

MINUTES ROSS DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING

At the Ross Reading Rooms, 46 Church Street, Ross, on 05 May 2026

Commencing at 5.00 PM.

1 PRESENT:

Nigel Davies, Michael Smith, Sally Langridge, Helen Davies, Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Rodney Haigh

2 IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Paul Terrett, Councillor Richard Archer

3 GUESTS:

Nil

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.**

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **31 March 2026** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings but with the addition of Sally Langridge as a meeting attendee at that meeting.

Moved: Sally Langridge

Seconded: Helen Davies

Carried

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

	Description	Action	
8.1	Information Board: Ross Directional signage	Helen Davies advised that a final version of the map has been completed and was just awaiting sign off from Vivian Tan and Council. Sally Langridge noted that the Anglican Lawn Cemetery had not been included on the map and it was agreed	Finalise map with inclusion of Anglican Lawn Cemetery.

		that this would need to be included.	
	Four Corners of Ross plaques	<p>Helen Davies advised that the supplier for the Four Corners of Ross plaques was not Red Arrow as initially advised but was actually Xanderware owned by Robert Alexander.</p> <p>A formal quote had been received for the plaques and just needed a cost from Council for installation works.</p> <p>Nigel Davies asked a question of the Councillors in attendance if this was sufficient to get Council action on this. Both Councillors responded that this was received positively by Council but they could not confirm this until the budget is approved on 29 June.</p>	Awaiting budget outcome.
8.2	Dark Sky Certification	<p>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.</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>Incorporation of lighting management plan into Tasmanian Planning Scheme.</p> <p>Seek external funding for the implementation of the Dark Sky Program.</p>
8.3	Significant Trees	This is ongoing. The Elm and Ash avenues have been submitted for the Significant Trees Project.	Awaiting council endorsement.
8.4	Flood Mapping for Ross	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 Tim Johnson who is the prime mover of the Ross flood group and who is currently away.	SES is awaiting a date from Ross community to meet with the Ross flood group.
8.5	Ross Village Green amphitheatre	<p>Nigel Davies reported that there had been no movement with having a painted labyrinth on the outdoor amphitheatre.</p> <p>After some discussion it was decided that further</p>	Nigel Davies to follow up with Leigh McCullagh to ascertain

		investigation was needed.	status.
8.6	Amended Meeting Dates	Nigel Davies reported that the Ross Newsletter published by the Tasmanian Wool Centre did not include the additional meeting dates in its last issue.	Debra Cadogan-Cowper to contact Wool Centre with new meeting dates.
8.7	Christmas Tree at Village Green	Works hope to have a replacement and will need to raise the area for drainage.	Monitor
8.8	Capital Works Submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Corners of Ross This is ongoing as discussed earlier. • Bus shelter Nigel Davies advised that this project was important both in cost and impact so needed further consideration. Helen Davies summarised the initial bus shelter proposal with its location being on the corner of Church St and High St near the phone boxes was not agreeable to some parents who then suggested another site opposite the Fire Station on Bond St. Cllr. Richard Archer asked whether there were any Education Dept guidelines that needed to be considered? Sally Langridge responded that she thought the School Bus contractor was required to provide the intended route to the Education Dept for approval. After further discussion about the location of the bus shelter and the community concerns it was agreed that additional community consultation would be required. • Footpath construction Nigel Davies advised that this was carried over from the previous budget submission. • Street Sign Improvements Nigel Davies advised that this was carried over from the previous budget submission. • Highway town entry sign The Ross town entry sign is awaiting insurance claims and repairs. • Tourism sign into Ross Michael Smith reported that this had been replaced with a new sign. 	Awaiting Council budget.
8.9	Toilet sign	Nigel Davies advised that the toilet sign has been	Completed.

	Church St	installed in the Village Green in Church St. This item can now be removed.	
8.10	Lovers' Lane pathway	Michael Smith reported that the dangerous tree had been removed and access was now open to public. This item can now be removed.	Completed.
8.11	King's Portrait	Helen Davies advised that she has still to have the portrait framed, so this is ongoing.	Monitor.

9 NEW BUSINESS

9.1	Council Booking Form	Sally Langridge requested whether the Sports Club could have the Council booking form amended to say Return to RCSC rather than Return to NMC. It was suggested to send a request to Vivien Tan to check if this could be done.	Sally Langridge to follow up.
9.2	Insurance Process	Sally Langridge requested clarification on the insurance and risk management process for the Sports Club when taking bookings. It was suggested to send a request to Vivien Tan or the Acting General Manager at Council to check.	Sally Langridge to follow up.
9.3	Off lead dog park	Sally Langridge raised the issue again of installation of equipment in the off lead dog park at the sportsground.	Ongoing.
9.4	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. Cllr. Paul Terrett volunteered to follow this up with Council if he was sent the correct address and some photos.	Ongoing.
9.5	Council thank you	Helen Davies would like to thank Council for the recent grading of road edges in town.	Completed.

10 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 5.40 pm. The next meeting of the Ross District Committee is scheduled for 2 June 2026, at 11:15 am at the Ross Reading Rooms.