

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CAMPBELL TOWN DISTRICT FORUM HELD IN THE DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM AT THE TOWN HALL, CAMPBELL TOWN ON TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2015 COMMENCING AT 9:30AM

1 PRESENT

Mrs Jill Clarke (Chair), Mr John Ashman, Mr Bevis Perkins, Mrs Jill Davis, Ms Sally Hills, Mrs Debbie Thomas, Mrs Judith Lyne, Mr Owen Diefenbach

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Leisa Gordon, Miss Amanda Mason (Secretary), Mrs Laura Double (Guest)

3 APOLOGIES

Mr Wayne Chellis, Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Mr Michael Roach

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Bevis Perkins/Mr John Ashman

That the minutes of the meeting of the Campbell Town District Forum held on Tuesday, 9 December 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

5 DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

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Nil.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Campbell Town Strategic Plan including Traffic Management Strategy

Forum to discuss projects for inclusion in a 10 year, 4 year and 1 year plan for Campbell Town and the surrounding region.

Action

Deferred to next meeting.

ii) Conara Bus Shelter

Risk assessment conducted and conclusion was that bus shelter to remain in present position, however, guideposts either side of shelter to be repositioned to create more space for bus to pull in. It was noted by Mrs Davis that the removal of the guideposts has allowed more room for the bus to pull in and vehicles to pass.

Action

Matter complete

iii) **Customer Requests/Outstanding issues**

Item	Status	Action
Flower boxes / low maintenance garden beds	Works & Infrastructure have agreed to contribute to the supply of plants if the flower beds are planted and maintained. Cr Gordon to liaise with Mr Chellis to organise.	Miss Mason/ Works & Infrastructure.
Traffic Management – Commonwealth Lane /High Street	Concern re visibility when exiting Commonwealth Lane onto High Street. Works in progress.	State Growth
60km/hr sign relocated to front of Town Hall	Sign replaced	State Growth
Stormwater outlet – rubbish	Is being investigated	Works & Infrastructure
Sign at chain bridge	Referred to Engineering Officer for sign to be considered.	Works & Infrastructure
Driving through river	Police matter – Miss Mason to follow up with Works Department. Works Department to look at further.	Works & Infrastructure
Pump shed	Waiting on revised plans to be returned.	Works & Infrastructure
Campbell Town War Memorial Oval development	Development Plan out for public comment.	
Street sign for Esplanade	Request issued, sign ordered.	Works & Infrastructure

7 GENERAL BUSINESS**7.1 Football Club Lights**

Concern has been raised that the lights at the football ground are too dull for night time training. It has been requested that funding identified in the Campbell Town Oval Development Plan be carried forward to upgrade the lights.

Action

Miss Mason to discuss with Corporate Services and Works Department managers.

7.2 Conara Park

It was noted by the Forum that there have been people camping in Conara, not in the designated camping area, resulting in rubbish being left and fire danger from camp fires.

Action

Council investigating issue and potential solutions.

7.3 BBQ at Lions Park

Power facility has been broken into allowing free access to power.

Action

Customer request to be issued.

7.4 RV facilities

It was suggested that shower facilities be provided for self contained vehicles in the free overnight camping area. It was noted that this area is a flood zone and that there are Council owned caravan parks in Ross and Longford where facilities are provided.

Action

No further action.

7.5 Christmas decorations

Cr Gordon is investigating Christmas decorations.

Action

Ongoing.

7.6 Campbell Town Court House

It has been requested that Council write to the Crown and request the façade of the Campbell Town Court House be cleaned/painted.

Action

Miss Mason to action request.

7.7 Early morning swims

Disappointment was expressed at morning swims not being available at the Campbell Town Pool. The Forum noted that Council has employed a new lifeguard and it is anticipated early morning swims will be offered shortly for the balance of the season.

Action

Miss Mason to update when finalised.

7.8 Solid white line on High Street

It was raised that the solid white line at the intersection of High and King Streets does not allow vehicles to turn right. It was noted that it is understood that the solid white line does not apply in a township as it would on the highway.

Action

Matter to be investigated further.

7.9 Signage for the Museum

Council was thanked for providing signage for the Museum, further signage requested for northern and southern entrances to the town.

Action

Miss Mason to follow up.

8.0 Refuse station

Concern was raised about facilities at waste transfer station for washing, particularly when station collects chemical drums. It was noted that all persons disposing of chemical drums are required to rinse the drums twice prior to disposal to the waste transfer station.

Action

Miss Mason to pass concern on to Works Department.

8.1 Lake Leake Road

A request has been made that Lake Leake Road be sealed past the Chalet.

Action

Miss Mason to refer to Works Department for budget consideration.

8.2 Security Cameras

It was noted that Council has a policy to contribute to the installation of security cameras in certain areas in the municipality. Enquiries were made as to whether policy was still in place, and if so, could a reminder be sent to all businesses.

Action

Miss Mason to obtain information and circulate.

8.3 Signs

It was noted there are several street signs that have been turned around, in particular Forster Street.

Action

Forum to provide exact sign details or report directly to Council online through customer request portal on website.

8.4 Museum in Court House

It was noted by the Forum that the War Memorabilia Museum at the Court House has closed down. Reason unsure.

8.5 Footpaths

It was requested that the footpath from High to Bridge Street be cleaned up and listed for replacement.

Action

Miss Mason to refer to Works Department for budget consideration.

9 PRESENTATION – RAY PETHICK – VALENTINES PARK SIGN

Mr Pethick gave a presentation to the Forum on ideas for signage in Valentines Park, replacing the existing sign, and incorporating a signage theme throughout the town.

Action

Mr Pethick to meet with Mr Roach, Mr Ashman, Ms Hills and Mrs Davis to discuss content for the sign at a date to be confirmed.

10 CLOSURE

Chairperson closed meeting at 10:50 am.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 10 March 2015 commencing at 9.30am at the Town Hall, Campbell Town downstairs meeting room.

Planning Application Delegated Decisions:

Note: these are published in the monthly Northern Midlands Council meeting agenda.

P14-288	Bauxite project	Macquarie Road, "Meadowbank", 150 West Street, Campbell Town
P14-323	Signage for Campbell Town Museum	77 High Street, Campbell Town

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Devon Hills Neighbourhood Watch and the Devon Hills Residents Committee will be held on Tuesday 10TH February Watch to commence at 7.30pm followed by the Residents Committee meeting commencing at 8.00pm, at the Devon Hills Fire Station.

MINUTES

MEETING OPENED: Meeting declared open at: 8.00pm

IN ATTENDANCE: G Stebbings, G Gliddon, L Lucas, M Webster, J Lambert, C & P Canning.

APOLOGIES: I Goninon, J Buckby & G Coop

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the minutes of the meeting of the Devon Hills Residents Committee held on 9th December 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings. Moved, P Canning seconded C Canning. Passed.

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NIL

BUSINESS ARISING

1. The committee requests Tas Water to conduct a safety audit on all hydrants/stop tap pipes within the Devon Hills area. Customer request No 295
2. The committee requests Telstra to repair the broken Telstra pit – near 57 Devon Hills road as it is a trip hazard. Customer request No 296

3. Discuss with Infrastructure Manager Mr Chellis about the possibility of getting some new Hydro poles or similar to replace the decaying ones at both entrances to the fire station. J Lambert to action. **Ongoing**

Dot point 1, 2 & 3 are still under investigation and Janet will get an update to the committee as soon as there is anything to report.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

- 11th December – Letter from Northern Midlands Council – subject – appointment of council's representatives (Cr Ian Goninon and Cr Janet Lambert) to the Resident's Committee.
- Devon Hills Newsletter
- 30th January – Letter from Northern Midlands Council – subject – New legislation and compliance of volunteer groups. Meeting sought to explain new requirements.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

- Invoice to Northern Midlands Council for general maintenance of Devon Hills Fire Station and surrounds - \$300.00

TREASURERS REPORT

- Tabled: current funds \$1438.85 - Accepted

General Business

- Update on the Perth bypass/ committee/community meeting 27th February - TBC
- Discuss having a Garage sale at the Fire station in March? Committee resolved not to hold a Community garage sale in March but has opted for November 7th. This will be advertised in the newsletter as it gets closer to the date.
- Fire Station clean-up. The committee wishes to thank all who have been involved in the clean up to date. There are still a few minor items to be attended to and these will be dealt with as the year progresses.
- Stacey Lambert to repaint the lettering for the Devon Hills Board outside the fire station.
- G Gliddon volunteered to deliver newsletters around the Loop Road if regular person is unable to do the task. J Lambert to inform I Goninon.
- J Stewart has approached the fire department to organise a fire demonstration in November 2015. The committee asked if this could be brought forward to August as this will give land owners more time to clear their blocks before the fire season. J Stewart to report back next meeting.
- L Lucas floated the idea of having a sausage sizzle and domestic fire demonstration, including how to manage animals during a fire. Proposed date is Friday 13th March. Final details to be advertised in the Newsletter.
- C Canning offered to deal with the ant infestation in the meeting room at the fire station.
- Drain near the toilets still needs fixing – trench needs filling etc...

CLOSURE: The meeting closed at: 8.55pm

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is to be held at the Devon Hills Fire Station on **Tuesday 07th April 2015** starting with the Neighbourhood Watch meeting at 7.30pm, followed by the Residents Committee meeting at 8.00pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2015 COMMENCING AT 3.00PM

1 PRESENT

Mr Keith Draper (Chair), Mr Allan Cameron, Mr Arthur Thorpe, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Mrs Fiona Doe, Mr Herbert Johnson

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Miss Amanda Mason (Secretary), Mrs Glenda McCulloch (Guest - present until 3:19pm)

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Gordon, Cr Calvert, Mr Des Jennings (General Manager)

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Arthur Thorpe/Mr Herbert Johnson

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 20 January 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

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Nil.

6 GUEST

Mr Draper invited guest Mrs Glenda McCulloch to speak. Mrs McCulloch raised concern as a result of the Ross Rodeo on the weekend prior. It was reported there was excessive noise throughout the weekend, hooning and mess (rubbish, horse poo and vomit) on Waterloo Street. It was noted by the committee that noise issues and hooning are a police issue, however, the concerns will be raised with the organisers of the Ross Rodeo.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Strategic Plan

The Committee noted that Council is now in the process of costing the projects for budgetary consideration. It was clarified that the reference to the Tree Survey as a priority project was to obtain an update as to the progress of the present tree survey, not seeking a new survey.

8 MATTERS PENDING

Request	Status	Action by
Pavers—Church Street.	Complete. Enquired as to whether bins will be returned to existing position.	W&I Dept.
Ross Public Toilet	It was noted the Council meeting minutes say the project has been deferred. Clarification was sought as to what this meant.	Miss Mason to investigate
Uniting Church spotlight	Electrician working on installation of new unit	Works & Infrastructure.
Dividing white line at northern exit to Ross, and road verge	Referred to Council Traffic Management Committee, concluded that white line will not be put on road at this stage. Circulate reason for decision. Road verge issue referred to Works Department for investigation. Noted all Council road verges graded and upgraded during winter months.	Works & Infrastructure
Badajos Street	Barrier to be erected at end of street. Request for seats to be considered in budget deliberation. Customer request issued for more dirt to be installed to allow mowing further toward river.	Works & Infrastructure
Information sign at Ticky Tacky Bridge re 42nd parallel sculpture	Committee to collect information for sign. It was suggested a sign be placed at the middle of Chiswick Road in a lay-by area to avoid motorists stopping near the highway.	
White lines – Tooms Lake Road and within township of Ross	Council investigating white line marking.	W&I Dept.
Trees at 42 nd Parallel signs	Customer request issued for water	W&I Dept.
Railway line	Request submitted to TasRail to clear the line	
Cumbungi Weed and weeds on island in river	Miss Mason to follow up with who is responsible to spray/clear	
Signage in Ross	Concerns re illegal signage reported to the Planning & Development Department for review to be conducted. Photographs provided to forward to planning department.	Planning & Development

Wild cats	The Northern Midlands Council does not have a policy in place regarding wild cats. Traps are available for use from Council. See motion below.	Planning & Development
Wifi in Ross	Longford trial underway.	Ongoing
Old Ross Bridge	Works to commence in first quarter of 2015 and hope to be concluded by June 2015.	State Growth
2015/16 Budget items	Seats at end of Badajos Street Information sign at Ticky Tacky bridge	

9 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Rabbits

Concern was raised at the number of wild rabbits in the town. It was requested that Council contact DPIPWE regarding release of the calicivirus disease.

