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23rd June 2022

Right to Information Request – Answers to Enquiries

1. 10 Norfolk Street / 10 Norfolk Street

Costs associated with these properties since purchase including for survey, subdivision preparation, maintenance and landscaping, Drummond Street water main relocation, stormwater drainage upgrades, and costs for preparation for sale amount to \$754,293 (please note that the well was not filled but covered for safety).

2. Longford Recreation Ground

Costs over the last 4 years for renovations and improvements including upgraded clubrooms, umpires' rooms, improvements to public amenities, formal carpark and entrance, grandstands improvements, storage building, ground floodlighting, topdressing, and associated works amount to \$3.235 million.

Draft Budget allocations for 2022/23 include \$200,000 for irrigation of main oval, \$55,000 formation, soil and fencing of 2nd oval, and \$15,000 for topdressing of main oval / athletics areas.

3. Launceston Airport

The High Court recently determined that Northern Midlands Council had legal standing to pursue its long-running dispute with the Launceston Airport regarding payment of a fair and equitable amount of rates whereas businesses operating within the airport pay the same rates as those operating outside the airport. The High Court also awarded the Council costs. The matter has now returned to the original trial judge, Justice David O'Callaghan for further hearings scheduled to commence from 19th September 2022. Costs to date amount to \$265,897 and future costs will depend on decisions by Council following the outcome of Justice O'Callaghan's deliberations.

4. Bridges

Please find site maps of bridges 4000 and bridge 1469 attached.

Bridge 1469 replacement was brought forward following a recommendation from Tas Span (see below) and also a report by Pitt and Sherry P/L which recommended further additional works to be done.



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LAST ACCESSED/AMENDMENT DATE:										17-Jun-19		Note: All prices exclusive of GST	
CATEGORY CURRENT / ACTIVE										722,669			
List No	Reg Date	Bridge No	River Name	Road Name	Order of Cost	Month	Time Priority Scale 7 to 3	Description and Comments of Works Category Current					
21	29/05/19	1469	Storeys Creek	Storys Creek Road	6,850	ASAP	5	Repair decking (12/ 200x125mm@5.10m). Note: Decking repairs will be required annually to reach Renewal in Financial Year 2021/22. Option: Bring Renewal forward.					

Bridge 1469 provides access to eight properties / titles. All of these can also be accessed via the other end of Storys Creek Road over bridge 4000. It is a loop road so they can be accessed from either end. Storys Creek has two permanent residents. Other users of the area are Forestry, deer hunters, and bushwalkers. The road also provides an important access for firefighting.

Bridge 1469 was the only bridge Council planned to be replaced within a 12 km radius of Rossarden in 2020/21. Prior to 2020 the following bridges have been replaced: Bridge 4000 on Storys Creek Road – 2019; Bridge 2057 on Gipps Creek Road – 2019; and Bridge 1300 on Rossarden Road – 2017.

5. Campbell Town Recreation Ground

The costs over the last 4 years associated with the redevelopment of the Campbell Town Recreation Ground including replacement of the clubrooms and amenities, upgrade and landscaping of the Cenotaph, formal carparks and lighting, provision of electronic scoreboard, furniture and fittings, two Tennis courts and fencing and lighting, Tennis Hit-up wall, oval irrigation and floodlighting, public amenities replacement, interchange shelters, minor pool facilities improvements amount to \$4.874 million (3.48 percent under approved budget).

Draft Budget allocations for 2022/23 include \$126,000 for internal road / carpark sealing, \$45,000 for TasWater upgrade and irrigation near tennis lawn area, and \$41,500 for acoustics improvements, an additional kitchen door, and installation of club memorabilia.

6. Campbell Town Hall sale

Council unanimously decided to initiate the sale process in accordance with sections 177 and 178 of the Local Government Act 1993 on 15th March 2021 (Minute Reference 21/122). Accordingly, notices were published in the Examiner newspaper on the 14th, 17th and 21st April 2021 and published on Council's Facebook page on 22nd, 29th April and 2nd May 2021. Council received 4 submissions regarding the proposed sale and these were considered by Council at its meeting on 17th May 2021 (Minute Reference 21/176). Council decided to sell the Town Hall in Campbell Town at its meeting on 19 July 2021 (Minute Reference 284/21). Council confirmed its decision to sell the Town Hall after considering objections to the decision at its meeting on 18 October 2021 (Minute Reference 21/401). The decision to sell the Town Hall in Campbell Town was appealed by Mr Andrew McCullagh and Council is awaiting a determination regarding associated costs. The Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal



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determined the appeal and confirmed Council's decision to sell the Town Hall. Council decided on 11 April 2022 to call for expressions of interest from commercial real estate agents operating in the Northern Midlands area to advertise and sell the property (Minute Reference 122/22) – Council is expected to decide on a real estate agent at its next meeting scheduled 27th June 2022.

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