

MINUTES: ROSS DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE Ross Reading Rooms, 46 Church Street, Ross, on Tuesday 3 December 2024, Commencing at 11.15AM.

1 PRESENT

Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Helen Elizabeth Davies, Michael David Smith, Nigel Davies, Rodney Haigh, Marcus Rodrigues

2 IN ATTENDANCE:

Cr Richard Archer, Cr Alison Andrews, Deputy, Vivien Tan – NMC Executive and Communications Officer.

GUESTS:

Tess

3 APOLOGIES:

Sally Langridge and Julie Smith

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

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: M Smith Seconded: N Davies Carried

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Tuesday 1 October 2024** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceeding subject to the amendment that the acceptance that the minutes read 'motion 8.2 is seconded by S. Langridge'

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

	Description		Action	Time-frame
7.1	¼ court Basketball /Netball	NMC	State Gov't Open Spaces Program Round One	2025
7.2	Wi-Fi Access at Ross Reading Rooms	NMC	Installation in Town Hall	2025
7.3	Disabled Parking	NMC	Committee unanimous decision to Layout 1 Layout 1 – 1 disabled, 3 parking spaces, the left hand or 4 th space is for access to the pool and for Taswater to complete their maintenance of the pump station,	
7.4	Information Board – Ross Directional signage		Capital Works allocation of \$5,000 set aside for this project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft map • Do a plan with dimensions • Put to Council for rough est of cost • QR codes investigation - are they being used? • Fiona Dewar – Heritage Highway • Email existing QR codes for investigation 	2025 M Smith
7.5	Ross Community Library Upgrade	NMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade of equipment and resources \$5000 before June 2025 • Itemised list present to committee 	M Smith
7.6	Gorse on Church Grounds	NMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • landowner to remove the Gorse. • NMC to issue abatement notice if not removed 	Monitor

7.7	Uniting Church Damaged Gate posts		Repairs to be paid for by offender	Monitor
7.8	EV Charging Station in Ross	NMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to Council EV agreed in principle form NRMA 24 Church St subject to consultation w adjoining land/ NRMA Construct footpath Motion to council Jan 20 2025 	Monitor
7.9	Damage to Street Signs and Guideposts	NMC	Works order sent to NMC	Nov 2024
7.6	Bicycle parking location priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Near the playground – next to the trees and seats on Bridge Street (between 6 and 8 Bridge Street) 	NMC NMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council meeting 21 October 2024 MINUTE NO. 24/0345 DECISION Carried Unanimously That Council notes the committee’s recommendation and assesses the viability of the location That Council install the bike rack at the Bridge Street Playground at the entrance area to the pool and use a finish to the concrete slab to help it blend more harmoniously with the surroundings and have a more visually appealing and subtle appearance The committee prefers dark grey concrete to match the existing driveway. Request sent to Works Manager 	2025
7.7	Dark Sky Place International Certification	NMC	<p>Council Meeting 21 October 2024 MINUTE NO. 24/0346</p> <p>DECISION Carried Unanimously</p> <p>That council supports Ross Township’s bid to be a Dark Sky Community.</p> <p>Ross District Committee Motion 6/10/2024.</p> <p>Moved: N. Davies Seconded: M Smith Carried Unanimously</p> <p>That council supports Ross Township’s application for Dark Sky Certification as the 5th location in Australia due of Ross’s unique position of a dark night sky and unrestricted horizons and request to formally ask TasNetworks to install a shade on the light pole of Church Street to block out light on the Southern and Western sides.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A letter of support from Mayor sent to TasNetworks. There will be some investigations made Letter from Landon Bannister, President Dark Sky Tasmania Bronwen Cuning – Facilitator Dark Sky Collaborative Examiner interested in writing an article Next step to take readings Contact Chris Beach, Campbell Town, Astronomical Society 	21 /10/24 18/10/24
7.7	Significant Tree Register	NMC	Draft is being drawn up. Form will be made available mid-January 2025	Monitor
7.8	School Bus Stop	NMC	Near the bike rack needs some more bitumen. 01/11/24 Works request sent to Council 31/11/24	complete complete
7.9	Culvert at The Heath	NMC	Works request sent to Council 5/11/24	complete

7.6 Uniform Concrete Colour

Moved N Davies Seconded D Cadogan- Cowper Carried Unanimously

That for any new concrete slabs in Ross to be laid that the council maintain a uniform dark grey cement to be less visually obtrusive and to have a more consistent look.

Background:

The dark grey driveway is aesthetically pleasing and consistent with the look of the town.

7:10 Skins of the EV charging terminals

Moved N Davies Seconded M Smith Carried Unanimously

That the Council offer the Ross District Committee to input into the designs of the Skins of the NRMA EV charging stations before the final design is made.

8 NEW BUSINESS

Moved N Davies Seconded M Smith carried unanimously

8.1 Recommendation that the Ordinary District Committee Meetings for the period January to December 2025 (commencing at 11:15AM) be held as follows:

- February 4, 2025
- April 1, 2025
- June 3, 2025
- August 5, 2025
- October 7, 2025
- December 2, 2025

The Annual Municipal Bus Tour will be held on 26 March 2025. Budget Items can be submitted by March then presented during the Bus Tour.

8.2 Ross request for Commemorative installation recognising the 2nd /40th AIF

The Forgotten Battalion

Moved N Davies Seconded D Cadogan- Cowper Carried Unanimously

Motion: That council supports the request in principle, investigates funding application to add an additional plaque/stone to the existing memorial subject to community feedback.

Background: **Letter of Request** was sent to Mayor and Councillors by Rod Stone for a place of respect in Ross (see correspondence attached – letter from Mr. Rod Stone and Letter from Hon Guy Barnett MP)

The Forgotten Battalion was made up of many Tasmanian members including Bob Davis from Ross who passed away. An option could be to add the 2/40 AIF story to the War Memorial in Ross Village Green. This keeps the information in a centralized area in the town.

Contact details for the Ross RSL – Sub Branch:

Customer: Amanda Barden
Email: amandabarden1971@gmail.com
Phone: 0431 399 642

8.3 Community Safety

Footholds and shards of timber on the climbing area in the Village Green that need to be smoothed out. The current state is dangerous and sharp.

Action: Works request has been submitted with pictures provided by D Cadogan- Cowper.

8.4 Thank you to Council for a lovely Christmas Dinner.

8.5 Heritage Highway Road signs on the entries into Ross.

These have faded beyond recognition. Is there an opportunity to get new signs.

Action: email has been sent to Fiona Dewar, Events and Tourism Officer to follow up

8.6 Winter Tourism

Ross Passport – visitors can have their passport stamped at various tourist related spot. This is then a souvenir of their travels to Ross. Can extend to the Heritage Highway.

Action: email has been sent to Fiona Dewar, Events and Tourism Officer to investigate.

9 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:45pm wishing all a safe and merry festive season.

Next meeting – Tuesday February 4, 2025, commencing 11.15am in the Ross Reading Room