#### MINTUES ROSS DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING

At the Ross Reading Rooms, 46 Church Street, Ross, on Tuesday 1 April 2025, Commencing at 11.20AM.

#### 1 PRESENT

Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Helen Elizabeth Davies, Michael David Smith, Nigel Davies, and Sally Langridge

#### 2 IN ATTENDANCE:

Cr Alison Andrews and Vivien Tan - NMC Executive and Communications Officer

#### 3 GUESTS:

Elise Faulds NRM - Land Acquisitions Manager

## 4 APOLOGIES:

Marcus Rodrigues

#### 5 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.

# 6 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: M Smith Seconded: S Langridge Carried

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Tuesday 4 December 2025** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings subject to the amendment that the motion for the Forgotten Battalion should read Doomed Battalion and Deputy Mayor Janet Lambert was a guest.

# **8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

	Description		Action
7.1	1/4 court	State Gov't Open Spaces Program Round One	Request for
	Basketball	Works to be started before winter	date of works
	/Netball		
7.2	Wi-Fi Access at	Installation in Town Hall	Request for
	Ross Reading	Works to be scheduled in May	date of works
	Rooms		
7.3	Disabled Parking	Committee unanimous decision to Layout 1	Monitor
		Layout 1 – one disabled parking space on left, three	
		standard parking spaces, extra space is for access to the	
		pool and for TasWater for maintenance of the pump	
		station	
7.4	Information Board	Capital Works allocation of \$5,000 set aside for this project	H Davies to
	-Ross	Map design to be outsourced to Brett (map designer)	pass draft to
	Directional	for quotation	Brett and get
	signage	Location of the map discussed - flush to the side of	quote & time
		the fence at the Village Green	frame
		Put to Council for rough est. of cost	
		Discussion of public noticeboard locations-	Further
		Town hall notice board	discussion
		Sandwich board	needed

7.5	Ross Community	Upgrade of equipment and resources \$5000 budget	Donation of
	Library Upgrade	to be allocated before June 2025	monitor
			NMC
		Report presented to District committee	MSmith
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7.6	EV Charging	Motion to Council 20/01/25 Council Meeting	Committee
	Station in Ross	7.3.1 EV Charging Station Design	members
		MINUTE NO. 25/0010	may submit
		DECISION  That Council note the recommendation and liaise further	photos to
			Elise for NRMA to
		with the Committee as the matter progresses.	make design
		Committee Recommendation :Skins of the EV charging	mock ups.
		terminals	•
		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.	
		Discussion with Elise Faulds NRMA	
		Design will be sympathetic and in keeping with Ross	
		Heritage	
		Requested ideas from the Ross Community	
		Views of trees/ the street/ paling fence or stonework	
		The switchboard can be painted	
		There will be a dual charging station to service every	
		type of electric vehicle.	
7.9	Bicycle parking	Council meeting 21 October 2024 MINUTE NO. 24/0345	Second
	location priorities	DECISION	location to be
	Near the	That Council notes the committee's recommendation and	installed
	playground – next	assesses the viability of the location.	
	to the trees and	<b>Motion:</b> That Council install the bike rack at the Bridge	
	seats on Bridge	Street Playground at the entrance area to the pool and	
	Street (between 6	use a finish to the concrete slab to help it blend more	
	and 8 Bridge	harmoniously with the surroundings and have a more	
	Street)	visually appealing and subtle appearance.	
		The committee supports the council's use of a dark	
		brown colour for concrete, in keeping with the ironstone	

paths of Ross.