Action

Miss Mason to investigate.

9.2 Ross School

Enquiry was made regarding the progress of the sale of the Ross School. It was noted the property continues to be marketed for sale.

9.3 Badajos Street

Pothole at the western side of the railway line. It was noted by the Committee this has been fixed.

9.4 Customer requests

Corner Bond and High Streets

Bitumen has been cut out.

Load limit

Concern raised that the load limit sign for the Ross bridge (town side) is obscured.

Bollard

Has been run over.

Picnic tables (x2) on nature strip south of Church Street

Require cleaning.

Ticky Tacky Bridge

Requires maintenance – “cleaning up”.

Action

Customer requests to be issued.

9.5 Overhanging trees – Chiswick Road

Trees pushing / crowding golden elms.

Action

Miss Mason to progress.

9.6 Church Street

Concern was raised regarding car parking on the nature strip on Church Street causing erosion.

9.7 Wild cats

Mr Allan Cameron/Mr Herbert Johnson

The Ross Local District Committee request the Northern Midlands Council to have all cats registered.

Carried unanimously

9.8 Information board for Ross Village

It was suggested an information board for the Ross Village be developed. It was resolved to include in the strategic planning process.

9.9 Walkway

It was suggested a walkway be opened up between the Female Factory and the Pump Station.

Action

The Committee to investigate by meeting at 2:30pm prior to the next committee meeting.

10 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 17 March 2015 commencing at 3.00pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:24 pm.

NORTHERN MIDLANDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY MARCH 3RD 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS LONGFORD STARTING AT 3PM

1. Present: Michael Salhani (Chair), Robert Harrison, Kevin Turner, Michael Geeves, Fiona Dewar, Des Jennings, Duncan Payton, Russell Frye, Ian Gonnin, Mary Knowles
2. Apologies: David Gatenby
3. In Attendance: Lorraine Green, Cllr Dick Adams,
4. Confirmation of the Record of the Previous Meeting: February 2nd 2015 Minutes resolved to be a true and accurate record of the meeting.
5. Priority Initiatives: The Priority Initiatives Framework held below was worked through and updated.

PRIORITY INITIATIVES	STATUS as of March 3 rd 2015	THE WAY FORWARD
<p>1.1. Investigate a rail hub at Western Junction</p>	<p>Hub has been conceptually plotted: is in Council's planning scheme & the Greater Launceston Plan. A report went to the July 2014 Council Meeting and Council endorsed the long term expansion of the Translink precinct into the identified land parcel south from the existing estate to the wool stores on Mill Road and the pursuit of opportunities, cooperatively with TasRail. For the development of a rail hub to capitalise on existing infrastructure and attract logistic and freight industries to the area, and have a working group investigate the southern hub at Brighton. Committee provided feedback to Council on the draft project brief for the Launceston Gateway Project. R Harrison advised the March 2015 meeting that our contact person at Tasrail, Neale Tomlins has left Tasrail and we have lost the continuity we were trying to achieve.</p>	<p>Committee notes that Council is in the process of developing a draft brief for the development of the Launceston Airport and Translink Precinct Master Plan proposal and meetings are being held with stakeholders to determine if support exists for the project. D Jennings reported preliminary meetings have been held with the CEO TasRail, CEO TasPorts and Manager Launceston Airport. A subcommittee is being established to determine the way forward. This item is to be moved to the 'information item' list.</p>
<p>1.2. An intensive online marketing campaign for the Translink DVD</p>	<p>Translink promotional video produced: TV ad campaign on WIN TV across January 2014: Online promotion commenced April 2014. The hard copy prospectus is available (100 copies printed by Flying Colours) and being distributed. Translink promotional skin was installed on the Evandale Main Road billboard in December 2014</p>	<p>D Payton reported a tracking system for Translink enquiries had been implemented. No enquiries received in the past month. Item to be deleted from agenda.</p>
<p>1.3. Translink signage</p>	<p>Duncan Payton, Paul Godier and our Chair visited the Translink precinct to determine the location of the precinct boundary signs at either end of the precinct and the intersection business listing signboards. DIER Tourism signs Consultant responded October 2014 that the signs we propose are classified as a Promotion Sign under the tourism information signs category and are not appropriate for this purpose within the state road network. Recommends installation of black on white sign 'Translink Industrial precinct' under current directional signs either end of the precinct on Evandale Main</p>	<p>Noted that the boundaries of the Translink precinct are at the northern end – at the end of the x3 roadside blocks, and southern end – at the end of the Roberts Woolstore site. Noted that NMBA Board is to seek landowner approvals and erect the signs.</p>

	Road		Item to be deleted from agenda once the signs are installed.
1.4. Stormwater issues	Committee noted that a draft report on the stormwater issues was presented at the Council's February 3rd 2015 workshop.		Covered at 1.1
2. Powranna/ Burlington Road			
2.1. Council develop site development plans for the two precincts, seek to secure funding for the sealing of Burlington Road & attract new businesses to the precincts	<p>Council contracted SGS Economic and Planning to undertake this 'Northern Midlands Rural Enterprise Precinct' project. Committee members agreed to recommending up to \$3,000 of the committee budget be allocated towards this project.</p> <p>Committee recommended Council make application to Round One of the National Stronger Region Fund for the Burlington Road Upgrade. Council management decision not to make application to this funding round.</p> <p>Noted that Council has applied for Bridge Renewal Program funding to replace the Powranna Road bridge.</p> <p>Committee noted that stage 1 of the Burlington Road upgrade (near the main road intersection to pass the entrance to Tas Quality Meats) was completed by the end of January 2015.</p>	<p>Council adopted the report at the Feb 16th 2015 Council Meeting, approved the release of the report and agreed to workshop the report recommendations.</p> <p>L Green to circulate the Item from the Council's February meeting re the rural processing centre.</p> <p>K Turner and D Payton to meet informally with DPWE reps to discuss options for the future status of the research farm.</p>	
3. Support existing NMI businesses			
3.1. NBN rollout	<p>NBN advised at March 3 Council workshop that the rollout has stopped whilst the strategic review is undertaken – outcome anticipated in the 4th quarter.</p> <p>Chair circulated to committee members in February 2015 the Deloitte's report: Facebook Global Economic Impact.</p> <p>At the committee's request, in December 2014 Council wrote to the Federal Minister for Communications asking for the plan and timeframe for the NBN rollout in the Northern Midlands, and wrote to Ministers Hutchinson, Shelton and Hidding, to request their support in bringing about the timely installation of the NBN service in the Northern Midlands. Responses awaited.</p>	<p>Letter received Feb 4th 2015 from Dept of Communications advising the new NBN CO rollout plan indicates the communities of Longford, Perth and Evandale have been included in its planned build within the next 18 months.</p> <p>Noted that GM is meeting with new NBN manager in near future to discuss the rollout.</p> <p>Discussion of the issues relating to requiring new developments to have NBN infrastructure accommodated</p>	
4. Heritage Tourism			
4.1. Longford Village Green improvements	<p>Discussion at the 12/5 meeting of the need for a basic upgrade of the Longford Village Green information booth. Noted that the Longford District Committee is progressing the upgrade of the Information Booth</p> <p>Noted that Des and Lorraine are progressing the Longford Visitor Appeal Study brief with TNT. Consultancy to commence January 2015.</p>	<p>Chair has met with the consultant undertaking the Longford Visitor Appeal Study to provide input.</p> <p>Noted that public forums were held February 26/27. Report due by the end of April.</p>	

<p>4.2. Offering owners of heritage buildings a rate rebate on the condition that they open their property for public visitation one day/weekend annually.</p>	<p>Heritage Tasmania (HT) contacted and supports the concept that has some similarities with the annual Open Door program weekend HT manages in Southern Tasmania. HT able to offer advice on the development of the concept & can promote events through their e-bulletin</p> <p>Matt Smithies, National Trust Managing Director, met with the committee in October 2014 and Matt is drafting an MOU between National Trust and Council (for consideration by this Committee in the first instance) relating to an Open Historic Properties Program..</p>	<p>Noted that Council made a submission on behalf of the ED Committee to the Legislative Council Inquiry into Built Heritage Tourism</p> <p>Noted that letter send 4/3/ to M Smithies re the MOU</p>
<p>4.3. Celebrating Longford's motor racing history</p>	<p>Council has registered the business name 'Longford Revival Festival'</p> <p>M Salhani and L Green met with J Talbot to discuss the proposed establishment of a Longford Motor Racing Historic Society/Group.</p> <p>R Harrison to invite Motorsport Tas representative to a Committee meeting to discuss future vision for the Symmons Plains Racing precinct</p>	<p>Noted that Council has provided in-principle support for the 2015 festival on the weekend of March 20-22nd. Council is seeking resolution of compliance issues with Opcon.</p> <p>Await response from John Talbot re the establishment of the Longford Motor Racing Historic Society.</p> <p>Robert to invite Dick Caplice GM Motorsports Tas to a forthcoming meeting.</p>
<p>5. Northern Midlands Economic Development and Tourism Strategy</p>		<p>Noted that at the February 16th 2015 Council Meeting, Council passed motion: "That Council obtain costings to conduct an Economic Development and Tourism Strategy in 2015/16 budget deliberations".</p>
<p>6. Other</p>		
<p>6.1. Tyre Recycling Facility</p>	<p>Duncan Payton reported at the November 24th 2014 meeting that three developers have shown interest in establishing tyre recycling facilities – no firm proposals yet from any of the developers.</p> <p>Discussion at the February 2nd 2015 meeting as to whether any tyre recycling facility can be commercially viable i.e. is a private solution viable?</p>	<p>Recommendation to Council: that the Committee advises Council this the tyre recycling facility is a waste and environmental issue and on that basis Council should approach the state government.</p> <p>D Jennings reported he has discussed the issue with the State Growth Coordinator General, Senator Abetz and Eric Hutchinson, and is continuing to progress the matter.</p>
<p>6.2. Council Priority Projects</p>	<p>Briefing paper ' Snow Driven Economic Growth' tabled and reviewed at committee's October 2014 meeting. Des provided a report at the November 24th 2014 meeting on the progress being made with securing funding partners for the project brief. Committee notes that at the January 19th 2015 Council Meeting, Council committed \$4,000 to the Ben Lomond economic growth feasibility study – giving a total budget of \$20,000: the project will now proceed.</p>	<p>Noted that in the light of the new Tourism Demand Driver Infrastructure Funding Program, the project brief has been expanded and matching funding sought from the new funding program. Outcome anticipated April/May 2015.</p>

63. Perth Bypass	Committee noted the outcome of this agenda item at Council's August 2014 meeting, namely that Council gave in-principle support to the full construction of the bypass, requested a number of key issues be addressed, requests consultation with the Perth community and District Committee, and requests establishment of a locally based representative committee.	Noted the state govt determined the composition of the Perth Bypass Reference Group, includes 2 Perth community reps. Dates for community forums yet to be set.
6.4. Economic Development budget	Committee recommended to Council that the Committee Chair be a member of the Perth Bypass Steering Committee	
6.5. National Stronger Regions Fund	\$4,582 of the \$30,000 economic development allocation was expended in 2013/2014: (\$3,772 on the Translink TV promotional campaign and \$810 on the Translink prospectus). The balance - \$25,418 has been carried over into 2014/2015. Committee recommends up to \$3,000 be allocated towards the Northern Midlands Rural Enterprise Precinct project - remaining balance \$22,418. Round One now open to receive applications. Round closes November 28 th 2014.	D Jennings advised the Translink stormwater project maybe the preferred project for round 2 of National Stronger Regions Fund
6.6. Equestrian opportunities	M Salhani met with Sandra Butorac, new President Equestrian Tasmania, to explore opportunities for more state events in the Northern Midlands. M Salhani and L Green met with Michael Morris, Longford Equine Centre. Also met at showgrounds with Sandra Butorac, Susan Elliot (Northern Tas Quarter Horse Association) and Sallee Cauchi (Longford Show Society).	Noted that this is an item on the March Council Meeting. L Green to discuss the likely review of the proposed Longford Horse Trail with Jeff McClintock to determine his availability.
6.7. New Item: Future direction of the Economic Development Committee	Kevin Turner appointed as committee Vice-Chair at the Feb 2 nd 2015 meeting.	L Gonion to follow up whether the Primary Industry Sector committee position is vacant: if so, L Green to advertise this position. The Committee's role as defined in the Committee's terms of reference is to be reviewed and then Council's reconfirmation sought. K Turner and L Green to meet to draft terms of reference and bring to the next meeting.
6.8. Consultation with NM businesses	At Council's December 2014 Meeting it was resolved that Council facilitate meetings with local businesses in each of the towns to explore business opportunities and other matters of interest.	D Jennings advised this is being considered within the proposed Northern Midlands Economic Development and Tourism Strategy
6.9. Registration as volunteers of Council		Noted that voluntary committee members R Harrison, M Salhani, R Fyfe and M Geeyes have registered as volunteers with the Council. Item to be moved to information item list

