford roads.

ACTION: LDC (Peter Munro) to put on Facebook page for community comment and feedback on locations. Peter Munro noted that LDC still do not have working email for community feedback.

8.6 Longford Community Meeting 31/8/2024 regarding proposed Fuel Stop, Tannery Rd.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

1/10/25 Annette Aldersea reported that she has met with Tabatha Badger MP for Lyons, who has undertaken to follow up with whether mandatory checks and reports have been provided regarding this project, and various further action that may be taken to continue protesting the suitability of this project.

3/12/25 Inspector Fox raised a Traffic Accident Impact Assessment re. the Fuel Stop.

4/2/26 Annette Aldersea spoke with Jen Butler re. raising again in Parliament.

6/5/26 Annette Aldersea reported that Lowes are applying to NMC for a building permit. Jen Butler has raised 3 Questions to Minister Vincent regarding the lack of suitable access to this site for trucks and safety issues for the community.

5/8/26 Committee noted a water meter has been installed. Building Tasmania state there is no danger with access to/from Tannery Road. A building permit has been lodged with Council.

ACTION: Frances Stewart to circulate summary from Austroads Road Safety Guidelines Part 6 (design) as reference for checking whether due diligence has been followed by developer in assessing traffic movements, plus follow up with Inspector Fox re. Traffic Accident Impact Assessment. Continue to Monitor

8.7 A-Double & B-Double 24 hour access on Longford Main Roads.

Concerns were raised about the effect of the recent A-Doubles and increase in B-Doubles traversing through Longford and the impact upon heritage buildings and noise levels especially during the night.

8/1/25 MOTION: The Longford District Committee requests Northern Midlands Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Kerry Vincent, to ask for clarification on when approval for 24 hour access was given to A-Doubles and B-Doubles to access Illawarra Road and Longford main streets, due to noise and vibration issues causing damage to heritage buildings.

Moved: Frances Stewart. Seconded: Neil Tubb. Carried unanimously.

LDC Motion tabled at NMC meeting 20th January 2025.

COUNCIL DECISION – MINUTE NO. 25/007. That Council Officer investigates and seeks clarification from the Department of State Growth.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

- 9/12/25 NMC Exec Assistant – Works Manager to meet with DSG representatives.
- Peter Munro has forwarded footage of trucks to NHVR and Police.
- 6/5/26 Considerable discussion about the negative impact on residents from the noise and speed from noticeably increased numbers of heavy trucks transiting Longford through the night. LDC to monitor for results of traffic report requested from DSG by NMC. A permanent speed camera may be a warranted solution, considering the unviability of a town bypass in the foreseeable future.
- 3/6/26 Maree Bricknell & Leigh McCullagh to follow up traffic counters for speeding truck data, which can then be followed up with Police and NHVR. LDC members indicated that if

a 10pm-6am curfew is not possible, a permanent speed camera would help reduce the noise impact of trucks speeding through at night.

ACTION: Follow up with Police. Continue to Monitor.

8.8 Marlborough Street beautification of Footpath, Nature Strip & Verge Gardens.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

1/4/26 Peter Munro and Neil Tubb briefed Council members during their annual bus tour, focusing on the pedestrian access to the Yellow Shop, with regard to lowering the speed limit, installing a Pedestrian Island and requesting a traffic and speed count.

3/6/26 Leigh McCullagh reported that the request was under NMC investigation for the future, but will not be approved in the Budget this year.

2/9/26 LDC to contact Stewart Malone, Arborist (Arbscape) regarding suitable trees that are non-deciduous and do not grow to a height that impacts power lines.

ACTION: Budget Request Item 2026/27 – defer to 2027/28.

