

# COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS, COUNCIL CONNECTIONS:

Working Together for Stronger Communities.

## MAY 2025 COUNCIL UPDATE

Council met on the 19th of May to consider a range of committee recommendations, planning matters, and infrastructure projects across the Northern Midlands.

### COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

#### Campbell Town District Committee

Council received recommendations from the Campbell Town District Committee's April and May meetings, with the following outcomes:

- Streetscape Upgrade: Council noted the successful information session held on 1 May 2025.
- Play Area at the Recreation Ground: Request noted for potential inclusion in future budgets or funding opportunities. Valentines Park Upgrade: Council to review this in the 2025/26 playground budget. Public Shower Facilities: Council to assess the viability of an additional facility. Footpaths South of Red Bridge: Council to investigate the Committee's request further.

#### Evandale District Committee

Pioneer Park Master Plan: Council noted the request for an information session, to be scheduled upon project funding.

Irrigation System Maintenance: Referred to the Works and Infrastructure Department.

#### Devon Hills Neighbourhood Watch and Residents Committee

Line Markings: Council forwarded this issue to the Works Department for further attention.

### GOVERNANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Electric Vehicle Charging Station – Longford: Council noted a proposal from Energy ROI, supported in principle pending community consultation. The Longford District Committee will be invited to comment.
- Drummond Street Bridge Replacement: Council accepted TasSpan's tender for the bridge project in Perth, with further assessments to be made during the design phase. The decision has been made public.
- Independent Governance Review: Council voted to release the full report publicly.

### CORPORATE SERVICES

- Financial Report: Council received and noted the monthly financial report for April 2025.

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- Council acted as a Planning Authority and approved a development application at 24A Russell Street, Evandale. The application involves alterations and additions to the existing dwelling and the construction of a new carport and garage, subject to conditions regarding endorsed plans, TasWater requirements, and stormwater management.

This snapshot reflects the Council's ongoing commitment to transparent governance, strategic infrastructure investment, and community-driven priorities across the Northern Midlands.

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## SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER: NOMINATIONS CLOSING SOON

Help shape the future of our region's natural and cultural heritage. Nominations for the Northern Midlands Council's Significant Tree Register close on **30 June 2025**. This is your opportunity to recognise trees of notable age, landscape value or cultural importance for inclusion in the Significant Tree Register.

To nominate a tree, simply complete the nomination form – available on [www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au](http://www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au) or request a copy from [council@nmc.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@nmc.tas.gov.au) – and submit it with supporting photos. Let's protect what matters.

## CONNECT YOUR GROUP: FREE DIRECTORY LISTING

We are excited to introduce the Northern Midlands Community Directory—a free online resource designed to connect local residents and visitors with community groups, clubs, and organisations like yours.

By listing your organisation, you will increase your visibility in the community, make it easier for new members to find and join your group, and be part of a valuable local resource supporting Northern Midlands connections.

It's completely free and easy to register!

Simply visit [www.nmba.asn.au/communityorganisations](http://www.nmba.asn.au/communityorganisations) and complete your group's details.

## CAMPBELL TOWN STREETScape DEVELOPMENT DROP-IN SESSION

Northern Midlands Council recently held a community information (drop-in) session for the Campbell Town Streetscape Development project.



This session was attended by approximately 150 community members. Following this session, we have made the following changes to the project design:

- We've removed the pedestrian crossing between 111 and 114 High Street. Removing this pedestrian crossing will restore four (4) car parks between Queen and King Streets (two outside 111 High Street and two outside 114 High Street).
- We've included five (5) designated motorcycle parking spots in areas where there is sufficient space for motorcycles, but not enough room for a standard car space. Two motorcycle parking spaces will be located outside 105 High Street, and three will be outside 100 High Street.
- We have restored two (2) parking spaces between Queen Street and William Street (one outside 82 High Street and one outside 92 High Street).

### NEXT STEPS

This project is currently out to tender. Once a contractor has been selected, Council will contact businesses and residents in the area to discuss the staging of works and access requirements.

Council is continuing to look for opportunities to restore more parking on High Street. We are also continuing to develop plans to formalise parking areas in Queen and King Streets and will be consulting with the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management (DPFEM) regarding the future of the building at 79 High Street (former fire station).

### CONTACT

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## LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEES

Council works in partnership with local District Committees in towns across the Northern Midlands. These committees bring together residents, representatives from community interest groups, local organisations, and business owners to help guide and inform Council of local priorities.

As a Special Committee of Council, members are formally appointed and operate under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Interested community members are invited to apply for membership to contribute to their town's development and wellbeing. Hard copy membership application forms are available on request by emailing [council@nmc.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@nmc.tas.gov.au) or phoning **03 6397 7303**.

### SNAPSHOTS FROM RECENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### Campbell Town

- Sites are being considered for a future off-lead dog run, supporting local pet owners.
- Planning continues for an interpretation board at the Harold Gatty Memorial, to enhance historical storytelling. The memorial itself is looking well maintained and welcoming, continuing to serve as a valued local landmark.

#### Ross

- The Ross District Committee is calling on residents and businesses to write letters of support for the Ross Dark Sky Project, aimed at achieving international accreditation as a Dark Sky Community.
- Construction is underway on a quarter-court netball/basketball facility at the Ross Sports Club.
- Plans are in place to repair the red phone boxes and reconnect historical audio recordings.
- The Ross Reading Room library is being upgraded with computer services and new books.
- Development of a new information board is underway, highlighting historic sites and identifying walking trails.

#### Evandale

- Work is being done to identify and nominate significant trees in Evandale and nearby areas.
- The Honeysuckle Banks toilet facility is under construction, with completion expected by late August, weather permitting.
- A Council motion from January has led to the incorporation of #6 Shaft into public open space – a heritage-aligned outcome under the Evandale–Launceston Water Scheme guidelines.

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