

This Draft Amendment is open  
for public comment until 08 July  
2026



Draft Amendment No	<b>22/2026</b>
Reference no	<b>PLN-26-0018</b>
Site	<b>Longford Recreation Ground, 55 Smith Street</b> <b>LONGFORD</b>
Draft Amendment	<b>To insert Fred 'Mulga' Davies Memorial Grandstand into NOR-Table C6.1 Local Heritage Places</b>

During the exhibition period the draft amendment is available for viewing by the public at the Council offices, 13 Smith Street, Longford, Tasmania, 7301, Monday to Friday from 8.45am to 4.30pm, and for viewing and downloading on the Council's website [www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au](http://www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au)

All persons and bodies are invited to, within the exhibition period, make to the planning authority a representation in relation to the draft amendment by submitting a representation addressed to the General Manager, Northern Midlands Council and mailed to PO Box 156, Longford Tasmania, 7301; Hand delivered to 13 Smith Street, Longford Tasmania, 7301; or emailed to [planning@nmc.tas.gov.au](mailto:planning@nmc.tas.gov.au).



## 11 PLANNING REPORTS

### 11.1 DRAFT AMENDMENT 22-2026 TO INSERT THE FRED 'MULGA' DAVIES MEMORIAL GRANDSTAND INTO THE LOCAL HISTORIC HERITAGE CODE

*File:* PLN26-0018  
*Responsible Officer:* Maree Bricknell, Acting General Manager  
*Report prepared by:* Paul Godier, Senior Planner

#### MINUTE NO. 26/0136

#### DECISION

Cr Adams/Cr McCullagh  
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C. Amend clause NOR-Table C6.1 by inserting Local Heritage Places Datasheet - NOR-C.1.469 attached to this report, replacing figure NOR-C6.1.469.3 with a photograph of the grandstand in full light

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

Mayor Knowles, Deputy Mayor Lambert, Cr Adams, Cr Andrews, Cr Archer, Cr Brooks, Cr Goss, Cr McCullagh and Cr Terrett

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil



**RECOMMENDATION**

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**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report recommends that the Council agrees to add the Fred ‘Mulga’ Davies Memorial Grandstand to the Local Historic Heritage Code

**2 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

**Applicant:**

Northern Midlands Council

**Owner:**

Northern Midlands Council

**Zone:**

Recreation Zone

**Codes/Specific Areas Plans:**

Proposes amendment to the Local Historic Heritage Code



Table C6.1 Local Heritage Places

**Classification under the Scheme:**

Planning scheme amendment

**Existing Use:**

Recreation Ground

**Decision Date:**

There is no statutory time for Council to decide to prepare a draft amendment of its own motion.

**Recommendation:**

That Council agree to and certify draft planning scheme amendment 22-2026 and exhibit for 28 days.

**Planning Instrument:**

*Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Northern Midlands, version 16, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026, LPS version 17, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026.*

**Site:**

Longford Recreation Ground, 55 Smith Street, Longford

- 17 March 2025. Longford District Committee recommendation to Council: *That Council add the "Mulga" Fred Davies Memorial Grandstand to the Northern Midlands Council Heritage List/Register under the NOR-C6.0 Local Historic Heritage Code.*
- 17 March 2025. Decision: *That Council make an application to Heritage Tasmania for heritage status of the Fred Davies Memorial Grandstand at the Longford Recreation oval (Minute No. 25/0088).*
- 09 May 2025. Application made to Heritage Tasmania.
- 19 May 2025. Heritage Tasmania advised that it received an enquiry regarding the potential for entry of the grandstand in 2024 and provided advice that it is much more likely to meet the criteria for listing at the local level rather than at the state level, and that unless information could be provided supporting entry on the state register, it would be better to focus on listing at the local level in the planning scheme.