8.9 Hill Street Entry/Exit

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

4/6/25 Christine Darke raised the idea of having a separate exit onto Wellington Street at Hill Street, adjacent to the BWS, to reduce the increasing congestion of vehicles turning out of the United Service Station which clashes with the vehicles turning in and out of Hill Street Car Park, resulting in a high number of accidents. Discussion was had regarding the necessity of an alternative to the current arrangement, along with the idea of a roundabout at the intersection of Wellington and Union Streets with exiting traffic re-routed behind Hill Street and businesses in Union Street.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

1/4/26 MOTION: Given the lack of progress with Dept. State Growth, the Longford District Committee request that Northern Midlands Council arrange for a new Traffic Report to be completed on Wellington and Marlborough Streets, Longford, with particular attention to Hill Street, due to the high number of dangerous incidents.

MOVED: Frances Stewart

SECONDED: Bron Baker

CARRIED

NMC Council decision to request traffic study by DSG.

29/5/26 NMC Officer Comment: The matter will be investigated further.

Acting General Manager has sent a request for a new traffic report

ACTION: Frances Stewart to contact Maree Bricknell for release of BT correspondence. Follow up with Police regarding traffic incident reports. Continue to Monitor.

8.10 Recycle Rewards.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

29/5/26 NMC Officer Comment: The initial rollout of Reverse Vending Machine (RVM) sites was determined by the State Government. Longford was not selected due to its proximity to existing sites in Prospect and Kings Meadows. No further rollout of new sites is anticipated in the foreseeable future. Council officer has requested that bins be placed at rekindle, tip shop at the Longford Waste Transfer Station as a “philanthropic” destination for others to donate. Scouts also run their own collections. Recycle bags will be distributed to the Longford Football Club for their collecting.

3/6/26 Leigh McCullagh advised that NMC would like this located at the Waste Transfer Station.

ACTION: Review in 12 months (Budget 27/28).

8.11 Longford Pong

3/9/25 Discussion regarding Longford Pong and its worsening effect on Longford living standards. Cr. Matthew Brooks noted that a delegation from NMC was due to tour Swifts abattoir.

Annette Aldersea to draft a motion to request NMC follow up with identifying cause and responsibility of the issue.

MOTION: "The Longford District Committee requests that Northern Midland Council write to the EPA, copying all Lyons MPs, The Minister and Shadow Minister for Environment and Member for McIntyre, asking that the EPA launch a formal investigation into the source of the ongoing unacceptable intermittent odour in Longford known as the "Longford Pong" which, despite mitigation works carried out in recent years at the sewerage treatment plant and JBS abattoir, now affects a broader area of Longford and has not improved".

MOVED: Annette Aldersea SECONDED: Frances Stewart Carried Unanimously.

1/10/25 LDC discussed raising a petition – Annette Aldersea to contact Tabatha Badger, MP for Lyons regarding an EPetiton.

5/11/25 NMC Minute No 25/308: DECISION: That Council acknowledges the community's ongoing concerns regarding the intermittent odour in Longford and supports an engagement with the EPA, JBS, TasWater and other stakeholders.

17/11/25 NMC held discussions with Taswater, awaiting further data.

3/12/25 17/11/24 NMC Exec Assistant reported discussions held with Taswater, awaiting further data. NMC has circulated a "Pong Diary" with Vivien Tan providing copies for LDC members to come on board, to monitor incidents. (NOTE: Featured on ABC News 6/11/2025)

7/1/26 EPA have been out with monitoring equipment.

8/1/26 NMC Officers documenting all complaints for forwarding to EPA.

13/4/26 Taswater monitoring Stage 2.

29/5/26 NMC Officer Comment: Council is collecting ongoing feedback and complaints to forward to EPA. More evidence is needed. Longford residents can keep a log.

3/6/26 Maree Bricknell and Leigh McCullagh advised that there is some progress with Taswater – 2 NMC members along with 6 EPA staff including an environmental scientist would be conducting a tour of the town ponds and abbatoir.

2/9/26 NMC indicated it was being narrowed down to JBS rendering days.

ACTION: Continue to monitor.

8.12 Neighbourhood Watch

Following discussions in meeting with Inspector Fox regarding Neighbourhood Watch, active in Perth and Evandale, LDC raised gauging interest in reinstating this in Longford.