Meeting closed: 4.25pm

Meeting dates for 2015:

Monday March 30th, Tuesday May 5th, Monday June 1st, Tuesday July 7th, Monday August 3th, Tuesday September 1st, Monday October 5th,
Tuesday November 3th, Monday December 7th all meetings at the council chambers starting at 3pm

Completed Projects:

- Business healthy checks

Pending projects

- Panshanger Road/ Woolmers Lane precinct
- Big Cow Plan for the Midlands

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NORTHERN MIDLANDS RURAL PROCESSING CENTRE

File: 13/007
Responsible Officer: Duncan Payton, Planning & Development Manager
Report prepared by: Paul Godier, Senior Planner

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report presents Council with a final version of the Rural Processing Centre report, and recommends that it be adopted.

2 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

At its May 2014 meeting, Council resolved to call for tenders for the Rural Processing Centre project.

Tenders were called in accordance with the Code of Tendering and Procurement, and SGS Economics and Planning was awarded the contract.

As part of the process, three workshops were held on the 25th and 26th of September 2014.

SGS produced a draft report which was presented to the Council workshop of the 24th November, and the Council meeting of the 8th December, where Council endorsed the draft plan for public exhibition.

Comment on the draft plan was invited, with a copy sent to all workshop attendees, and the draft plan being placed on public exhibition from the 7th to the 31st January 2015. One comment was received, from the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and the Environment regarding the Cressy Research Station. That comment has been addressed in the final version of the report.

3 STRATEGIC PLAN 2007/2017

The Strategic Plan 2007/2017 (2012/2013 Revision) provides the guidelines within which Council operates. The following "Volume 1 – Mapping Our Direction" goals have relevance to this issue:

- 4.9 Rural Processing Centre - Expand Northern Midlands value-adding industrial base with a centralised state wide storage and processing complex for agricultural and other bulk products.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The project supports the policy outlined in section 3 above.

5 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

None applicable to this matter.

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6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The project was budgeted for at the May 2014 Council meeting.

7 RISK ISSUES

No risk issues have been identified.

8 CONSULTATION WITH STATE GOVERNMENT

Consultation with State Government departments has occurred in the preparation of the report.

9 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Community consultation has occurred in the preparation of the report.

10 OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

Council can decide to:

- Adopt the report as it is; or
- Make changes to the report before adopting it.

11 OFFICER'S COMMENTS/CONCLUSION

The report addresses point 4.9 of Council's Strategic Plan. It has been prepared with the input of relevant stakeholders. It is now considered appropriate to adopt the report.

The report contains the following recommendations. Comment on current or possible actions is included below each recommendation.

Recommendation A	<i>For Northern Midlands Council to participate in coordinated and targeted advocacy by stakeholders to address regionally and State significant issues the industry is facing.</i>
Action	Council can participate in advocacy surrounding the issues of power supply, water supply, packing, cold storage and freight distribution.
Recommendation B	<i>For Northern Midlands Council to undertake a feasibility study to identify the optimal location(s) and viability for rural industries precincts in the Northern Midlands. Precincts ensure an efficient use of infrastructure and services, and may provide value chain and logistics benefits for rural industries in these precincts.</i>
Action	Council could commission a feasibility study. Alternatively, this work could be included in the scope of the land use strategy.
Recommendation C	<i>For Northern Midlands Council to communicate with local investors in agriculture to better understand their needs, and where possible (within the roles and responsibilities of Council) to enable investment in the local area.</i>
Action	Council can consider facilitating half yearly workshops with interested rural practitioners.
Recommendation D	<i>For Northern Midlands Council to explore opportunities to support the availability</i>

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	<i>of affordable housing solutions for casual and seasonal workers.</i>
<i>Action</i>	Council can seek ways to welcome seasonal workers to the community, and encourage suitable accommodation in the towns. It is noted that Burlington Berries is seeking to place eight accommodation units on site for seasonal workers. This proposal does not require planning approval as it is to accommodate on-farm workers and complies with all the acceptable solutions of the planning scheme.
Recommendation E	<i>For Northern Midlands Council to support initiatives to better coordinate demand and supply of casual labour.</i>
<i>Action</i>	While this issue is more suitably addressed by producers, Council can support centralised accommodation for casual workers, which will facilitate the coordination of workers. Council could seek agreement from real estate agencies to place suitable rental listings on Council's website.
Recommendation F	<i>For Northern Midlands Council to support and enable farmers and producers to convene and where applicable collaborate on common issues, such as reliable power supply at the Burlington Road precinct.</i>
<i>Action</i>	This is a matter for Council's continuing involvement.
Recommendation G	<i>For Northern Midlands Council to establish the feasibility of an upgrade of Burlington Road to better meet current and future traffic demands.</i>
<i>Action</i>	Stage 1 of the Burlington Road upgrade (near the main road intersection to pass the entrance to Tas Quality Meats) was completed by the end of January 2015. Economic Development Committee recommendation to Council 2/2/15: That Council does not progress the Burlington Road Stage Two upgrade until the local businesses have upgraded their internal roadways. Economic Development Committee recommendation to Council 2/2/15: That Council request the State Government to rezone the Cressy Research Farm to allow subdivision into smaller titles (effectively, a 'Translink-style' zoning for the Research Farm).
Recommendation H	<i>For Northern Midlands Council to apply proposed precinct plans for the Powranna Road and Burlington Road precincts to enable development and intended uses for the precincts.</i>
<i>Action</i>	Council can prepare a draft amendment to the planning scheme to place a specific area plan over the two precincts.

12 ATTACHMENTS

12.1 Northern Midlands Rural Processing Centre Report and Recommendations February 2015.

RECOMMENDATION 1

That the matter be discussed.

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RECOMMENDATION 2

That Council adopt the Northern Midlands Rural Processing Centre Report and Recommendations February 2015.

DECISION

Cr Goninon/Cr Adams

That the matter be discussed.

Carried unanimously

Cr Adams/Cr Goninon

That Council adopt and release the Northern Midlands Rural Processing Centre Report and workshop the Recommendations February 2015.

Carried unanimously

53/15 REVIEW OF POLICY 40 – PUBLIC OPEN SPACE CONTRIBUTION

File: 44/001
 Responsible Officer: Duncan Payton, Planning & Development Manager
 Report prepared by: Paul Godier, Senior Planner

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report reviews Council's policy on Public Open Space Contributions, and recommends amendments to the policy.

2 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The policy was last reviewed in June 2010. It is appropriate to review the policy again.

3 STRATEGIC PLAN 2007/2017

The Strategic Plan 2007/2017 (2012/2013 Revision) provides the guidelines within which Council operates. The following "Volume 1 – Mapping Our Direction" goals have relevance to this issue:

- 4.7 Land Use Planning
- 5.3 Community Facilities

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report recommends amendments to the Council's policy on Public Open Space Contributions.

5 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

5.1 *Local Government (Building & Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993*

117. *Payment instead of increasing public open space*

Minutes of the Meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held at the Community Centre on Tuesday, 3 March 2015, commencing at 5.35pm

MINUTES

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Michael Geeves (Chair), Mrs Christine Beswick, Mr John Stagg, Mr Phillip Dell, Cr Janet Lambert, Cr Mary Knowles, Mr Wayne Chellis, Mrs Gail Eacher (Secretary)

Guest: Mr Will Egan

2 APOLOGIES

Mr Graham Eberhardt, Mr Des Jennings

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

J Stagg/C Beswick

That the minutes of the meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 3 February 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

4 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.*

No declarations received.

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) William Street Reserve

The Committee noted that Council had corresponded with TasWater re the water leakage/seepage from the ground below the Pump Station at the William Street Reserve and water testing related thereto.

In response to query sent to TasWater the Committee noted the following information provided by TasWater:

Our coordinator and an external leak specialist consultant have undertaken an inspection of the site. They also tested the water for fluoride. The committee member is correct that we have not tested for chlorine. There is a very good reason for this. Chlorine is a volatile chemical which dissipates when it comes into contact with bacteria. Hence its use as a disinfecting agent ... it kills microbiological germs in the water supply. So, as you can appreciate, when water comes into contact with dirt in the ground, any chlorine will be eaten up. So ... given that the supply in Perth is a fluoridated supply and fluoride does not react in the same way to dirt, its absence in the water means it is not a TasWater supplied water source.

Mr Chellis agreed to review and collate data collected previously and meet with Messrs Geeves, Stagg and Dell on-site.

The Committee queried the placing of signage at William Street Reserve following the recent detection of the presence of E.Coli bacteria in the South Esk River after the rain in late February.

Action

Signage issue to be referred to the EHO.

ii) Website

Noted that in the interim, the website address reflects that the site is under construction.

Website production to commence: Colour palette received from ThinkBig. Awaiting provision of the artwork of the town map.

Previously agreed to proceed with the website design with minor amendments, the following to be included on the website:

Tabs to include:

1. History walk – extracted from “*the path of History: a walk through Perth*” brochure – with map and all historical info.
2. Places of Interest – William Street Reserve, Punt, Cairn, train park, etc. – also with map
3. Monuments, Memorials and Artworks
4. Recreation & Sporting Activities – sporting venues, etc.
5. Public facilities
6. School & Child Care facilities
7. Business & Community directory
8. Perth Local District Committee

The Committee to provide any additional information required. Committee to visit the websites of other towns in Northern Midlands, with a view to providing input re Perth’s website to the next meeting.

Action

Committee to review town websites for consideration at 31 March meeting.

iii) Perth Bypass

Michael Geeves and Philip Dell nominated as the Perth Local District Committee representatives to the Perth Road Community Reference Group (PRCRG).

Noted that it was expected that the representatives would:

- need to be committed to the project;
- advocate for the continued growth of Perth;
- promote the best entry and exit vantage points to Perth;
- be mindful of the significance of Gibbet Hill and John McKay whom (in 1837) is believed to be the last person in the British Empire to be gibbeted after being hanged in Hobart be recognised, dependant on the alignment of the bypass.

Noted that:

- the first meeting of the PRCRG had been held on 17 February;
- preliminary plans had been presented, with the alignment yet to be finalised;
- an information day was planned to be held at Devon Hills and Perth during April.
- An invitation had been extended to the Perth Local District Committee members to attend the Devon Hills meeting.

Perth Bypass (NMBA) - consideration be given to the implications, prepare and plan for the bypass of the township of Perth; that a working group be formed to prepare and have input into the process. Importance of pre-planning was noted.

iv) ANZAC Day – Feedback on Traffic Management

At the 2 September meeting, Cr Lambert reiterated the information previously provided re the

meeting of the ANZAC Day Traffic Management Sub-Committee: that following the meeting DIER (State Growth) were considering the possibility of diverting the ANZAC traffic via Arthur and Clarence Streets.