*Figure 1 - Photograph of the Place*





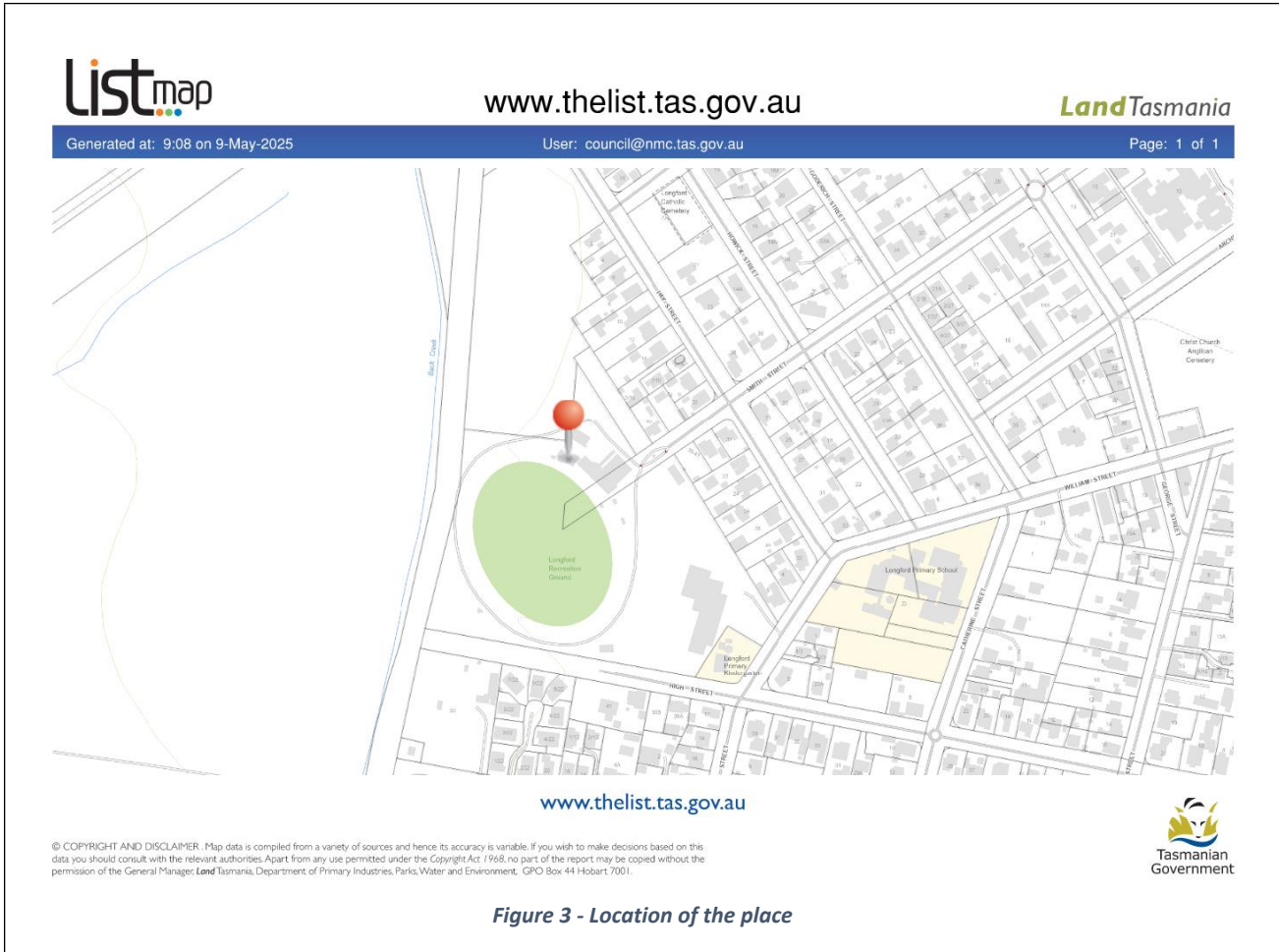
 <p>PO Box 156 13 Smith Street Longford TAS 7301 Email: council@nmc.tas.gov.au Web: www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au</p>	<p>PH: 03 6397 7303 FAX: 03 6397 7331</p>	<p>Base data from theLIST, © State of Tasmania. For actual boundaries refer Title Plan. Base image by TASMAR, © State of Tasmania Where shown, aerial photography is indicative only and should not be used as an accurate comparison of title boundaries. Where shown, underground services are diagrammatic only. Actual location of services are to be confirmed on site.</p>	<p>Extent of place - Fred 'Mulga' Davies Grandstand</p>	9/05/2025	
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Figure 1 - Extent of the Place



