

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	¼ court Basketball /Netball	State Gov't Open Spaces Program Round One <ul style="list-style-type: none">Works to be started before winter	Request for date of works
7.2	Wi-Fi Access at Ross Reading Rooms	Installation in Town Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none">Works to be scheduled in May	Request for date of works
7.3	Disabled Parking	Committee unanimous decision to Layout 1 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	Monitor
7.4	Information Board – Ross Directional signage	Capital Works allocation of \$5,000 set aside for this project <ul style="list-style-type: none">Map design to be outsourced to Brett (map designer) for quotationLocation of the map discussed - flush to the side of the fence at the Village GreenPut to Council for rough est. of costDiscussion of public noticeboard locations-Town hall notice boardSandwich board	H Davies to pass draft to Brett and get quote & time frame Further discussion needed

7.5	Ross Community Library Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade of equipment and resources \$5000 budget to be allocated before June 2025 • Report presented to District committee 	Donation of monitor NMC M Smith
7.6	EV Charging Station in Ross	<p>Motion to Council 20/01/25 Council Meeting 7.3.1 EV Charging Station Design MINUTE NO. 25/0010 DECISION That Council note the recommendation and liaise further with the Committee as the matter progresses. Committee Recommendation :Skins of the EV charging 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.</p> <p>Discussion with Elise Faulds NRMA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	Committee members may submit photos to Elise for NRMA to make design mock ups.
7.9	Bicycle parking location priorities Near the playground – next to the trees and seats on Bridge Street (between 6 and 8 Bridge Street)	<p>Council meeting 21 October 2024 MINUTE NO. 24/0345 DECISION That Council notes the committee’s recommendation and assesses the viability of the location. Motion: 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 supports the council’s use of a dark brown colour for concrete, in keeping with the ironstone paths of Ross.</p>	Second location to be installed

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the form If completing your nomination digitally, save the completed document to your device then email the saved document, with at least one photo (more are encouraged) as an attachment to council@nmc.tas.gov.au If you're returning a hard copy, complete the form, add photographic evidence and either post to PO Box 158 Longford Tas 7301 or drop into 13 Smith St Longford 	
7.12	Road signs - entry into Ross.	<p>These have faded beyond recognition. Is there an opportunity to get new signs made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage Highway are currently doing a signage audit Council will be notified of the outcome. 	Ongoing Officer to investigate
7.13	Box Hedge – Watering	Committee member requesting previous person to find out tap connection and how they used to water the hedge.	Completed. Thanks to Leigh and Works Staff
7.14	The Red Phone Boxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical recordings at the Red Phone Box – not 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 	Ongoing H Davies
7.15	Footpaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee proposed the extension of the footpath from Bond Street to Waterloo Street along Badajos Street. This is a popular route for residents accessing the Ross Community Sports Club. Many Dog walkers use this route. 	Budget submission
7.16	Improving Street Signs in Ross Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee discussed including street signs with a unique motif for Ross Township in the budget. Improvements to the signs along the main street. 	Budget submission
7.17	Female Factory - seating	<p>Committee discussed additional seating to be installed in the vicinity of the Female Factory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the trees Benches along the bank 	Budget submission

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