Noted that the contract for Traffic Management had been awarded, Council and contractors met on site and plans made available at the Anzac Day Traffic Committee meeting on 19 February. Changes were requested and presentation of the final plans is awaited. Noted that illuminated signs would be displayed at Perth and Campbell Town.

v) Country Courier Article

Previously, the Committee noted that Council is preparing news items re the membership and achievements of each Committee.

The Committee noted their input into the following projects:

- Bypass
- William Street Reserve improvements
- Footpaths, kerb and gutter
- Beautification of Perth project, including street trees;
- Relocation of the school bus stop;
- The Town Tourism Map; and
- Agreed to the inclusion of membership in the article.

To be progressed – pending further information on the Perth Bypass project, most likely June.

vi) Fairtlough Street Footpath

At the February meeting, the Committee discussed the merits of the relocation of the Medical Centre to Fairtlough Street, concerns were raised as to the mobility of some patients and that they may have issues with accessing the facility as there is no footpath on the northern side of Fairtlough Street between the Midland Highway (on the northern corner of Fairtlough Street) and the frontage of the proposed Medical Centre. The Committee viewed the provision of a footpath to be essential and requested that if the Development Application is approved, that the footpath be considered to be a high priority.

The following recommendation was considered at the 16 February council meeting, at which time Council officer's were directed to investigate the decision of the PLDC:

That the Committee recommend to Council that in view of the Planning Application to change the use of 180 Fairtlough Street, Perth to a Medical Centre, that the footpath from the Midland Highway (on the northern corner of Fairtlough Street) be extended to the east to the frontage of the proposed Medical Centre, prior to the opening of the facility.

The Committee were advised that Council's policy is to provide a footpath on one side of the street only. However, the inclusion of an additional footpath may be able to be justified due to the proximity to the school, and noted that provision had been made in the plans of the proposed Doctor's surgery for a car park. Matter to be considered in 2015/16 budget and only once Doctor's Surgery relocated to the new premises.

The Committee noted that the relocation of the Doctor's Surgery to Fairtlough Street and the installation of the additional footpath in Fairtlough Street would expand Perth's commercial precinct.

Action

Construction of footpath on Fairtlough Street to be considered in the 2015/16 budget.

vii) 10 Year Plan

The Committee to consider projects for inclusion in the 10 year plan for Perth. The Committee raised concerns relating to the difficulty of preparing a 10 year plan as future land use would be

impacted by the location of the Perth Bypass. Matter to be discussed further following meeting of Perth Road Community Reference Group and once additional information is made available.

viii) Budget 2015/16

Preliminary budget items for Councils 2015/16 budget:

- Fairtlough Street footpath
- Arthur Street footpath

Action

Preliminary list to be provided for consideration in 2015/16 budget.

ix) Talisker Street

The Committee were advised that Black Spot Funding for the reconstruction of the Talisker / Main Street junction had been granted and that a report would be tabled at the Council Meeting of 16 March in regard to this project.

The committee were advised of the following details in relation to the project:

- the realignment would improve the site distance by realigning the junction to 90 degrees. To allow for the alignment, the road is to be widened on the corner near the supermarket and narrowed on the opposite side of the road.
- an outstand is to be constructed from the southern corner of Talisker Street to the frontage of the main entrance door to the supermarket. This will prevent cars from parking to close to the corner which would again restrict site distance to the south.
- concerns raised by business owners in the precinct relate to the loss of two prime parking spaces on the Talisker Street corner outside of the Supermarket.
- proposed to construct a car park on Talisker Street, the construction of which has been consideration for a number years.

Noted that not all members were in agreement with the use of the vacant land for the provision of a car park and requested that Council further consider a previous proposal to landscape the area and create a park.

6 CUSTOMER REQUESTS

Date	Item	Description	Comment/ Action Taken
3/2/15	William Street Reserve	That the broken and damaged bollards be repaired/replaced.	C/R issued – bollards & reflectors replaced. Complete.
3/2/15	William Street Reserve	replace the rubbish bin at the corner of the reserve, near Elizabeth Street, in the vicinity of 'Beulah'.	Bin not to be installed in short term. Issue to be monitored.
3/2/15	Train Park Hand Dryers	hand dryers in the amenities at the Train Park be repaired/replaced	C/R issued. Matter resolved. Complete.

7 MATTERS PENDING

i) Roadworks, Intersection Upgrades and associated projects

The Committee agreed to list the following items as pending, to be considered in conjunction with information/planning for the Perth Bypass.

- Connectivity of Streets – North Perth/Devon Hills
- Elizabeth Street Intersection with the Midland Highway
- Significance of Gibbet Hill and John McKay whom (in 1837) is believed to be the last person in the British Empire to be gibbeted after being hanged in Hobart.

Noted that:

- Black Spot funding application submitted to address the issues related to parking and vehicle movements in Fore Street, Perth – unsuccessful.
- Midland Highway/Drummond Street Intersection – part of Midland Highway upgrade.

- Eskleigh Intersection substantially complete.

ii) Beautification of Perth

Entrances to Perth require upgrading, in particular, the improvement of the northern entrance to Perth (any improvements may be limited by land ownership, however, may be possible to plant low lying shrubs and gardens at the entrance to Youl Main Road)

Programmed to plant more trees in the main street, with plans to continue tree plantings to the north of the Honey Company.

Noted that, as required, additional trees would be planted in the Main Street in June/July 2015.

Matter pending – awaiting provision of concept design details for the Perth Bypass.

iii) Australia Day 2017

2017 Australia Day event to be held at Perth. Agreed that the committee would participate in the facilitation and assist with communications with the various service groups in the community.

Interested parties to contact Ms Mason.

8 NEW BUSINESS

i) Weir in South Esk River (Perth River dam)

The committee noted the Examiner newspaper article relating to the deterioration of the weir in the South Esk River, and that the weir was understood to have been constructed to create a ford to cross the river.

J Stagg/P Dell

The Committee recommend that Council, as a matter of urgency, repair the weir (including the removal of the willows) in the South Esk River at Perth in accordance with the representation by Mr Stagg at the 16 February Council Meeting; and that Council continue to maintain the weir on a regular basis.

Carried

Action

Recommendation to be considered by Council.

9 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held at the Community Centre Perth on Tuesday, 31 March 2015.



Perth resident John Stagg is concerned that the town may lose its oldest feature — a South Esk River dam by the Midland Highway bridge.

Call to preserve historic Perth river dam

PERTH'S oldest standing structure could be at risk of becoming history, according to a concerned town resident.

The foundations of the almost 200-year-old instalment do not lie on a wealthy estate, or even on town land, but in the South Esk River.

Perth resident John Stagg said the historic river dam by the Midland Highway bridge, constructed in 1830, was rapidly deteriorating.

Mr Stagg shared his concerns

with the Northern Midlands Council during its general meeting last month.

"I feel that it would be lucky to last another winter with the way it's deteriorating," he said.

"There are willows growing up through it, pushing the dam apart.

"Last flood we had took the middle part out completely... it's the worst I've ever seen it."

Northern Midlands corporate services manager Maree Bricknell told Mr Stagg that the council had

done minor repair work on the dam.

Northern Midlands Mayor David Downie also said the council had sprayed willows in the area during that month.

Mr Stagg said there were only another seven or eight weeks left this year to restore the dam, if it was to remain.

"I feel that it's part of an icon of Perth, it's definitely something worth preserving," he said.

MINUTES OF THE EVANDALE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE EVANDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2015 AT 7.30PM

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Mr J Lewis (Chairperson), Mr R von Bibra, Mr T Terhorst, Mr P Page, Mr J Hewlett, Mr A Jobson (to 7.40pm), Cr M Knowles, Cr J Lambert, Mr D Jennings (General Manager), Mrs G Eacher (Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES

Mrs H Houghton

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

J Hewlett/A Jobson

That the minutes of the meeting of the Evandale Advisory Committee held on Tuesday, 3 February 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

4 DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

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5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Honeysuckle Banks

At the November meeting, the Committee requested that

- a) they be involved in the design of signage for the reserve;
- b) 2 signs be erected – one on the footpath and the other at the carpark; and
- b) consideration be given to the erection of a plaque (tourist signage), similar in design to the one erected for the viaduct on Mill Road, Perth.

Signage

- arbour signage – proposals considered and a preferred option selected – matter being progressed
- text for story board researched and provided by Mr Jobson in consultation with the History Society. Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre to be consulted. Story board to be erected at entrance – story board to incorporate Aboriginal and European history.
- additional signage to be erected on gazebo providing community information (details of facilities) – community centre, camping facilities, amenities, etc. – to be included on budget

- wish list.
- committee member approached Mr Hutchinson MP and Mr Guy Barnett re attendance at official opening/naming ceremony for Honeysuckle Banks.

A Jobson/

That Mr Eric Hutchinson and Mr Guy Barnett MP be invited to attend the opening of Honeysuckle Banks.

Motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Mr Jobson left the meeting at 7.40pm.

ii) Heritage Brick Walls

At the December meeting, the Committee noted that a planning application had been received for the removal of the tree and associated works at Russell Street.

At the February meeting, the Committee discussed various options for repair of wall at Buffalo Park, an invitation was extended to Mr Chellis to view repairs made previously to a private heritage wall where an alternate solution had been utilised.

iii) Beautification of Evandale

At the November 2014 meeting a first draft of the partially completed "Wish List" detailing improvements to the overall amenity of Evandale was circulated for consideration by Committee members.

Noted the list/plans were progressing.

6 CUSTOMER REQUESTS/ACTION ITEMS

i) Task List

Date	Item	Description	Comment/ Action Taken
02/09/14	BMX Track	Council investigate the establishment of a BMX track at Honeysuckle Banks.	Noted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> consultation undertaken in conjunction with Evandale Primary School. Consider appropriate locations / design for a BMX track Risk assessment being progressed.
02/12/14	Cambock Lane footpath	Cracks in footpath in Cambock Lane (near Glover Court) expanding.	Included in Evandale maintenance list for assessment.
1/04/14 & 5/08/14	Evandale Main Road - reconstruction	Council requested to liaise with DIER re reconstruction of Evandale Main Road.	On hold - Pending attendance of Pitt & Sherry at future meeting. Noted that DIER to further consider speed limits on completion of airport upgrade. Pitt & Sherry undertaking a study on Evandale Main Road for Dept. of State Growth.
3/06/14	Evandale Main Road – airport round about	With regard to the new round about at the Airport, that DIER consider the installation of a slip-lane to allow through traffic from Evandale to proceed unhindered on Evandale Main Road.	On hold - Pending attendance of Pitt & Sherry at future meeting. Noted that DIER advised: <i>This roundabout is a 4 leg roundabout, therefore it is not possible to create a slip lane for through traffic. It is unlikely that traffic volumes will be so great that efficiencies for Evandale MR traffic will be an issue.</i> Noted traffic counts conducted on

Date	Item	Description	Comment/ Action Taken
			Evandale Main Road.
1/07/14	Evandale Main Road – Breadalbane roundabout	Additional road markings on accesses to Breadalbane round-about from Old Hobart Road and Launceston (Midland Highway)	On hold - Pending attendance of Pitt & Sherry at future meeting. Committee requested further consideration be given to installation of line markings to provide a left turn lane on Old Hobart Road AND that arrows be included to define the two lanes at the entrance to the roundabout from the Launceston aspect of the Midland Highway.
3/6/14	Morven Park: Relocation of Dump Station	The Committee referred to the budget allocation of \$3,000 in the 2013/14 budget. Decision of Committee: <i>That Council retain the dump site in Morven Park and provide appropriate screening.</i> Matter referred to Morven Park Management Committee.	Committee noted that no food was available from the kiosk. Light Rail was in operation every Sunday, weather permitting. The committee's preferred option was to screen the upgraded facility and provide kerbing at the frontage. Noted – report to be tabled at March Council Meeting.
07/10/14	Request installation of No Parking signage	Consideration to be given to the installation of a No Parking area at entrance to Evandale, adjacent to new footpath, opposite water tower.	Preferred option yellow painted lines. Contractor to progress. Committee requested that this matter be progressed as a matter of urgency.
07/10/14	Signage – Memorial Hall / Medical centre	Consideration to be given to the location of the Memorial Hall / Medical Centre signage and visibility thereof.	Draft design tabled. Committees requested that the sign be erected as close to kerb & gutter as possible and as close to the entrance driveway as possible; also to make sure footings are not a trip hazard. Also requested that further locations be considered i.e. above other entrance pillar.
04/11/14	Honeysuckle Banks	Works required on the carpark, the surface of which remains uneven.	Car park graded by Council.
02/12/14	Information Shelter maintenance	Removal of lichen growth on shelter at "Time Traveller" park.	Not to be progressed.
03/02/15	Overhanging Trees – Barclay Street / High Street	Overhanging trees/vegetation in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barclay Street – particularly a cherry tree • High Street - oak tree. 	
03/02/15	Newly planted trees – Cambock Lane	Trees planted by Council in Cambock Lane require some maintenance by Council.	Committee advised that no further action was required.
03/02/15	Cambock Lane – footpath	Footpath on Cambock Lane needs top dressing.	Consideration to be given to replacement of gravel with lawn. Mr Hewlett to canvas residents.
03/02/15	Water/fire Hydrants	Signage and maintenance of water/fire hydrants needs to be undertaken.	TasWater contacted – awaiting response.
03/02/15	BBQ shelter – Pioneer Park	Powerpoint to be installed at Pioneer Park BBQ shelter	Matter to be progressed.
03/03/15	Verge Maintenance – Evandale Main Road	The verge between the service station and airport on the southern side of Evandale Main Road had been left to become overgrown and untidy. Committee requested that the matter be attended to.	