### 3 STRATEGIC PLAN & INTEGRATED PRIORITY PLAN

#### 3.1 Strategic Plan 2021-2027

The Strategic Plan 2021-2027 provides the guidelines within which Council operates.

**Lead: Serve with honesty, integrity, innovation and pride**

**Leaders with Impact**

**Strategic outcomes:**

- 1.1 Council is connected to the community
- 1.3 Management is efficient, proactive and responsible
- 1.4 Improve community assets responsibly and sustainably

**People: Culture and society - a vibrant future that respects the past**

**Sense of Place - Sustain, Protect, Progress**

**Strategic outcomes:**

- 3.4 Towns are enviable places to visit, live and work

**Place: Nurture our heritage environment**

**Cherish, Sustain our Landscape and Preserve, Protect Our Built Heritage for Tomorrow**

**Strategic outcomes:**

- 4.1 Cherish and sustain our landscape
- 4.4 Our heritage villages and towns are high value assets



### 3.2 Integrated Priority Projects Plan 2021

Not applicable.

### 4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

### 5 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

#### ***Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993***

##### **38. Decision in relation to request**

- (1) *A planning authority, before deciding whether to prepare a draft amendment of an LPS in relation to a municipal area in accordance with a request under section 37(1), must be satisfied that such a draft amendment of an LPS will meet the LPS criteria.*
- (2) *A planning authority, within 42 days after receiving a request under section 37(1) or a longer period allowed by the Commission, must –*
  - (a) *decide to agree to the amendment and prepare a draft amendment of the LPS; or*
  - (b) *decide to refuse to prepare the draft amendment of the LPS.*

##### **40D. Preparation of draft amendments**

*A planning authority –*

- (a) *must prepare a draft amendment of an LPS, and certify it under section 40F, within 42 days after receiving the request under section 37(1) to which the amendment relates, if –*
  - (i) *it decides under section 38(2) to prepare a draft amendment of an LPS; or*
  - (ii) *after reconsidering, in accordance with a direction under section 40B(4)(a), a request under section 37(1) whether to prepare a draft amendment of an LPS, it decides to prepare such an amendment; or*
  - (b) *may, of its own motion, prepare a draft amendment of an LPS; or*
- (c) *must, if it receives under section 40C(1) a direction to do so, prepare a draft amendment of an LPS and submit it to the Commission within the period specified in the direction or a longer period allowed by the Commission.*

##### **40F. Certification of draft amendments**

- (1) *A planning authority that has prepared a draft amendment of an LPS must consider whether it is satisfied that the draft amendment of an LPS meets the LPS criteria.*
- (2) *If a planning authority determines that –*
  - (a) *it is satisfied as to the matters referred to in subsection (1), the planning authority must certify the draft as meeting the requirements of this Act; or*
  - (b) *it is not satisfied as to the matters referred to in subsection (1), the planning authority must modify the draft so that it meets the requirements and then certify the draft as meeting those requirements.*
- (3) *The certification of a draft amendment of an LPS under subsection (2) is to be by instrument in writing affixed with the common seal of the planning authority.*
- (4) *A planning authority, within 7 days of certifying a draft amendment of an LPS under subsection (2), must provide to the Commission a copy of the draft and the certificate.*

### 6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the draft amendment are provided for within existing budget allocations.

### 7 RISK ISSUES

No risk issues are identified.