4/3/25 Peter Munro has spoken to State Director, Neighbourhood Watch and Inspector Fox regarding setting this up.

1/4/26 Peter Munro has posted on LDC Facebook, shared to Longford Tasmanian Community page. (NOTED: Vivien Tan has spoken to NMC IT to fix non-delivery of emails to District Committees).

29/5/26 NMC Officer Comment: Email services are operational; however, issues have been identified with Chairpersons not receiving forwarded emails, which may be redirected to spam folders. Council IT has established a dedicated email account for District Committees, to be implemented in the 2026–2028 term.

5/8/26 Committee noted there has been a noticeable increase in undesirable activity in Longford recently, with one resident reporting gunshots at night, mischief in the Church

grounds and random home intrusion. The Committee decided to make this a higher priority this year.

2/9/26 Frances Stewart posted on LDC Facebook requesting Longford community feedback on Neighbourhood Watch. The response has been strong, noting that Perth have recently instigated a Neighbourhood Watch group. Information has been received from the North-West area group.

ACTION: A date to be arranged for a community meeting (nominally a Saturday 2pm & 5:30pm) to meet with NW and Police representatives. Rotary and RSL to be contacted to request loan of a venue to host the meetings, suggesting quarterly after the initial meeting to appoint a co-ordinator and committee.

8.13 Longford Future Bypass Plan

Ref. Addendum to Minutes

3/6/26 Peter Munro noted that the DSG reported traffic statistics are the same as for Huonville, which had a bypass approved on the basis that it was a tourist town.

ACTION: Review in 12 months. Budget Request Items 26/27

8.14 Truck Load Limit around Village Green.

7/1/26 Annette Aldersea reported that trucks are using Longford Village Green as a turning circle, which is damaging the road surface and is a safety issue.

Annette Aldersea & Ken Richards left meeting 6:50pm

LDC discussed requesting NMC impose a load limit on the surrounding streets. LDC to confer with Leigh McCullagh regarding buses, caravans etc having exemptions, whether an option for portable or permanent toilet facilities at the truck stop would be a cheaper option for NMC than ongoing road repairs around the Village Green.

Annette Aldersea & Ken Richards returned to meeting 6:57pm

4/2/26 LDC discussed that the Village Green and surrounding streets are within the Heritage Precinct and that trucks are damaging the road pavement and are a safety hazard with the volume of children enjoying the Village Green. Peter Munro provided an example of “No Truck” regulatory signs that George Town Council have used to deter trucks from unnecessarily using certain roads, unless permit or destination exempted (see attached).

26/2/26 Frances Stewart submitted a works request to NMC to place such signage on the entry to Lyttleton and Archer Streets, from Wellington Street, to prevent trucks using the Village Green as a turning circle. Email acknowledgment received from NMC.

1/4/26 Annette Aldersea reported NMC have placed traffic counters around the Village Green.

3/6/26 Leigh McCullagh reported that the traffic counter showed mainly Taswater trucks using Lyttleton St access. Annette Aldersea requested further review as tapes were out over Easter long weekend. Ken Richards advised that the larger trucks using the village green to turn around are not able to maneuver around Archer Street corner cleanly when re-entering Wellington Street.

2/9/26 NMC have again placed tapes around the Village Green.

ACTION: LDC request feedback on the results of the last traffic count. Continue to Monitor.

8.15 Toilets, Shade, Seating & Bins at Illawarra Road Truck Stop

4/2/26 The lack of facilities for truck drivers at the truck stop was raised by Joanne Clarke.

6/5/26 LDC members all have noted the poor standard and conditions of the truck stop, which gives a very poor first impression to people visiting Longford who elect to stop there, along with being an unsatisfactory facility for the truck drivers it is intended to assist.