7 COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS**i) Rotary Club**

- Australia Day – sausage sizzle at Pioneer Park
- Evandale Village Fair / national Penny Farthing Championships – 21 February – reduced numbers on previous years were evident at this event.
- John Glover cocktail party – 6 March
- Anzac Day – 25 April – light refreshments after 11am service

ii) Community Centre/ Memorial Hall

- Wish list – new blinds for community centre
- Number of bookings received.

iii) Primary School

- Nil to report

iv) Neighbourhood Watch

- Police report received after Neighbourhood Watch meeting.
- Car break-in's and general vandalism reported.

R von Bibra/P Page

That the reports from community group representatives be received.

Carried

8 NEW BUSINESS**i) Mapping of Cemeteries**

The Committee noted that Council was seeking assistance to map and record information on cemeteries in the Council area.

It was noted that the Evandale Historical Society had recorded the information relative to cemeteries in Evandale and had booklets for sale. Information on the local cemeteries can be obtained from the Historical Society via the booklets or by email the Evandale Community & Tourist Information Centre.

Action

Information to be provided to Ms Green.

ii) P15-037 – 8a High Street Evandale – Solar Panels

This planning application was tabled for consideration.

No issues were raised in relation thereto.

iii) Bus Tour

Request that Council visit Evandale on the annual bus tour. Request that Council officers contact the Evandale Community & Tourist Information Centre to advise accordingly.

iv) History Society

The opening of the monument at the Memorial Hall will commence at 11am on 23 March.

To be followed by a morning tea.

The mural on the rendered wall is to be opened on Anzac Day.

v) English Church Cemetery

The Committee requested that the Secretary prepare a letter on behalf of the Chair to thank the volunteers for the works undertaken in maintaining the English Church cemetery.

Action

Letter to be prepared.

9 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

Chairman closed meeting at 8.45pm.

The next meeting to be held Tuesday, 31 March 2015 commencing at 7.30pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SMITH STREET, LONGFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2015, COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT

Mr Linus Grant (Chair), Mr Rein Wever, Mrs Lesley McKenzie, Ms Leonie Dennison, Mr Harry Galea, Mr John Cauchi, Ms Dee Alty, Mrs Anne O'Hara

2. IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Dick Adams, Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Miss Amanda Mason (Secretary)

3. APOLOGIES

Mrs Jocelyn Moore

4. WELCOME BY CHAIR

The Chair welcomed the Committee and in particular the new members to the Committee and echoed the sentiments of the outgoing Chair, Mr Hugh Mackinnon, that the committee needs to endeavour to work with Council to achieve improvements to Longford, bearing in mind the purpose of the Committee is to act as an advisory group. The Chair recommended the Committee focus on a small number of projects and see those to fruition.

5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ms Dee Alty/Mr John Cauchi

That the Minutes of the Longford Local District Committee Meeting held on 3 December 2014 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Committee discussed generally retaining the existing framework of the sub-committees. It was suggested the Committee develop a list of projects and then members work on projects rather than committees as such. It was resolved to retain the sub-committee structure for the time being and monitor.

7.1 Infrastructure Sub-Committee Report

7.1.1 Appointment of Sub-Committee

The Committee resolved to appoint Ms Dee Alty and Mr John Cauchi to the Infrastructure Sub-Committee.

7.2 Tourism Heritage & Culture Sub-Committee Report

7.2.1 Appointment of Sub-Committee

The Committee resolved to appoint Mr Rein Wever, Ms Dee Alty and Mrs Lesley McKenzie to the Tourism Heritage and Culture Sub-Committee

7.2.2 Visitor Information Hut

Waiting on proofs of drawings. Miss Mason to follow up.

7.2.3 Wifi in Longford

Not discussed at meeting - is in place and signage will be on display shortly.

7.3 Economic Development Sub-Committee Report

7.3.1 Appointment of Sub-Committee

The Committee resolved to appoint Mr Rein Wever to the Economic Development Sub-Committee.

The Committee noted Mr Linus Grant has been invited to attend the Northern Midlands Economic Development Committee meetings and will do so from time to time.

7.4 Longford Planning Applications

Nil.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Business Plan for Visitor Information Centre

The Committee noted that Ms Alty has prepared a business plan for a standalone Visitor Information Centre in Longford.

It was noted some committee members had not received the plan – Miss Mason to circulate.

It was further noted that Council has engaged Mrs Sarah Lebski, Tourism Consultant to review the report and meet with the committee to discuss.

Enquiry was made in respect to the relationship between the Visitor Information Centre brief and the Bill Fox Visitor Appeal Study being conducted. It was confirmed that whilst Mr Fox's report may touch on aspects relating to the Visitor Information Centre the two projects are separate and are to be treated as such.

It is hoped the review and report will be complete within 1-2 months ready for Council's budgetary considerations.

8.2 Longford Strategic Plan

The Northern Midlands Council is inviting its local district committees to develop a 1, 4 and 10 year strategic plan for projects within the area.

It was resolved the Committee will meet on 11 March 2015 at 5:00pm at the Council Chambers Longford to discuss projects for the strategic plan.

9. NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Longford on **1 April 2015**.

10. CLOSURE

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:00 pm.

MATTERS PENDING		
Date Moved	Motion	Status
3 December 2014 R Henley / D Alty	That the Longford Local District Committee agrees with the principles of simplification of the signage system within Longford and that the standard white signs with black print be maintained outside of the heritage precinct area, and the heritage street signs be kept within the heritage area.	Considered as part of Visitor Appeal Study
6 August 2014 D Alty/R Henley	That the Committee refer the matter of traffic counts, load limits and other traffic issues to Council's traffic engineer to report back at the next meeting.	Traffic Study of Longford listed for budgetary consideration for 2015/16 financial year
2 July 2014 R Henley / M Stebbings	The Longford Local District Committee recommends to Council that Lorraine Green & Fiona Dewar formally host a meeting of interested people with the view of establishing a Longford Tourism/Promotions Group. This could be done using the First Impressions Report as a basis for the meeting, along with an extension of the current Tourism Information Centre.	Ms Alty to progress separate to the Longford Local District Committee and to be removed from Agenda.
4 June 2014 D Alty/V Thirkel-Johnston	The Committee recommends to Council that they identify funding, location and implementation of a standalone visitor information centre as a matter of priority.	To be considered as part of the Longford Visitor Appeal Study. Visitor Information Centre Business Plan developed by Ms Alty

SIGNAGE COMMITTEE - Minutes - 02 MARCH 2015

Attendees: Cl. Knowles, Cl. Adams, Ms Green, Mr Payton

1. Recommendation from Longford Local Committee

The Committee noted the recommendation of the Longford Local District Committee in regard to the principles of simplification of the signage system within Longford and that the standard white signs with black print be maintained outside of the heritage precinct area, and the heritage street signs be kept within the heritage area.

Ms Green advised that consideration of this is included within the Longford Visitor Appeal Study currently underway.

2 Visual impact of signs

Cl Adams has raised a query in regard to the untidy visual impact of various signs across the municipal area:

I have concerns that we have a lot of signs scattered around the towns and reserves which are of all different shapes and sizes making places look untidy, some quite over the top and not at all sensitive. This includes council signs, commercial signs, direction signs, sign boards etc. What are the planning and legal requirements for sign size and placements?

For example, Cressy river recreation area which has lots of signs prohibiting behaviour, but no interpretation of why. The old "by order Town Clerk" thinking!

Another example is the no dog sign at the Perth cenotaph which dominates the whole fence.

The Committee agreed to review, in consultation with Works and Infrastructure, the existing reserve signage and consider preparation of an appropriate policy for Council consideration.

The Committee recommended that consideration be given to a budget allocation of \$5,000 in the 2015/16 financial year for replacement signage in reserves.

3 Signs Code

Committee members were provided with a copy of the Signs Code from the Interim Planning Scheme and the relevant by-law dealing with free standing signs.

4 Heritage Tourism signage

The Committee noted the January 2015 resolution of Council that council officers instigate specific discussions with the operators of heritage tourism venues and identify specific needs and desires and then meet with representatives of State Growth and the TPC to identify solutions and report back to Council. A list of potential tourism venue operators will be considered at the next meeting.

5 Other Business

5.1 Renewal of Township signs:- It is noted that the picture signs at the entrance to Longford, Evandale and Ross have been renewed. Cl Knowles advised that the Avoca Committee has requested that consideration be similarly given to the renewal of the Avoca signage.

5.2 Chinese signs:- It was discussed that, with recent growth in the number of Chinese visitors - particularly following the interest generated by the Chinese Premiers visit - it may be appropriate to consider the incorporation of dual signage. The Committee will discuss this further with the Department of State Growth.

5 NEXT MEETING

30 March - 4.00pm

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

4th March 2015

IMPROVEMENTS TO	LOCATION	ALLOC.	EXPEND.	POSITION	POSITION															
					JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN				
RESERVES					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mowing grass	Longford	Total Mowing \$	49,230	\$15,542	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	
Spraying weeds					IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	
Pruning trees					IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	
Collecting leaves					IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	
Fertilising					IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	
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Mowing grass	Cressy	Total Mowing \$	6,310	\$2,658	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	
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Pruning trees					IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	
Collecting leaves					IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	
Fertilising					IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	
RESERVES					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Mowing grass	Perth	Total Mowing \$	17,690	\$5,797	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	
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Pruning trees					IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	
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Mowing grass	Evandale & Devon Hills	Total Mowing \$	30,140	\$15,657	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	
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Mowing grass	Campbell Town & Conara	Total Mowing \$	52,830	\$24,339	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	
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Mowing grass	Ross	Total Mowing \$	37,670	\$14,288	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	
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Mowing grass	Avoca	Total Mowing \$	11,070	\$5,284	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	
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RESERVES					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
All Maintenance		Total Mowing \$	3,270	\$5,032	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	

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JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN
Supervisor

INDICATES WEEK & MONTH CAPITAL WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT

