

		<p>renovations.</p> <p>Investigation needed to see if Heritage Council of Tasmania has information regarding Lighting Design for Heritage precincts and may endorse a Lighting guide for heritage precincts, heritage overlays and buffer zones.</p>	
7.6	Significant Trees	Significant Trees Project. Submission from H Davies tabled.	Ongoing
7.7	Flood Mapping for Ross	<p>Motion: Ross Flood Mapping Moved N Davies Seconded H Davies Carried That Council suspends adoption of any new flood map until the community is consulted and has an opportunity to provide input.</p> <p>Background: Two meetings were held in Ross regarding the new flood maps and effects on properties. These were well attended by 20 residents.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed over:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People affected were not informed - the District Committee was not informed (8 April 2024) - Only one week given for public comment - No feedback to the public comments (10 submitted) - The governance issues listed and practical issues regarding flooding were of concern - Concerns as to how businesses will be affected and insurance issues - What will the next steps be to and what can the community do <p>Questions were also raised as to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is this modelling data correct – does it take into account the bridge relief and culverts? - Is there better data available? - What can be done to mitigate flooding: make sure the river is well managed, planting to be done appropriately, make larger culverts, clear gorse and vegetation adjacent to the Midlands Highway Bridge that impedes peak flows, investigate drainage from the impoundment created by the Midlands Highway Bypass embankment, to ensure it is still suitable for peak flows forecast by climate change and more - Participation by community representatives at a meeting between SES and NMC to discuss the issue <p>MINUTE NO. 25/282 from September 15 2025 Council meeting DECISION</p> <p>That adoption of any new flood mapping includes community consultation where required by the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 and that communities, including via Local District Committees, are made aware of the release of local flood studies.</p>	<p>Motion in Council agenda for 18 August 2025</p> <p>That Council advise the committee that any adoption of flood mapping via amendment to the Planning Scheme maps (Flood Prone Areas Hazard Code Overlay) will follow the standard statutory process specified in the <i>Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993</i>, which includes a 28-day period of public consultation.</p>
7.8	Excessive Street Signs - Heritage precinct.	<p>There are many signs in the main street leading to visual pollution, especially in a historic area. Concerns this may not be compliant with Council policy or Heritage regulations.</p> <p>Signage has been compliant. However, flags and other signs are now being put up with their own property.</p>	Works Request to investigate ID-1442684
7.9	Drill Hall	<p>Thank you to council for the budget earmarked for the Drill Hall.</p> <p>Motion: moved M Smith Seconded H Davies</p> <p>That there be additional discussion for possible further reallocation and reprioritization of these funds.</p> <p>Motion was deemed an operational matter and that the budget will be used over time to upgrade the Drill Hall</p>	This item will be removed in next agenda

8. Budget Items/Requests Table

Budget Items/ Request List 2026/2027			
8.1	Footpaths	The committee proposed the extension of the Heritage Walk on the footpath from Bond Street to Waterloo Street along Badajos Street. (a popular route for residents accessing the Ross Community Sports Club and dog walkers.)	Carried over from budget request 2025-2026
8.2	Improving Street Signs in Ross Township	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Street signs with a unique motif for Ross Township in the budget. Improvements to the signs along the main street. Plaques for the 4 corners of Ross information 	Carried over from budget request 2025-2026
8.3	Formalised parking - Hearth	<p>Motion June 3 2025 moved M Smith / D Cowper-Cadogan</p> <p>The committee recommends that council put a 2-bay parking at pull over area for the Hearth.</p> <p>Background: There is an existing entrance and an information board at the location. This is for access for tourists including the dark sky watchers. A formalised car park/ pullover area will increase the safety of visitors that have pulled over as the road in is an 80km road off the main highway.</p>	<p>Works request submitted number 171509.</p> <p>Listed as budget item for 2026-2027</p>
8.4	Road signs - entry into Ross.	<p>At the June 23 Council meeting MINUTE NO. 25/178 DECISION That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> approve the Committee request to investigate the aboriginal name of Ross; and investigate updating the entry sign to Ross to include the aboriginal name. Carried Unanimously <p>MOTION -June 3 2025 Dual Naming for the stone sign. Moved D Cowper-Cadogan Seconded N Davies Carried</p> <p>To investigate the aboriginal name of Ross and include in the Ross entry signs below the Town name</p> <p>Background:</p> <p>To have the name of Ross in Aboriginal. Makala. The only word recorded for the country at Ross, including Ross Bridge. Recorded by Robinson who passed back and forth through Ross and past the bridge several times in December 1833 and January 1834; accompanied by Karnebutcher/Karnebunger from the tribe of this area among his guides. (From Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre website)</p>	<p>Correspondence from Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre 12 June 2025</p> <p>Committee requests this to be put on the stone signage as per Campbell Town's entrance signs.</p> <p>Request will be included in the budget for 2026-2027</p>

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	<p>Lift the Tone Campaign</p> <p>Northern Midlands Council proudly endorses the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT)#LiftTheTone campaign to promote respectful communication.</p> <p>Northern Midlands Council Resolutions – 15 September 2025 (Ordinary Meeting: Minute No. 25/272).</p> <p>Robust debate is healthy—but abuse and intimidation are not. Let's work together to create a safer, more respectful community. Take the pledge - http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au/lgat-advocacy/lift-the-tone</p>	Information item -Remove from next agenda
9.2	<p>Northern Midlands Community Directory – online resource</p> <p>To promote awareness and encourage community groups, clubs, and arts and cultural organisations to list themselves in the Northern Midlands Community Directory. This will help residents and visitors easily connect with local services and activities.</p> <p>It's completely free and easy to register! Simply visit https://www.nmba.asn.au/communityorganisations and complete your group's details.</p>	Information item -Remove from next agenda
9.3	<p>Nominations Now Open for the Northern Midlands Australia Day 2026 Awards</p> <p>acknowledging the dedication and achievements of individuals and events that make the Northern Midlands special. Nominations close 12 November 2025</p>	Information item – Remove from next agenda
9.4	<p>Meeting Dates for 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 3, 2026 March Budget Submission to council (date TBC) March 31, 2026 April Council Bus Tour or Municipality (date TBC) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2, 2026 • August 4, 2026 • October 6, 2026 • November Christmas Dinner in Ross (date TBC) • December 1, 2026 	
9.5	Southern Committees Christmas Dinner – Save the Date Campbell Town Hotel - December 4 th , 2025, 6:30PM	
9.6	Bus Parking along Church Street outside the toilets Due to the high pavement in the bus parking area, the bus doors are damaged and damage the pavement. By making the current area outside the toilets as loading and unloading area, the buses can then park further up the street. Works request to be sent in for the council staff to do an investigation.	Works request submitted - ID 1452899
9.7	Picture of the King – Ross Reading Rooms The Queen Elizabeth portrait is on the wall and the portrait of the King is not on display. Officer to order and send a copy to the Ross Reading Rooms for display.	Officer to obtain a poster
9.8	Bus Shelter on High Street Council to investigate the options of installing a shelter for the school children outside the old Sunday school on the corner of High Street or if any other additional area maybe possible.	Works request submitted - ID 1452900
9.9	Park Seating – Womens Factory Thank you to council for seating that was installed.	
9.10	Ross Village Green – ampitheatre Committee would like to request that the currently underused outdoor amphitheatre have a painted labyrinth or some design that would allow people to enjoy the space when not in use for performances. Committee and council to investigate possible design options.	

NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:30pm. **Next meeting is on 2 December 2025, commencing at 11.15am in the Ross Reading Room**