### 8 CONSULTATION WITH STATE GOVERNMENT

Under the Act, Council must notify the following of the draft amendment:

- (a) *the relevant agencies; and*



(b) those State Service Agencies, or State authorities, that the planning authority considers may have an interest in the draft amendment of the LPS.

## 9 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Under section 40G of the Act, Council must publish an exhibition notice in relation to the draft amendment, inviting persons make a representation in relation to the draft amendment

Under section 40K of the Act any representations received must be considered by the Council and a statement provided to the Tasmanian Planning Commission as to the merit of each representation, a statement as to whether the amendment meets the requirements of the LPS criteria, and provide a recommendation in relation to the draft amendment.

## 10 OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

### 10.1 Decision in relation to request

The planning authority can:

- decide to agree to the amendment and prepare a draft amendment to the LPS; or
- decide to refuse to prepare the draft amendment to the LPS.

### 10.2 Preparation of draft amendment

A draft amendment has been prepared as shown in the recommendation of this report.

### 10.3 Certification of draft amendment

- The planning authority must consider whether it is satisfied that the draft amendment meets the LPS criteria, see section 4.7.
- If the planning authority is satisfied that the draft amendment meets the LPS criteria, it must certify the draft as meeting the requirements of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act* ; or
- If the planning authority is not satisfied that the draft amendment meets the LPS criteria it must modify the draft so that it meets the requirements and then certify the draft as meeting those requirements.

## 11 OFFICER'S COMMENTS/CONCLUSION

The attached Assessment Against LPS Criteria finds that the proposed amendment meets the LPS Criteria. It is recommended that Council agree to and certify the following draft amendment:

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## **7 ATTACHMENTS**

1. Assessment Against LPS - draft amendment 22-2026 - Fred Davies Grandstand [**11.1.1** - 5 pages]
  2. Draft amendment 22-2026 Local Historic Heritage Place Datasheet [**11.1.2** - 4 pages]
  3. Fred Davies Grandstand Building Design and Fabric Assessment - David Denman and Associates [**11.1.3** - 5 pages]
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NORTHERN MIDLANDS LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE

INSTRUMENT OF CERTIFICATION

The Northern Midlands Council resolved at its meeting of 18 May 2026 to certify that draft Amendment 22-2026 of the *Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule* meets the requirements specified in sections 32 and 34 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

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The **COMMON SEAL** of the )  
Northern Midlands Council is )  
affixed hereto, pursuant to the )  
Council's resolution of )  
18 May 2026 in the presence of: )



.....*M Knowles OAM*.....  
Mayor

.....*MH Brattonell*.....  
Acting General Manager





Figure NOR-C6.1.469.2 – Specific Extent

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

- (i) local history;  
Not applicable.
- (ii) creative or technical achievements;  
Not applicable.
- (iii) a class of building or place;  
Not applicable.
- (iv) aesthetic characteristics;  
Not applicable.

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

- (i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons; or

The Longford Football Club was a founding club of the South Esk Football Association in 1890. The club won the first 10 premierships (1890 through to 1899) and won the 1901, 1904 and 1906 premierships.

From 1926 until 1986 the club played in the original Northern Tasmanian Football Association (NTFA).

Longford had their strongest decade in the 1950s when they claimed three NTFA premierships, including their breakthrough triumph in 1955. They had previously never won the competition but had been runners-up in 1931, 1940 and 1953.

Longford were Tasmanian State Premiers in 1957. After accounting for Ulverstone,

premiers of the North West Football Union, in the preliminary match, Longford defeated North Hobart by 21 points in the decider at York Park.