EACH / = ONE WEEK

PAGE 5 WORKS PROGRESS REPORT CAPITAL 4th March 2015		LOCATION Northern Region	COST		POSITION											
MAINTENANCE FUNCTION			4-Mar	Monthly	/ / = FIRST WEEK / / = THIRD WEEK / / = SECOND WEEK / / = FOURTH WEEK EACH / = ONE WEEK / / INDICATES WEEK & MONTH CAPITAL WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT											
SEALED ROADS NORTH		Total Expenditure 9 February	Expend	Expend	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Digging out failed sections		\$109,037	\$119,803	\$10,766	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Edging and potholing		\$92,546	\$98,099	\$5,553	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Shoulder (Maint tractor & blade)		\$109,652	\$109,652	\$0	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Emergency maintenance		\$49,076	\$49,342	\$266	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Footpaths		\$4,715	\$5,668	\$953	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Driveways /entrances & crossovers		\$1,394	\$1,394	\$0	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Kerb and Gutter Repairs		\$598	\$768	\$180												
Guideposts & safety railing		\$11,224	\$11,329	\$105	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Roadside drainage		\$32,872	\$33,212	\$340	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Cleaning culverts		\$26,032	\$26,746	\$714	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Slashing roadsides		\$72,199	\$73,229	\$1,030	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Spraying roadsides		\$17,183	\$20,163	\$2,980	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Tree trimming		\$16,877	\$16,987	\$110	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Signs /Mobile and fixed		\$38,692	\$39,623	\$931	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
GRAVEL ROADS NORTH			Total Expenditure 9 February													
Grading		\$101,677	\$103,983	\$2,306	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Guide posts		\$4,357	\$4,357	\$0	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Potholing		\$3,311	\$4,348	\$1,037	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Roadside drainage/Minor widening		\$30,649	\$30,844	\$195	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Cleaning culverts		\$10,634	\$10,744	\$110	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Emergency maintenance		\$11,353	\$11,353	\$0	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Slashing roadsides		\$34,570	\$34,788	\$218												
Spraying roadsides		\$3,310	\$3,310	\$0	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Tree Trimming		\$35,937	\$35,937	\$0	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			
Signs /Mobile and fixed		\$5,478	\$6,155	\$677	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP			

Resource Sharing Summary 1/7/14 to 30/6/15 As at 28/2/15	Units Billed	Amount Billed GST Exclusive \$	Rate inclusive of Oncosts and Admin \$
George Town Council			
Service Provided by NMC to GTC			
- Nil	-	-	
Total Services Provided by NMC to George Town	-	-	
Service Provided by GTC to NMC			
Wages and Oncosts			
Environmental Health Officer Services	425.00	25,075.00	59.00
Total Service Provided by GTC to NMC	425.00	25,075.00	
Net Income Flow		- 25,075.00	
Brighton Council			
Service Provided by NMC to BC			
- Nil	-	-	
Total Services Provided by NMC to Brighton Council	-	-	
Service Provided by Brighton Council to NMC			
Wages and Oncosts			
Plumbing Permit Authority and Inspection Services Hours	364.00	31,445.60	86.39
Plumbing Permit Authority and Inspection Services - Plant Hire KM	12,152.00	7,291.20	0.60
Total Service Provided by BC to NMC		38,736.80	
Net Income Flow		- 38,736.80	
Meander Valley Council			
Service Provided by NMC to MVC			
- Nil	-	-	
Total Services Provided by NMC to Meander Valley Council	-	-	
Service Provided by Meander Valley Council to NMC			
Wages and Oncosts			
Plumbing Permit Authority and Inspection Services Hours	-	-	
Plumbing Permit Authority and Inspection Services - Plant Hire KM	-	-	
Total Service Provided by MVC to NMC		-	
Net Income Flow		-	
Note: No payments have yet been made to MVC for PLUMBING SERVICES			
Total Net		- 63,811.80	
Private Works and Council Funded Works for External Organisations			
	Hours		
Economic & Community Development Department			
Northern Midlands Business Association			
Promotion Centre Expenditure		Not Charged to Association Funded	
- Tourism Officer	52.00	from Council Budget A/c 519035	
Administration and Development		Not Charged to Association Funded	
- Economic and Community Development Manager	255.00	from Council Budget A/c 500400	
Works Department Private Works Carried Out	117.50		
	424.50		



LONGFORD HORSE ASSOCIATION



**A proposal to establish
the Longford Horse
Association for equestrian
and public horse-riding
events at Longford
Showground Longford.**



BACKGROUND

Longford Horse Community

The horse community is a thriving sub-culture of the Longford community primarily centred around the Longford Racecourse area of the town. There are five stables in this area with another two located at Pateena Road and two others at Perth on the Midland Highway. Michael Morris is only one of three equine veterinarians in Tasmania and is based in Longford and stated that:

- Approximately 100 horses stabled at any time in south Longford
- His practice services a 30 km radius is 70% horse racing and 30% polocrosse/eventing/showjumping/western riding
- Longford is a prime location for showjumping/eventing and recreational sports riding in Northern Tasmania
- There is significant infrastructure in Longford to cater for the non-racing horse community

Equestrian Tasmania

Equestrian Tasmania (ET) is the State Branch of the Equestrian Federation of Australia. ET states that it 'is involved with the administration of horses and members and the organising bodies that deal with individual disciplines; Eventing, Show Jumping, Dressage, Show Horse and many riding clubs, Riding for the Disabled and Carriage Driving. ET leases 300 acres in Lauderdale from Clarence Council which operates as a multi-use equestrian centre"

Equestrian events in Northern Midlands

Although Equestrian Tasmania runs an annual senior equestrian event at the Longford Show there are no regular competitive events in the Northern Midlands. Equestrian Tasmania has state championships which are run in Lauderdale and other events in the North are run at either Edinburgh Park, Gravelly Beach on the West Tamar or at the Westbury Showground. Westbury are less than ideal locations due to infrastructure, transportation and accessibility issues.

Opportunity

There is an opportunity for Longford to build on its rich horse heritage brand and culture to become the centre for equestrian, western and show horse riding events in Northern Tasmania. This can be achieved by utilising the Longford Showground and other facilities in the South Longford to cater for 25 to 40 events from October through to March and for the development of all season training opportunities at those facilities. Also the development of a public multipurpose bridle path as proposed linking north and south Longford from mill dam to the world heritage sites of Brickendon and Woolmers would be a major boost to the local economy.

CONCEPT SUMMARY

Longford Horse Association

It is envisaged that the best way to advance the concept of equestrian events in the Northern Midlands is to base it firmly within the local community and therefore establish a registered non-profit organisation called the Longford Horse Association (LHA) and would be based at Longford Showground similar to the arrangements other local organisations have with the Showground Committee. LHA would coordinate with other equestrian and riding clubs to use the facility and develop a timetable of events and also manage those events when they are held. LHA would seek membership and elect its own Committee.

Longford Horse Trail

Northern Tasmania Regional Recreation Trails Strategy report published in 2004 identified the importance of a trail strategy linking north and South Longford that would promote tourism and economic development in the Northern Midlands. The Longford Horse Trail or Longford Bridal path would be a major attraction for recreational riders throughout Northern Tasmania, and could be developed in stages as follows:

1. Stage 1 of the multi purpose bridal path would start at mill dam would follow the current Longford walking trail and continue to Stokes park which also could be developed as a public horse jumping course
2. Stage 2 is more involved as it would involve establishing a riparian way from near the caravan park in Longford to south Longford thus creating access issues across some sections of private land
3. Stage 3 would involve developing a trail from the Longford Racing track through to Brickendon and Woolmers thereby creating economic opportunities for these sites as part of this proposal

It should be noted that the attached schematic plan is only a concept plan and obviously is subject to input from council, land owners and the community.

Longford Showground

The Longford Showgrounds has areas for a show ring of 80 m x 40 m, dressage ring of 60 m x 20 m and a polocrosse ring of 146.5 m x 55 m thus accommodating the following events: inter school competition, carriage reining show jumping, dressage, show-horse, western riding and polocrosse.

The show ground rental cost is \$123.00 per day. The show ground facilities could also be the base for the Longford Horse Association.



PROJECT OUTLINE

Implementation

Main steps are:

1. Conduct the 2 stage stakeholder meetings as stated in next step
2. Create an incorporated body with a working committee and office bearers
3. Establish affiliation agreements with all interested parties
4. Establish relationships with Equestrian Tasmania, Longford Showgrounds Society and Tasmanian Turf Club.
5. Plan timetable of events for October 2015 through to March 2016

Affiliations and Supporters

They are:

1. Equestrian Tasmania
2. Longford Showgrounds Society
3. Various horse and pony clubs
4. Local horse racing industry
5. Northern Midlands Council
6. Local Northern Midlands horse community
7. Northern Tasmania pony clubs
8. State Growth



BUDGET

Funding

Initial funding would be minimal and only needs to fund the establishment of LHA as a not-for-profit organisation, web-site, social media and some marketing materials. These costs are forecasted in the start-up budget below. In-kind contributions, grants and fees from an established LHA's membership base and from other affiliations and supporters are not forecasted.

Description	Cost
Longford Horse Association establishment	\$ 400
Web-site and calendar development	\$ 1,500
Literature and marketing	\$ 800
Miscellaneous	\$ 300
Total	\$ 3,000



NEXT STEPS

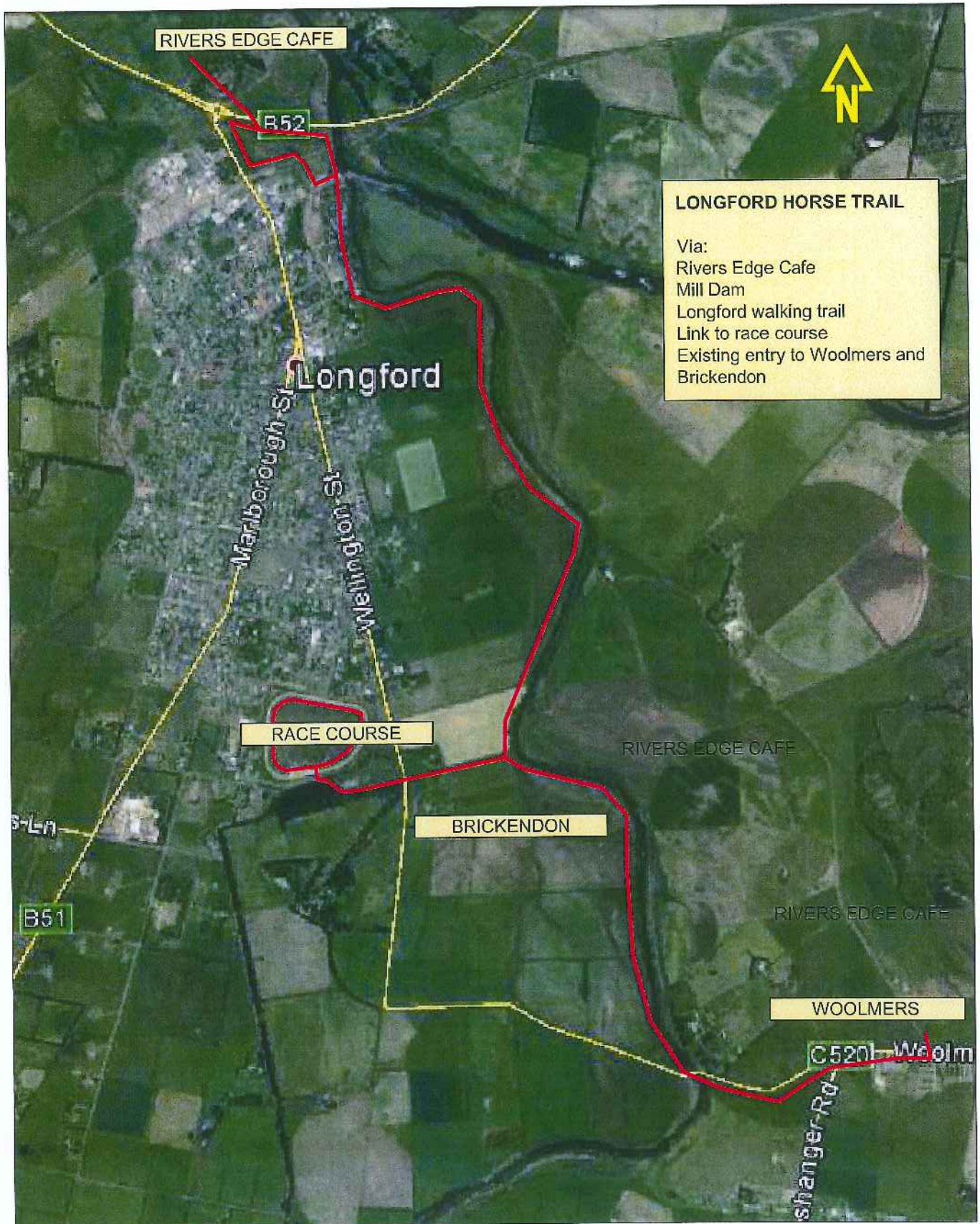
Stakeholder Meetings

1.) Schedule an initial meeting at Northern Midland Council with Sandra Butorac, Economic Development Committee, GM: Des Jennings, Mayor: David Downie, Northern Midlands Business Association (NMBA) and Chair of Equestrian Tasmania: Sue Mcdermott and invite all potential stakeholders as well as the broader horse community of Northern Midlands

2.) Schedule second focused meeting with showjumping committee members of Equestrian Tasmania, Tasmanian pony Club, Giant steps for the disabled, Tasmanian Pony and Riding Club, Longford Showground Society, Tasmanian Turf Club and other potential stakeholders and pony club associations as well as the broader horse community in Northern Midlands

Attachment

Plan of proposed Longford Horse Trail-Bridle Path



LONGFORD HORSE TRAIL

Via:
 Rivers Edge Cafe
 Mill Dam
 Longford walking trail
 Link to race course
 Existing entry to Woolmers and
 Brickendon

Scale: Not to scale
Drawn:
Checked:
Date: 22/1/15
Approved:

PROPOSED LONGFORD HORSE TRAIL

DRAWING NUMBER	
	Rev
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STORMWATER

All storm water to be carried out to the local drainage system via the stormwater system. The stormwater system shall be designed to carry the maximum probable runoff from the catchment area to the local drainage system. The stormwater system shall be designed to carry the maximum probable runoff from the catchment area to the local drainage system. The stormwater system shall be designed to carry the maximum probable runoff from the catchment area to the local drainage system.