MOTION: The Longford District Committee requests the Northern Midlands Council to consult with State Growth regarding the unsanitary conditions that now exist on the ‘edges’ of the Heavy Vehicle Driver Rest Area (HVDRA) on Illawarra Road, Longford. This HVDRA has been constructed without toilet facilities and the road verges are obviously being regularly used for this purpose. This situation is a Health and Safety issue for the public and also for contractors involved in verge clearing. The Longford District Committee requests Council work with State Government to have this oversight rectified and have toilet facilities established at the site. Note that other HVDRA sites in Tasmania have been correctly designed with toilet facilities, shade, tables and bins included on site, for example the site being currently developed at Westbury HVDRA.

MOVED: Peter Munro SECONDED: Frances Stewart Carried Unanimously
3/6/26 Maree Bricknell & Leigh McCullagh advised that NMC have inspected the area and, while there is a high volume of rubbish, there was no evidence of faeces at the truck stop. DSG advised that the area is designated as a “truck parking area” not a “Heavy Vehicle Driver Rest Area” so no toilet facilities are required.

5/8/26 The Examiner ran an article on this issue and interviewed Cr. Matthew Brooks.

[ACTION: LDC to request update from NMC. Continue to monitor.](#)

8.17 Black Spot concerns near Longford Primary School with speeding residents.

The issue of speeding on William Street near the school was raised, with mention of public concerns regarding there being a black spot near the school. LDC discussed how this speeding has been noted on Burley, Catherine and William Streets around the school which poses a risk to children and parents at both ends of the school day. In the absence of a School Crossing Guard, LDC would like NMC to investigate a wombat crossing at a suitable location on each of the three streets around the school as a minimally intrusive traffic dampening measure, and whether a Grant may be available for increasing school children’s safety.

3/6/26 Leigh McCullagh advised that NMC have applied to have a Wombat crossing installed and will re-apply for more – also that the Principal has noted that parents are often to blame.

[ACTION: LDC request NMC progress report on the Wombat crossing. Continue to Monitor.](#)

9.0 TOWN IMPROVEMENT ISSUES

9.1 Longford Lawn Cemetery - Landscaping Improvements.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

29/5/26 NMC Officer Comment: This item is proposed for inclusion in the 2026–2027 Budget as a maintenance item, with plans to plant a few trees after Winter.

[ACTION: Budget Request Item 2026/27.](#)

9.2 Future plans for abandoned house block on Lyttleton Street.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

4/2/26 LDC discussed this site as preferred option for NMC Priority Projects future plan for Library & Exhibition Building (including Motor Sports Museum). Currently no budget allocation.

[ACTION: Budget Request Item 2026/27.](#)

10.0 RECREATIONAL ISSUES:

10.1 Deterioration of Facilities at Mill Dam.

LDC included ongoing maintenance and upgrades in its budget requests to Council.

Council is waiting on a further concept plan to be prepared and presented.

- NMC Minutes 22 July 2024 – Action items – 30/04/2024 Matter to be further presented to Councillors at a workshop after July 2024
- Cr. Brooks reported Council had a meeting regarding this. Land ownership is to be investigated as the property has multiple owners including Swifts, Hydro etc.
- NMC Budget indicated a Mill Dam Recreation Area Masterplan, recognizing the popularity of the area, has now been developed for improvements and budget allocation as a Priority Project. Improvements include shared pathways, flood debris deflectors, landscaping and furniture.
- Annette Aldersea advised that work is in progress with many trees having been planted, weeds have been sprayed and logs placed for direction of 4WD vehicles.
- NMC Executive Assistant has prepared follow up correspondence
- 5/2/25 NMC Executive Assistant meeting scheduled with Landowner JBS early March.
- 5/3/25 LDC noted more planting has occurred.
- 2/4/25 LDC noted weed spraying has been done and discussions are ongoing.
- 14/4/25 NMC Action Items: Council Exec. Assistant had onsite meeting with JBS Plant Manager. Council Officers awaiting a response.
- 2/07/25 – Annette Aldersea to ask Vivien Tan for an update.
- NMC Special Meeting: Wall/Stormwater work deferred. Budget set at \$150,000.
- 6/1/26 NMC Note JBS Plant Manager acknowledged correspondence, is awaiting advice.
- 29/4/26 NMC Officer Comment: Council met with JBS and is currently in the process of obtaining a land valuation.

