

MINUTES ROSS DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING

At the Ross Reading Rooms, 46 Church Street, Ross, on 2 June 2026

Commencing at 11:15 AM

- 1 **PRESENT:** Sally Langridge, Rodney Haigh, Marcus Rodrigues, Helen Davies, Nigel Davies and Debra Cadogan-Cowper
- 2 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillors Alison Andrews, Richard Archer and Paul Terrett and NMC Secretary Vivien Tan
- 3 **GUESTS:** nil
- 4 **APOLOGIES:** Michael Smith
- 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*

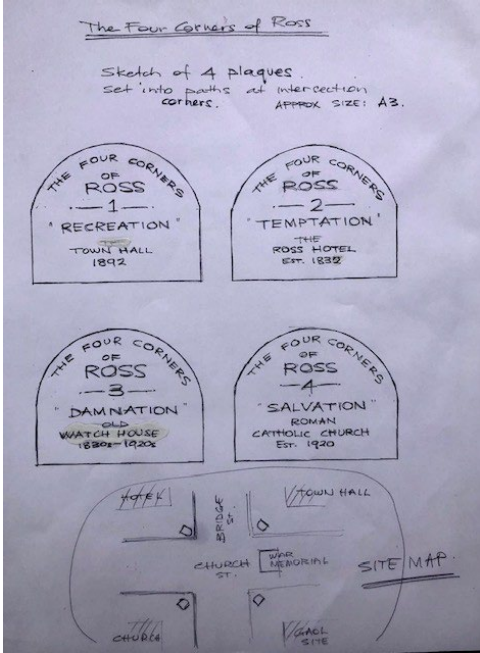
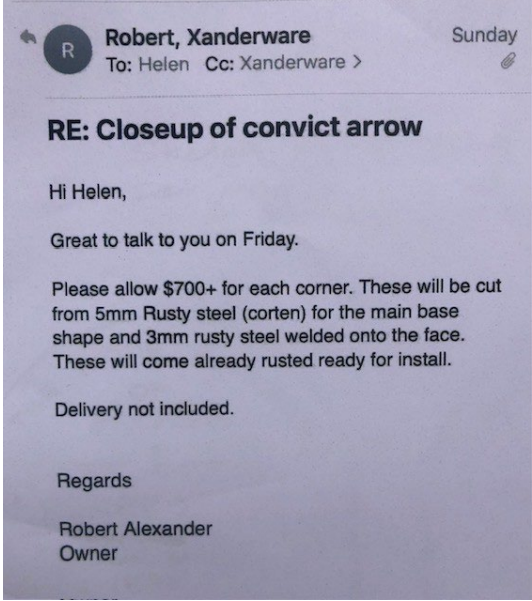
7 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **5 May 2026** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved: H Davies Seconded: R Haigh Carried

8 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

	Description		Action
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	

		<p>noticeboard. With the proviso that the existing map must be left intact underneath, the Perspex and frame to be renovated/ refurbished.</p>	
	<p>Four Corners of Ross plaques</p>	<p>Helen Davies advised that the supplier for the Four Corners of Ross plaques is Xanderware owned by Robert Alexander. Estimate and</p>  	<p>Awaiting budget outcome. June 29th 2026 council meeting.</p> <p>Drawings to be sent to council works department for installation costs</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>8.2</p>	<p>Dark Sky Certification</p>	<p>Nigel Davies reported since the last meeting, we've held our first Dark Sky community event on 16 April at the</p>	<p>General Discussion:</p>

		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nigel Davies would also like to express thanks to Arthur Thorpe, our previous chair, for helping with obtaining letters of support from various organisations.</p>	<p>Local Provisions Schedule of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Signed agreement with TasNetworks and NMC. 2. 10 Council owned porch lights need to be replaced/shielded as an example of implementation for Dark Sky lighting. <p>Motion: Carried That Ross LDC seeks Council support in two outstanding issues to enable Ross to complete the Dark Sky Community application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Signing an agreement between Council and TAsNetworks for the replacement of streetlights within 5 years of the accreditation year. 2. Replacing one or two council-owned porch lights as an example of the implementation of dark sky- friendly lighting
8.3	Significant Trees	<p>This is ongoing. The Elm and Ash avenues have been submitted for the Significant Trees Project.</p>	<p>The District Committee notes with concern that the identified Ross trees are not included on the current list and requests that they be added.</p>
8.4	Flood Mapping for Ross	<p>Nigel Davies advised that this is ongoing but that SES have offered a date for a community meeting and this has been passed on to Mr T Johnson who is the prime mover of the Ross flood group and who is currently</p>	<p>Landcare needs more volunteers to help in the removal of willows near the arboretum</p>

		away. SES is awaiting a date to meet with the Ross flood group.	
8.5	Amended Meeting Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 18, 2026 (TBC) • September 1, 2026 – M Smith • October 6, 2026 • November 3, 2026 – M Smith • Xmas Dinner (TBC) • December 1, 2026 	The new meeting schedule will be set following the ratification of the 2026–2028 Committee. There will be no meeting held in July.
8.6	Christmas Tree	Works hope to find suitable replacement - Village Green	Monitor
8.7	Capital Works Submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Corners of Ross <p>This is ongoing as discussed earlier.</p>	<p>Awaiting Council budget at the council meeting June 29th, 2026</p> <p>General Discussion regarding the bus shelter. Alternative location near the public toilet block was suggested. Needs further community consultation.</p> <p>Carried over from 2025-2026 budget submission</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus shelter <p>Nigel Davies advised that this project was important both in cost and impact so needed further consideration.</p>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Dept guidelines that needed to be considered? • School Bus contractor was required to provide the intended route to the Education Dept for approval. 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath construction • Street Sign Improvements 	
8.8	Insurance Process	Clarification on the insurance and risk management process for the Sports Club when taking bookings.	Officer will send updated Event Management Guide for committee reference.
8.9	Off lead dog park	Installation of equipment in the off-lead dog park at the sportsground. General discussion that the existing dog park has insufficient room for equipment.	The Committee resolved to request an investigation into an alternative location that offers a larger space for dog agility equipment. Ongoing
8.12	Shipping Containers on residential block	Sally Langridge raised the issue of a collection of shipping containers on a vacant block in New St. possibly being used as an encampment.	H Davies noted that this is a Compliance issue and Council has conducted inspections. Ongoing

9 NEW BUSINESS

9.1	District Committee Term 2026-2028	Closing date for Application forms will be June 19 th 2026. The next meeting will be the Biennial General Meeting (BGM), including the election of new Committee Directors. A tentative date of Tuesday the 18 August 2026 has been proposed and will be confirmed in due course.	
9.2	Works Request	Seat is covered in moss/ lichen. Location is down the slope from the female factory. Sent in by D Cadogan-Cowper	monitor
9.3	Ross entry sign.	The blue Department of State Growth sign has the “bowser” icon which is incorrect and misleading as there is no petrol station in Ross.	Request to remove sent to DSG

10 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 12 noon. The next meeting of the Ross District Committee is scheduled for 18 August 2026, (time to be determined) at the Ross Reading Rooms.