ROADWORKS

1. All road works shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant standards and specifications. The road works shall be designed to carry the maximum probable runoff from the catchment area to the local drainage system. The road works shall be designed to carry the maximum probable runoff from the catchment area to the local drainage system.

PAVEMENT COMPLETION

1. The pavement shall be completed in accordance with the relevant standards and specifications. The pavement shall be designed to carry the maximum probable runoff from the catchment area to the local drainage system. The pavement shall be designed to carry the maximum probable runoff from the catchment area to the local drainage system.

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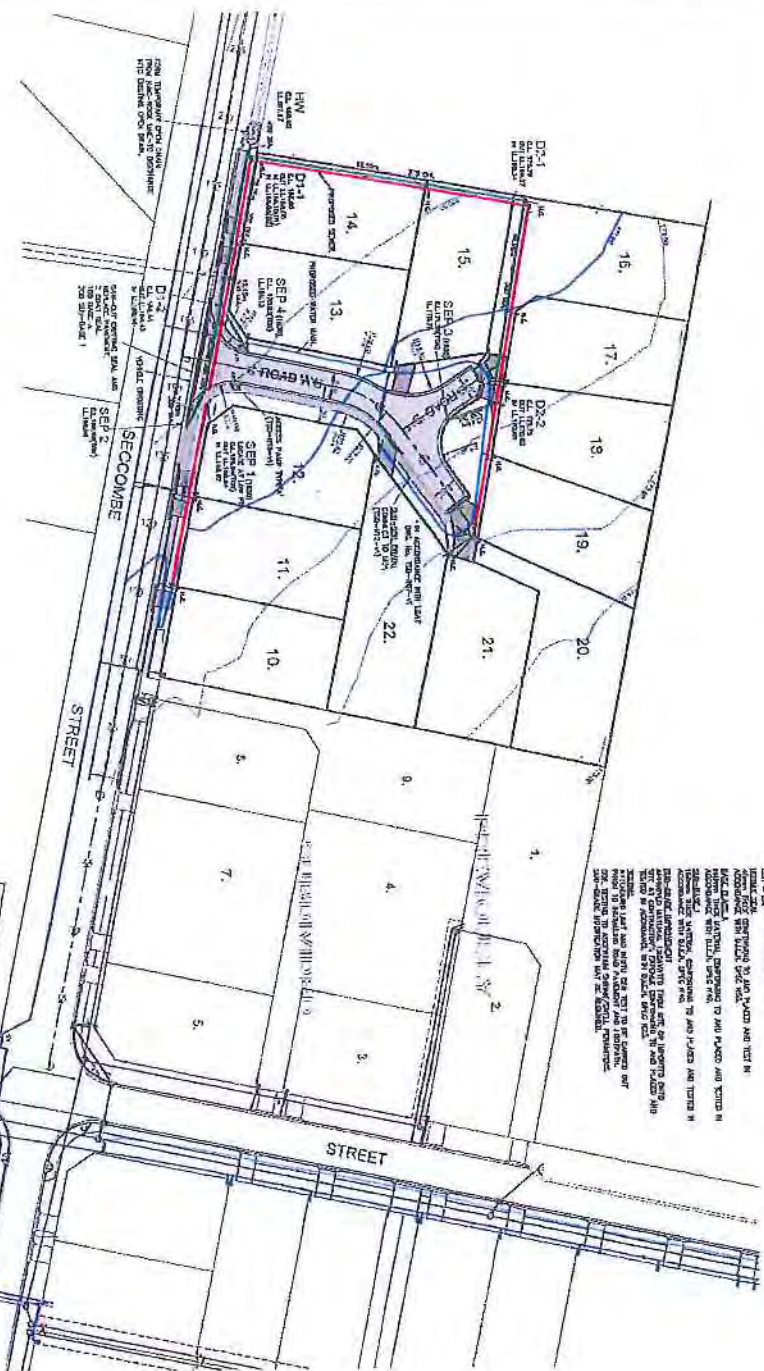
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8th March 2015

Wayne Chellis
Works & Infrastructure Manager
Northern Midlands Council
PO Box 156
Longford, Tasmania 7301

Dear Wayne

Re – Reconstruction of Macquarie Road,

I refer to a site meeting last Thursday afternoon to inspect a planting of *Cupressus macrocarpa*.

The plantation assessed is on private land directly adjacent to Macquarie Road between Ashby Road to the Morningside Bridge. The road reconstruction is approximately 1.275 kilometres in length and the plantation of trees is affected by this road redevelopment.

The plantation of trees is considered to be in an over-mature state with an age of approximately 80 years. From the site inspection it is estimated the trees have a useful life expectancy of approximately 15 years. The trees vary in height from approximately 10 metres to 15 metres on average.

I was advised at the site inspection that council will need to rip a line to break tree roots approximately one metre from the fence line on council land to a depth of 1.5 metres. The purpose of this proposed action is to ensure the trees' root system does not damage the new road as they have in the past. At the site visit it was evident the uneven surface is a result of the tree roots underneath the bitumen surface. This has resulted in an unacceptable uneven surface causing multiple traffic hazards along the section of road. The two photos below show the uneven service and the picture to the left side of the page shows the bitumen breaking up.



When the ripping of the tree roots occur as a preventive measure this will have three detrimental affects to the plantation. Firstly this activity will take place in the Structural Root Zone of the trees resulting in the structural roots being severed. This will make the trees unstable in the future and could result in root plate failure occurring to individual trees. Secondly the damage to the root plate will allow rapid access for any wood decaying pathogen such as *Ganoderma* sp. to destroy the remaining roots and trunks of the tree rendering the trees structurally unsound.

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The ripping will also result in a 40% reduction of the water and nutrients absorption area of the trees' root systems, shortening the life expectancy of the trees and could contributing to premature large branch failure or the death of the trees.

Further reading of the specification shows that the tree branches above the road and out to near the ripped line on the boundary will need to be pruned up to 6 metres in height above ground to allow the trucks to tip their loads of gravel. Such pruning works will result in altering the canopy of the tree allowing large openings for wind to enter into the once enclosed protected canopy. This will result in large branch failures in wind events.

The photo below on the left page side shows the end tree of the plantation having multiple large branch failures already. The photo on the right side of the page below shows the canopy of this tree starting to open up due to a large branch failure, which now allows for wind tunnelling to occur, placing the canopy under different wind loading stresses to which it is adapted.



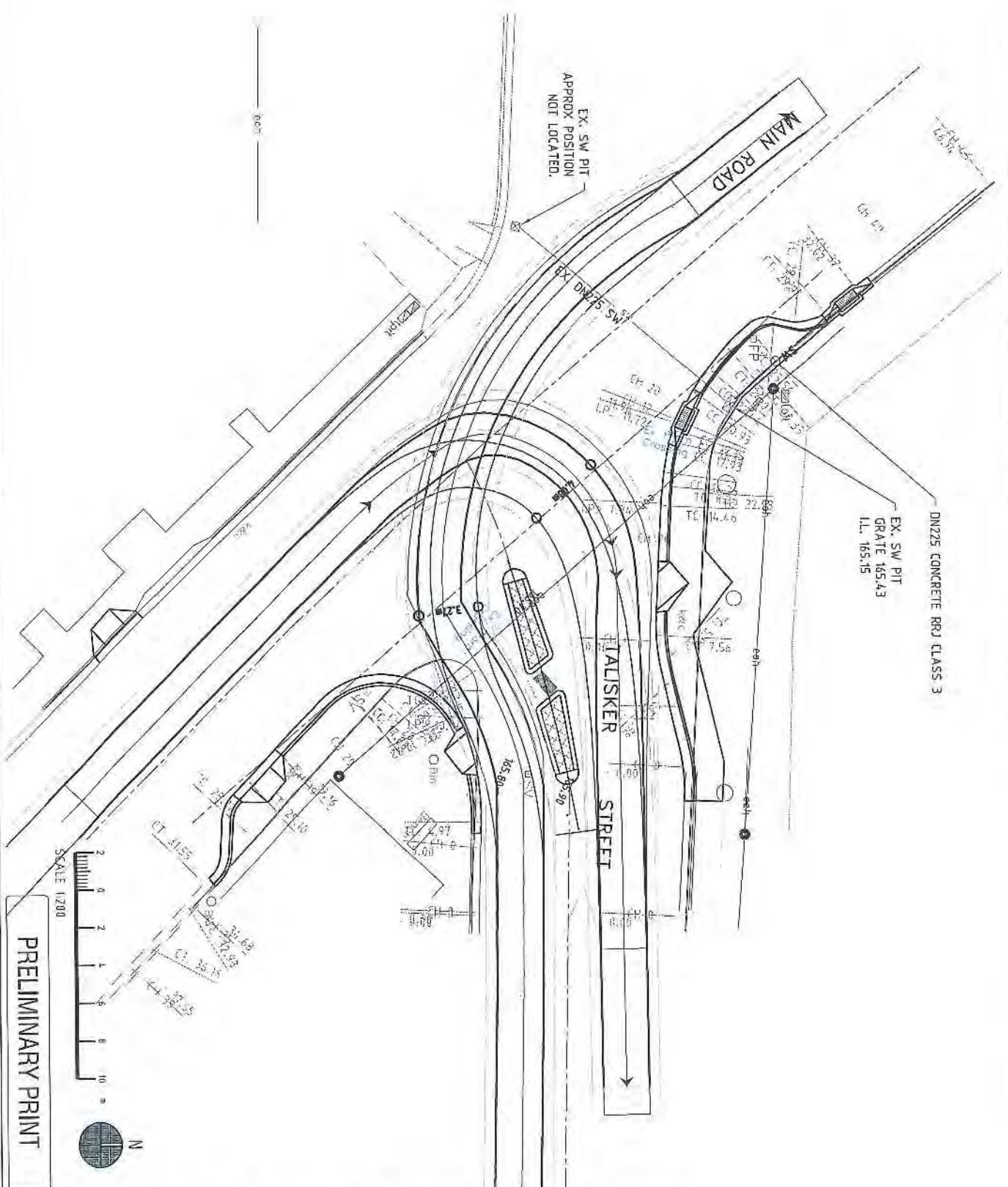
Once the pruning works are complete to allow access for 6 metres above the highway that is intended for use as a carriage-way, the plantation is at a very high risk of failure. These failures will occur over the road which could result in serious injury or death to drivers and occupants of vehicles using this road.

It is recommended that the trees are removed on private land prior to any construction works taking place. This will eliminate any future risk to users of the road and future damage to the road at a later date.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience via email or 0417027152.