ACTION: Monitor with Council NMC Masterplan.

10.2 The Missing Link – Lack of bikeways between Longford roundabout & Pateena Road.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes

The council considered LLDC Motion at 19.02.2024 meeting.

- 03/2024 Engineering Officer Council Officer has contacted Vanessa King, manager project delivery at the Department of State Growth and requested an update on this project. Awaiting response.
- 6/5/26 Bron Baker discussed the issue with Premier Jeremy Rockliff at the Longford Mens Shed, highlighting the danger to pedestrians (such as Mums pushing prams with children on tricycles) using the existing road bridge, especially with the increase in heavy freight vehicles and other traffic. Premier Rockliff suggested writing him email regarding the issue including clarification of whether NMC is supportive of the project. Premier Rockliff conceded the issue with both the financial cost and engineering.
- 29/5/26 NMC Officer Comment: Letter from Hon Tania Rattray MLC – Senator who spoke to Minister Vincent. “Pleased to advise Tania has met with Minister Vincent and his senior advisor in regard to matters raised at the meeting with Mayor Knowles and GM Des Jennings. In regard to the shared pathway that cross over the rivers to connect Perth to Longford there is more positive feedback with the Minister advising at the meeting this project is being progressed through discussions with adjoining landowners.”
- 3/6/26 Bron Baker circulated copies of her letter to Premier Rockliff, noting the lack of response from Minister Vincent, and the Premier’s subsequent response acknowledging the issue and advising he will forward to Minister Vincent.
- 5/8/26 Frances Stewart highlighted that the Standing Committee 2022 were advised that the pedestrian/cycle pathway connecting Perth and Longford would form part of the

Illawarra Main Road Project, which has now been rescinded.

ACTION: Request update from NMC regarding meeting with DSG. Monitor for future Grant Project.

10.3 Community House @ old Police Station, including Youth Drop-in Centre (Prev 10.6).

Ref. Addendum to Minutes

Peter Munro raised a question regarding the NMC acquisition of the old Police station for repurposing as a community/neighbourhood house for Longford residents.

- 3/12/25 Merged Item 10.6 – Youth Drop-in Centre with Community House project. Refer Addendum for history. LDC note that Libby McGrath is now NMC Youth Officer and that she has been very pro-active in both continuing and implementing youth programs, including Longford.
- 1/4/26 LDC noted that this was a stop on the NMC Council Bus Tour.
- 6/5/26 Councillors advised that the building is now under NMC Council control, to either lease out for housing or community use.
- 29/5/26 NMC Officer Comment: The former police station is currently being renovated for use as meeting rooms. Council is also exploring grant funding opportunities for the Neighbourhood House.
- 3/6/26 Maree Bricknell & Leigh McCullagh advised that the current renovation includes removing the asbestos flooring and conversion into meeting rooms and offices, with plans for NMC Youth Officer to be located there due to lack of office space at Council Chambers. The House is being renovated with plans to lease it in the short term, with intention to apply for \$4-5M Grant funding once State Budget cuts are no longer a thing.

ACTION: Continue to Monitor progress and discuss means of improving communication on resources available to the community during emergency events. Monitor for any plans by State Government to sell the asset. Monitor plans for future of old ambulance station. Currently there is no State Funding allocated or available. Monitor NMC Minutes for vandalism costs. Frances Stewart to contact Libby McGrath with invitation to attend LDC meeting to discuss how LDC may support her work with local Youth.

10.4 NMC request for feedback regarding bicycle parking location priorities

LDC nominates the following two locations as a priority for bicycle parking facilities:

1. Village Green precinct, as close as practical to JJ's.
2. Browns/Hill St Supermarket.

NMC are commencing installation from southern end of Council area (ie. Ross) with the intention to progress northward and have these installed before Winter.

