

MINUTES ROSS DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING

At the Ross Reading Rooms, 46 Church Street, Ross, on 18 August 2026

Commencing at after the Biennial General Meeting at 11:23 am.

1 PRESENT: Helen Davies, Sally Langridge, Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Rod Haigh and Nigel Davies

2 IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Alison Andrews AM, Cr Richard Archer and NMC
Secretary Vivien Tan

3 GUESTS: Paul Kelly

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*

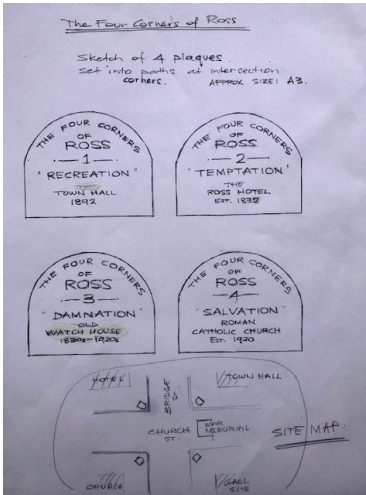
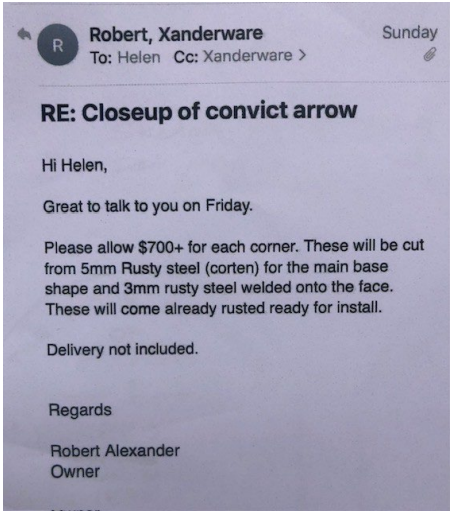
7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **2 June 2026** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved: S Langridge Seconded: H Davies Carried

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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8.1	Information Board: Ross Directional signage	Finalise map with inclusion of Anglican Lawn Cemetery. Julian Von Bibra has agreed to allow the updated map on their private noticeboard. With the proviso that the existing map must be left intact under neath, the Perspex and frame to renovated/ refurbished. Provided under Special Project funding.	Adding the bowsers back onto the map. H Davis to meet with designer for final review and include: 1. Self service fuel icons 2. Ross Female Factory (be on one line) 3. Map outline be in a green border or more heritage colour 4. You are here spot.
	Four Corners of Ross plaques	Quotation: from Xanderware owned by Robert Alexander. Drawings to be sent to council works department for installation costs estimate  	Provided under special Project Funding. Committee resolved to accept the quotation so technical drawings can be completed for council works officers. Ongoing

8.2	Dark Sky Certification	Nigel Davies reported since the last meeting, we've held our first Dark Sky community event on 16 April at the Ross Town Hall. The event was well attended with nearly 50 people in attending including the Deputy Premier, Guy Barnett, whose support was enlisted in our discussions with TasNetworks. Nigel Davies also thanked Council for passing the lighting management policy and in agreement with Paul Godier have designed the proforma document that's required to put that to the Tasmanian Planning Scheme. In light of this now requests that Council progress its inclusion in the Local Provisions Schedule of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme at the first opportunity. Nigel Davies would also like to express thanks to Arthur Thorpe, our previous chair, for helping with obtaining letters of support from various organisations. Motion: Carried That Ross LDC seeks Council support in two outstanding issues to enable Ross to complete the Dark Sky Community application: 1. Signing an agreement between Council and TasNetworks for the replacement of streetlights within 5 years of the accreditation year. 2. replacing council-owned porch lights with dark sky friendly lights	General Discussion: Local Provisions Schedule of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme received one representation and was approved by council and passed. Council is working to replace council-owned porch lights with dark sky friendly lights 1. MOU is complete and Awaiting signature from TasNetworks. 2. 8 Council owned porch lights will be replaced/shielded as an example of implementation for Dark Sky lighting. (one light will be removed) 3. Quotation from electrician. Ongoing
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8.3	Significant Trees	This is ongoing. The Elm and Ash avenues have been submitted for the Significant Trees Project. The District Committee notes with concern that the identified Ross trees are not included on the current list and requests that they be added.	Report to amend the planning scheme will be included in the September agenda
8.4	2026-2027 Meeting Dates	• 1 September 2026 5pm • 6 October 2026 11:15am • 3 November 2026 5pm • 1 December 2026 11:15am • 2 February 2027 11:15am • 2 March 2027 5pm • 5 April 2027 11:15am • 4 May 2027 5pm • 1 June 2027 11:15am • 6 July 2027 5pm • 3 August 2027 11:15am • 6 September 2027 5pm • 5 October 2027 11:15am • 2 November 2027 5pm • Southern District committees dinner • 6 December 2027 11:15am	
8.5	Christmas Tree	Works hope to find suitable replacement - Village Green	Action: request works to find a tree. Monitor
8.6	Capital Works Submission	Bus shelter Education Dept guidelines that needed to be considered? School Bus contractor was required to provide the intended route to the Education Dept for approval. General Discussion regarding the bus shelter. Alternative location near the public toilet block was suggested. Needs further community consultation.	No allocation for the 2026-2027 budget. Ongoing.
8.7	Off lead dog park	Installation of equipment in the off-lead dog park at the sportsground. <i>General discussion</i> that the existing dog park has insufficient room for equipment.	Request to Works Department to do additional investigation. Ongoing

		The Committee resolved to request an investigation into an alternative location that offers a larger space for dog agility equipment. There is a budget for some exercise equipment provided under the maintenance budget.	
8.8	Works Request	Seat is covered in moss/ lichen. Location is down the slope from the female factory. Request Sent in by D Cadogan-Cowper.	Seat has been sprayed, cleaned and sealed and looks fantastic. Many thanks to the Works crew.

9 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Potholes, Female Factory.

Committee Member noted there are some deep potholes in the area. A works request till be raised.

9.2 Ross entrance Stone sign. The sign still has missing lettering.

10 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 12.10pm.

The next meeting of the Ross District Committee is scheduled for **September 1st 5pm at the Ross Reading Rooms.**