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7.10	Dark Sky Place International	Council Meeting 21 October 2024 MINUTE NO. 24/0346	21 /10/24
	Certification	DECISION That council supports Ross Township's bid to be a Dark Sky Community.	
	Gertinoation	Ross District Committee Motion 6/10/2024.	
		That council supports Ross Township's application for	
		Dark Sky Certification as the 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 directional shade on the light	
		pole of Church Street to block out light on the Southern	
		and Western sides.	
		<ul> <li>Bronwen Couning – Facilitator Dark Sky Collaborative</li> <li>Additional Dark Sky support – Destination</li> </ul>	
		Southern Tasmania DST, Alex Heroys	
		Alex@southerntasmania.com.au	
		1 Established a relationship with Landon Bannister,	
		President of Dark Sky Tasmania. Landon has provided a	
		letter of support for our application.	
		2. Gained the unanimous support of Northern	
		Midlands Council and a letter of support from the mayor.	
		3. Taken several Sky Quality Meter readings at 54	
		Church Street to confirm the suitability of the location	18/10/24
		for night sky viewing – 21.06 mpsa is the best reading to	Saturday Dec
		date. The readings were recorded on the Globe at Night	21 2024
		website.	RELAX pg 57
		4. Promoted the concept through an interview with the Launceston Examiner, one of Tasmania's two	
		main newspapers.	
		5. Been awarded a Paddy Pallin Foundation 'Dark Sky	
		Place- Making Grant' of \$600 and complimentary	
		registration to attend the Valuing Darkness Symposium	
		in Melbourne, March 2025	
		6. Promoted Scott Bennett's 22-page, full-colour booklet	
		that lists the five best night sky viewing locations in Ross	
		and provides advice on night sky and aurora photography.	
		7.Prelimenary Application has been approved and the	
		\$407(\$250 USD) fee for the full application has been paid,	
		thanks to a generous donation from the Ross Sports	
		Club.	N Davies
		8.Report from Dark Skye Convention, Melb March 2025	IN Davies
		Ross is applying for DS Community. There are	
		applications for a Reserve and a Park. Tasmania may	
		have potential to be a Dark Skye State.	
		Next steps:	
		Lighting Inventory for Ross	
		Prepare a Lighting Plan	
		<ul> <li>Create 2 nighttime events per year.</li> </ul>	
		Call for more members to join the Ross Astronomical	
		Association.	
7.11	Significant Tree	Significant Trees Project. – open for nominations	Ongoing
	Register	How do I nominate a tree?	
		Download the form (or collect one from Council or request     and by amoil)	
		one by email)	

		<ul> <li>Complete the form</li> <li>If completing your nomination digitally, save the</li> </ul>	
		completed document to your device then email the saved	
		document, with at least one photo (more are encouraged)	
		as an attachment to <u>council@nmc.tas.gov.au</u>	
		<ul> <li>If you're returning a hard copy, complete the form, add</li> </ul>	
		photographic evidence and either post to PO Box 158	
		Longford Tas 7301 or drop into 13 Smith St Longford	
7.12	Road signs - entry	These have faded beyond recognition. Is there an	Ongoing
	into Ross.	opportunity to get new signs made.	Officer to
		Heritage Highway are currently doing a signage	investigate
		audit Council will be notified of the outcome.	
7.13	Box Hedge –	Committee member requesting previous person to find	Completed.
	Watering	out tap connection and how they used to water the	Thanks to
		hedge.	Leigh and
			Works Staff
7.14	The Red	Historical recordings at the Red Phone Box – not	Ongoing
	Phone Boxes	functioning. This needs connection to cellular network	
		to work. Lease of Boxes and maintenance are with the	
		Tasmanian Wool Centre	
		Possible support from IT person who lives in	
		Tumbridge to help get this functional	
		Possible support from Ross Mens Shed to fix the	
		base boards and install a new glass panel	H Davies
7.15	Footpaths	The committee proposed the extension of the	Budget
		footpath from Bond Street to Waterloo Street along	submission
		Badajos Street.	
		This is a popular route for residents accessing the	
		Ross Community Sports Club.	
		Many Dog walkers use this route.	
7.16	Improving	The committee discussed including street signs	Budget
	Street Signs in	with a unique motif for Ross Township in the	submission
	Ross Township	budget.	
	•	<ul> <li>Improvements to the signs along the main street.</li> </ul>	
7.17	Female Factory -	Committee discussed additional seating to be installed in	Budget
	seating	the vicinity of the Female Factory.	submission
	<u> </u>	Under the trees	
		Benches along the bank	

## 9 **NEW BUSINESS**

# 9.1 Excessive flags/banners on the street.

The committee has seen a significant increase of promotional flags and banners outside the coffee shops. Concerns are that this is visual pollution of the heritage streetscape Request for the legislation and provisions for banners and footpath advertising laws and policies.

## 9.2 Dog exercise sign on the Village Green

The community has found this sign to be misleading. The off-lead exercise area is ambiguous and does not serve as a good indication of where the off-lead dog park is located. The committee recommends a simple on-lead sign for the dog park sign at the Village Green.

# 9.3 Bus Tour

Thank you to the Councilors for attending the bus tour. The path across the railway to the Quarry and to Colbeck Street down to Waterloo Street seems to be crown land. The council will discuss and see what works can be done.

# 10 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:35 pm.

Next meeting - Tuesday 3 June, 2025, commencing 11.15am in the Ross Reading Room