- 4/6/25 Frances Stewart contacted Vivien Tan for an update. Response was that NMC Projects and Buildings Compliance Manager, Trent Nathan, is progressing with this item but it has been delayed due to priorities elsewhere, such as Campbell Town streetscaping issues.
- 3/9/25 Bron Baker's images of mainland designs submitted through Vivien Tan to relevant NMC Officer for consideration.
- 1/10/25 Vivien Tan response that there is no news at present.
- 6/5/26 LDC noted that there has been some movement in this area in Evandale.
- 29/5/26 NMC Officer Comment: seeking advice of locations and installation times
- 3/6/26 Leigh McCullagh advised that there was not sufficient room to put one on Council land at JJ's or Hill St. LDC suggested Village Green.

- Frances Stewart approached Ian at Esk Ridge to quote on Bron Baker's photographed bike stands, which he provided at \$600ea. Frances then spoke with and emailed Josh at Hill St and emailed Ebony at JJ's Bakery with the details, requesting that they consider providing these for their customers as Council cannot put them at these locations, being private property.

ACTION: Continue to monitor.

10.5 Additional bench seats & picnic tables for Longford Village Green near Latour and Lyttleton Streets.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

4/2/26 Peter Munro & Neil Tubb contacted Tim Flanagan re. possible Rotary Sponsorship, submission for \$10,000 for 2 tables with seating, 1 bench seat.

4/3/26 Rotary response received indicating potential support for a bench seat.

3/6/26 Leigh McCullagh advised that NMC would install 3 Bench seats on the Lyttleton St side of the Village Green.

2/9/26 NMC replacing 3 bench seats at the football ground.

ACTION: LDC request update from NMC whether the Village Green seatings is going ahead.

ACTION: Budget Request Item 2026/27.

11.0 HERITAGE ISSUES:

11.1 Significant Trees Register.

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

- 2/07/2025 Nominations closed 30th June. Annette Aldersea advised the Longford – Norfolk Plains History Society had lodged approximately 16 nominations covering around 300 trees on public land, and aware of several nominations for trees on private property and Longford Primary School. Encouraged ongoing nomination of trees for consideration at a later date by NMC.
- 3/9/25 Some preliminary sorting being done by Erin Miles, Strategic Project Officer at NMC.
- 1/4/26 Noted the update in NMC March Minutes, including draft Heritage Precinct status for the southern entrance to Longford.
- 29/5/26 NMC Officer Comment: An amendment report will be presented to Council at the July meeting for final endorsement.
- 5/8/26 Noted that Arbscape have been employed by Council to review a number of nominated trees and report to Council.

ACTION: Annette Aldersea to follow up NMC Council minutes and attachments for update on progress. Continue to Monitor

11.2 Planned removal of Poplar Trees along Illawarra Road near Mountford water tower.

Longford District Committee is aware of considerable community distress relating the planned removal of established poplar trees along the Illawarra Road approach to Longford to make room for the extension of the pedestrian/cyclist pathway to the South Esk River. Committee to request Council approach Building Tasmania to investigate if the trees can remain and the pathway be moved. Longford residents regard these trees as a sign of "home". Since Illawarra Road development has already caused significant degradation of the Western approach to Longford, feeling is that at least the attraction of the Eastern side should be preserved.

2/9/26 Poplar trees have been added to the NMC Significant Heritage Tree Register.

11.3 Preservation of Fred Davies Grandstand

Ref. Addendum to Minutes.

- Vivien Tan notified that NMC Tourism Officer has added a tab to www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/longford which can be populated with history of Fred Davies Grandstand.
- 7/1/26 Fiona Dewar & Vivien Tan looking at Web Designer budget increase to help populate this page.
- 4/2/26 Neil Tubb has provided information for Vivien Tan to arrange uploading.
- 4/3/26 NMC Website Tab has been created to populate with history.

29/5/26 NMC Officer Comment: The Fred Davies Grandstand has been endorsed for inclusion in the Local Heritage Code:

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11.1 Draft Amendment 22-2026 to insert the Fred 'Mulga' Davies Memorial Grandstand into the Local Historic Heritage Code

RESOLUTION

MINUTE NO. 26/0136

DECISION Carried

That Council:

1. under section 40D(b) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, agree to prepare draft amendment 22-2026 to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule, as set out below; and
2. under section 40F(1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, consider and endorse the Assessment Against LPS Criteria attached to this report; and
3. under section 40F(2)(a) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, certify draft amendment 22-2026 to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule as meeting the LPS criteria.