***Best of Country Football – Northern Tasmania: Longford Tigers, 1957***

*The Longford Tigers were to peak in the mid and late 1950s at both the regional and state level under the leadership of ex-Carlton premiership star Fred Davies.*

*In the state premiership final the Tigers burst out of the blocks and could have taken a stranglehold on the title except for inaccurate kicking. To their credit, North Hobart hit back in the second quarter and led at half time. The Tigers were not to be denied a second time, however, and prevailed comfortably in the second half to become the first NTFA 'country' team to take the state title.*

*The Longford Tigers golden era extended to one more premiership in 1958 and numerous more runner-up appearances following this triumph. Although there is little argument that the mantle of best country team in Northern Tasmania was taken up by Scottsdale for two decades from 1964, the Longford team of 1957 will always be remembered as the pioneers of the cause of country football in the region. (TAS AFL Hall of fame)*

It is a wooden grandstand, nailed and bolted together more than 100 years ago, which stands as an enduring legacy of when Longford had the best football team in Tasmania.

- (ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region.

The grandstand has cultural and social significance to the Longford community and is named in honour of Fred 'Mulga' Davies - a Carlton champion and premiership player who transferred to Tasmania to become a player-coach for Longford in 1952, lifting the Longford Tigers to three regional and one state premierships.

The Fred Davies grandstand is named in honour of the late Fred Davies who was an icon of the Longford Football Club in the years between 1954 and 1960 when he was coach, and the club won the NTFA and Tasmanian Premierships.

Longford hadn't won a premiership in the NFTA before 'Mulga' coached the team to NTFA premiership wins in 1955, 1957 and 1958 and to the State title in 1957. As of 2026, Fred Davies remains the only coach ever to lead Longford to a State title.

**Figures for statements of local historic heritage significance and heritage values**



Figure NOR-C6.1.469.3 – Photograph of the grandstand

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**NEWS**

# 'It was a privilege' to play with Mulga Fred

**OUR PEOPLE**  
BY JOE COLBROOK

FRIENDS and family of the late, great Fred 'Mulga' Davies joined in Longford to celebrate the town's footballing legacy and the start of a new NFA season.

A memorial to the town's star footballer, who led Longford to victory at the 1957 state championship, was officially opened at the entrance to the oval now named the Fred Davies Memorial Ground.

Dina Cronin, one of Davies' nieces, had travelled from Victoria to visit Longford for the first time having heard so much about the life in family stories.

Ms Cronin said she never met her uncle before he died, but was eager to hear more about him from his former teammates.

"I just think the memorial is magnificent," she said.

"One of the things I'd like to find out about Fred is what makes him so revered. He was quiet shy, he was shy, but he was absolutely at his best on the footy field and a great commander."

Ms Cronin had initially planned to visit the town with her sister, but after discussions with other family members the event became a fully-fledged family reunion and more than 30 relatives travelled to Tasmania.

Community historian and one of the few surviving members of the 1957 team, Bob Pitt said Davies was one of a kind.

"He was absolutely marvellous," Mr Pitt said.

"He was a leader of men. He would not yell or swear or try and drag you down. He would be encouraging us all the time."

Mr Pitt said it was wonderful to see his late captain's legacy commemorated with the memorial, and as part of the opening event read a poem about Davies written by his brother Doug Davies.

Several members of Northern Midlands Council also attended the opening, and deputy mayor Janet Lambert said the new memorial highlighted how important Davies was to Longford.

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"Today is both a reflection and celebration of the man who had such a positive influence on those around

him," Cr Lambert said.

"He had such a unique ability to bring out the best in his teammates and the best in his colleagues."

The deputy mayor also paid tribute to the community members who pushed for recognition of Davies and helped bring the memorial into being.

These included Neil Kerrary, who was a friend of Davies' late son Ian Davies and has campaigned for several years for a memorial.

"What a fabulous day this is," Mr Kerrary said.

"Worthy recognition of Longford's greatest legend and its worthy players."

What a terrific entrance to the ground and thanks to the council for making something so special."

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**REMEMBERING 'MULGA' FRED DAVIES**

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Members of Fred Davies' extended family journeyed from all across Australia to visit. Picture by Joe Colbrook

Figure NOR-C6.1.469.4 – Examiner article 18 April 2023