AND

C. Amend clause NOR-Table C6.1 by inserting Local Heritage Places Datasheet - NOR-C.1.469 attached to this report, replacing figure NOR-C6.1.469.3 with a photograph of the grandstand in full light.

ACTION: Continue to monitor. Investigate QR Code to be installed on grandstand with link.

11.4 Longford Historic Motorsport Collection - Museum Preservation

18/8/25 Council deferred a decision on formally backing the Rob Knott Motorsport Memorabilia Collection. A three month community consultation will now explore public interest in retaining the collection locally as a self sustaining attraction.

3/9/25 LDC note a public meeting will be held on this issue 4th October.

LDC fully support a community project to retain the collection.

3/12/25 Final offer has been put to Rob Knott by Working Group on behalf of community, awaiting response. An open meeting will be called when a response is received, for interested parties from the previous public meeting.

4/2/26 Annette Aldersea reported that Rob Knott is considering the offer to purchase.

4/3/26 Annette Aldersea reported that Rob Knott has provisionally agreed to a price and that a public meeting will be held at the Town Hall on 14th March, 2026 to gauge support for a committee and fundraising.

1/4/26 Meeting on 14/3/26 voted unanimously to continue with intention to acquire the

collection. A further meeting to be held on 11/4/26 to elect a committee.

6/5/26 A committee was elected on 11/4/26, nominally the Longford Heritage Motor Racing Museum Committee. A subcommittee was elected to work through the legalities of incorporating the Committee whilst another sub committee was formed to focus on fund raising, once the Committee is incorporated.

5/8/26 Frances Stewart reported that a Contract has been offered to Rob Knott who is reviewing it. The Committee has received its Incorporated Certification.

ACTION: Monitor activity of Committee regarding fundraising.

12.0 GOVERNANCE ISSUES:

12.1 LDC Budget Allocation Submission - Results. New Budget 2026-2027.

LDC Projects for which funding will be requested. (Submission was emailed to Council and LDC members in March):

- Marlborough Street footpaths – Beautification Upgrades. **No funding allocated.**
- Legends Walk - Continuation of placement of historic stands & plaques **\$5,000 ongoing**
- Directory of Clubs – Framework for club signs – Visitor Information Centre Village Green and Wellington Street Woolmers Lane end - \$6,000 (Noted that NMC are talking with IT about adding these on the NMC website also). **Village Green site under way.**
- Longford Cemetery – For planting of mature trees to provide shade over the existing seating. **Trees planned for Summer planting from Maintenance Budget.**
- Macquarie River signage at Woolmers Bridge. **Completed.**
- Pedestrian Refuges – upgrade existing and new refuge Marlborough Street near “Yellow Shop”. **NMC Budget \$100,000 confirmed.**
- ½ Netball/Basketball Court – near skate park at Velodrome. **No funding allocated.**
- Blue Tree replacement. **Work with NMC to implement through Blue Tree Project.**
- Environmental & Noxious Weeds Flyer. **NMC to promote “Top 10 noxious weeds through Social Media and local Newspaper.**
- Abandoned House Block on Lyttleton St. **No funding allocated.**
- Bench seats & picnic tables on Village Green, Latour & Lyttleton St side. **Funding for 3 bench seats.**
- 1/4/26 Frances Stewart submitted to NMC with previous LDC Minutes. NMC Bus Tour reviewed Marlborough Street, old Police Station, Bicentenary fence.

ACTION: Continue to monitor previous. Outcome of NMC Council Special Budget Meeting at end June 2026 circulated with Agenda.

12.2 Draft Longford Expansion Strategy

Ref. Addendum to Minutes. Continue to Monitor

12.3 Cat Control Measures

1/10/25 LDC raised concerns regarding risks from feral cats with Toxoplasmosis and Sarcocystis in sheep. Councillors reported this is being looked at next NMC Workshop.

5/11/2025: Cr. Paul Terrett advised that the Cat Management Act is being updated and is currently a live issue, still in NMC Workshop. The outcome will go for community consultation.

3/12/25 Christine Darke reported that some farms in southern council area have had lamb losses of 30% due to Toxoplasmosis.

7/1/26 LDC to review outcome from NMC workshop

4/2/26 LDC discussed recent revelation on ABC Radio Northern Tas that Toxoplasmosis can

transmit fatally across species to endangered Eastern Barred Bandicoots and has been evidenced in the Midlands.

1/4/26 No NMC Councilors to report update. Potentially a State Government issue.

29/5/26 NMC Officer Comment: Council has made a formal submission to the Invasive Species Branch, Biosecurity Tasmania (Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania) in response to its discussion paper. This paper will inform the development of the State Government's new Cat Management Plan."

3/6/26 LDC asked NMC to follow up with Just Cats regarding subsidized desexing program.

ACTION: Frances Stewart to discuss action with Tasfarmers. Continue to Monitor

12.4 Nominations for use of LDC Secretarial Allowance \$2,500 for past 12 months.

MOTION: Longford District Committee request Northern Midland Council approve the allocation of LDC's Secretarial allowance for the past 12 months to be pledged toward the fundraising to acquire the Rob Knott Motor Racing Collection, with funds released to the formal fund raising campaign once it is established.

MOVED: Frances Stewart SECONDED: Annette Aldersea Carried Unanimously

5/11/2025 Vivien Tan advised by email 6/10/2025 that "this can be recorded in LDC minutes as a committee resolution. A council decision is not necessary in this case".

LDC MINUTE: LDC resolved unanimously that the LDC Secretarial Allowance \$2,500 for the past 12 months be pledged towards the fundraising to acquire the Rob Knott Motor Racing Collection, with funds released to the formal fund raising campaign once it is established.

1/4/26 LDC discussed requesting this year's secretarial allowance (2026) also to be allocated to acquisition of the Rob Knott motoring collection.

6/5/26 LDC MINUTE: LDC resolved unanimously that the LDC Secretarial Allowance \$2,500 for the past 12 months also be pledged towards the fundraising to acquire the Rob Knott Motor Racing Collection, with funds released to the formal fund raising campaign once it is established.

ACTION: LDC request that this NMC funding for last two years be transferred to Longford Heritage Motor Racing Museum account (Contact Neil Tubb, Treasurer for bank details) since confirmation of incorporation has been received.

2/9/26 NMC has transferred the funding as requested.

ACTION: Review in April 2027 for new allocation of Secretarial Allowance.

12.5 Cost to Ratepayers of Northern Midlands Council Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Matters

Frances Stewart raised community interest regarding the cost to ratepayers associated with Councillor Code of Conduct complaints and allegations concerning conflicts of interest, including pecuniary interests. It was noted that Councillors must be held accountable where breaches occur. However, community members have expressed interest in understanding the costs incurred by Council in investigating and responding to complaints, particularly where complaints are not ultimately upheld.

2/9/26 LDC discussed the increased volume of complaints and escalating costs.

ACTION: Continue to Monitor.

13. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:

13.1 Longford Legends – No report.

13.2 Town Hall Committee – No report. Needs members.

13.3 Arts & Cultural Committee – See attached report from Dee Alty. Needs members.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1 NMC Longford Planning Items emails not coming through to LDC.

2/9/26 Frances Stewart to follow up with Vivien Tan.

14.2 Mason Street.

NMC Meeting dates for 2025/2026, Meeting starts 5:00pm:

21st September

16th November

14th December * 2nd
Monday

19th October

15. CLOSURE: Chair closed the meeting at 7:10pm.

The next meeting will be at 5:30pm on Wednesday 7th October 2026 at the Longford War Memorial Hall, Meeting Room 1.