Yours sincerely

Craig Hallam
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PROJECT:
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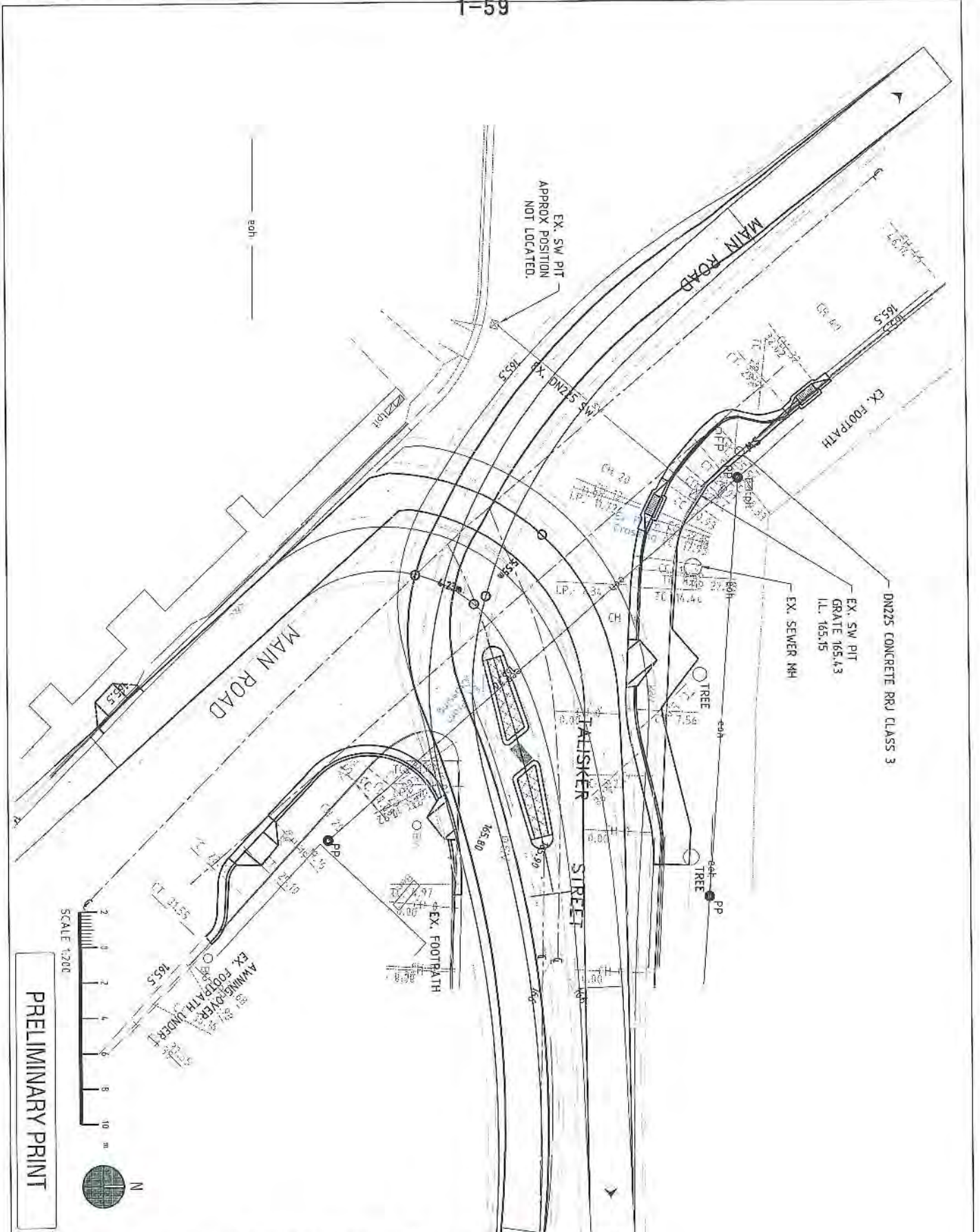
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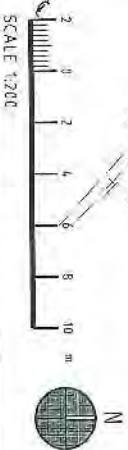
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Mayor David Downie
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5 January 2015

Dear Mayor Downie

Review of Shareholders' Letter of Expectations

The review of the Shareholders' Letter of Expectations (SLE) was discussed at the General Meeting of the Owners' Representatives in November 2014.

It was agreed that the Board Selection Committee would consult with shareholders with a view to seeking any suggested amendments to the SLE by 31 March 2015. The SLE, including any proposed amendments, will then be tabled at the May 2015 General Meeting for approval.

I encourage you and your Council to take this opportunity to review the SLE and provide your feedback to Ailsa Sypkes, Company Secretary, before 31 March 2015. Ailsa can be contacted via email at ailsa.sypkes@taswater.com.au or by telephone on (03) 6237 8867. Feedback will be collated and presented to the Board Selection Committee for its review.

A copy of TasWater's Shareholders' Letter of Expectations is enclosed for your reference.

Please contact me by email at tony.foster@brighton.tas.gov.au or by telephone on 0419 357 927 if you require further information or assistance.

Yours sincerely



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**SHAREHOLDERS' LETTER
OF EXPECTATIONS**

**Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Corporation Pty Ltd
ACN 162 220 653**

Adopted by owner councils at the general meeting of the Corporation on 16 May 2013

Adopted 16 May 2013

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PART 1 - PRELIMINARY	
1. Commencement and Term	
1.1	This Letter of Expectations commences on 1 July 2013 and operates until it is revoked in accordance with the procedures outlined in this document and the Corporation's Constitution.
2. Purpose	
2.1	The purpose of this Letter of Expectations is to communicate the Shareholders' high-level performance expectations and strategic priorities to the Board of the Corporation.
3. Interpretation	
3.1	The definitions of the terms are contained in Schedule A to this Letter of Expectations.
3.2	<p>The following rules also apply in interpreting this Letter of Expectations, except where the context makes it clear that a rule is not intended to apply.</p> <p>Terms defined in the <i>Water and Sewerage Corporations Act 2012</i> and <i>Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008</i> (as amended from time to time) have the same meaning in this Letter of Expectations.</p> <p>Whenever this Letter of Expectations requires the Corporation to make something "available to the public", the Corporation shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • publish the matter on the Corporation's website; and • make a copy of the document available for inspection at each of the Corporation's offices; and • provide a copy on request for a charge that covers the fair and reasonable costs of making the copy available. <p>Whenever this Letter of Expectations requires the Corporation to "develop" something, the Corporation shall be taken to have complied with that obligation if it has already developed the item before this Letter of Expectations commenced.</p> <p>Where this document sets out expectations in relation to the provision of information, the Corporation shall forward such information to the Owners' Representatives (unless otherwise specified in this document). These expectations also apply to all subsidiaries of the Corporation.</p>
PART 2 - GENERAL	
4. Guiding Principles	
4.1	<p>The Corporation shall operate in a manner consistent with the principal objectives under the <i>Water and Sewerage Corporations Act 2012</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to efficiently provide water and sewerage functions in Tasmania; (b) to encourage water conservation, the demand management of water and the reuse of water on an economic and commercial basis; (c) to be a successful business, and to this end – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to operate its activities in accordance with good commercial practice; (ii) to deliver sustainable returns to its members; and (iii) to deliver water and sewerage services to customers in the most cost efficient manner.

4.2.	In addition to these principal objectives, the Shareholders expect that the Corporation will uphold the original principles of 2008 structural reform by maintaining a capability and governance structure to manage the water resource, water supply and sewerage services in a sustainable manner, taking account of economic and environmental factors including the improvement of drinking water quality across Tasmania.
4.3.	<p>In performing its functions and providing its services, the Corporation shall therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have an appropriate and formalised distributions policy that provides for an appropriate balance sheet, profit and loss and cash-flow strength to enable access to debt funding to the level required to support required investment and to fund all business activities on a sustainable basis; • as far as is practical, maintain employment levels in each region equivalent to the proportion of full-time equivalents transferred from each regional corporation to the statewide corporation; • share the 'intellectual capacity' of the corporation across each region wherever practical to do so; • balance the needs of each region over time when developing discretionary long term capital expenditure programs with the aim of sharing economic benefits across the state; • establish and maintain compliance with the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (as amended from time to time) to the extent that they apply to the Corporation's circumstances to ensure appropriate and workable governance and reporting, and a clear mechanism for Shareholders to clearly and unambiguously provide guidance to the Board on matters that fall beyond the defined scope of the Board; • maintain the organisational and managerial capability to deliver a continuous improvement approach to operations and business processes; and • ensure that the Corporation collaborates with the various agencies to take account of state-wide and regional needs and endeavour to identify other opportunities to enhance outcomes for Councils and the Tasmanian community.
5. Preservation of Employee Benefits	
5.1.	In addition to the general preservation of employment conditions specified in Part 3 of the <i>Water and Sewerage Corporations Act 2012</i> , the Corporation shall recognise as continuous service the length of uninterrupted employment in local government, bulk water authorities, Regional Water Corporations and the Common Service Corporation in determining employee entitlements including any future redundancy calculation.
5.2.	The Corporation will ensure that arrangements are in place for Regional Corporation and Common Services Corporation employees to continue with their existing superannuation funds and benefit structures.
5.3.	The general preservation of employment conditions specified in Part 3 of the <i>Water and Sewerage Corporation Act 2012</i> together with clauses 5.1 and 5.2 of this Shareholders' Letter of Expectations shall apply in relation to any transfer of employees from the Regional Corporations and the Common Services Corporation to the Corporation.

PART 3 – GOVERNANCE	
6. Shareholders' Letter of Expectations	
6.1.	This Letter of Expectations is issued by the Shareholders of the Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Corporation Pty Ltd under Section 12 of the <i>Water and Sewerage Corporation Act 2012</i> .
6.2.	In issuing this Letter of Expectations, owner councils intend that the Board will abide by its provisions unless to do so would create a risk of breaching the <i>Water and Sewerage Corporation Act 2012</i> , the <i>Corporation Act 2001</i> , the Corporation's Constitution, directors duties, or any other statutory or regulatory obligation.
6.3.	The Board will advise Owners' Representatives when the provisions of the Shareholder's Letter of Expectations cannot be met.
6.4.	The Corporation shall make this Letter of Expectations available to the public.
6.5.	As required under Section 12(5) of the <i>Water and Sewerage Corporation Act 2012</i> , the Shareholders shall consult with the Board before or while preparing or amending a Shareholders' Letter of Expectations.
6.6.	The method of adopting, amending or repealing the Shareholders' Letter of Expectations is determined in the Constitution.
7. Legislative Compliance	
7.1.	The Shareholders expect the Corporation to comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory obligations and to develop appropriate management systems to ensure reliable and continuous compliance is maintained.
7.2.	The Corporation shall ensure that it has a general compliance and audit scheme in place that focuses on systems and processes and monitors compliance with licence conditions and instruction from relevant industry regulators.
8. Corporate Plan	
8.1.	The preparation and provision of an annual Corporate Plan is required under Section 13 of the <i>Water and Sewerage Corporation Act 2012</i> .

8.2.	<p>The Corporate Plan should be for a 3 year period and identify and explain the strategic and operational plans of the Corporation.</p> <p>Each Corporate Plan should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The main undertakings of the Corporation, ▪ An assessment of the operating environment including a strategic risk assessment and mitigation plan, ▪ An outline of the Corporation's Strategic Plan including objectives, actions and timelines, ▪ Operating and Capital Works budgets for the forecast year and two forward years including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ forecast growth of connections and demand for water and sewerage services, ○ assumptions regarding revenue and expenses, ○ details of total borrowings and assumed interest rates, ○ assumptions regarding timing and total distributions to owners, including dividends, income tax equivalents and government guarantee fees, ○ 10 Year Capital Works forecast. ▪ Forecast Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow and Owners Distributions statements. ▪ Key Performance Measures and Targets including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Financial, ▪ Licence Condition Compliance, ▪ Water Quality, ▪ Wastewater Quality, ▪ Customer Service Standards ▪ Safety.
8.3.	<p>The Corporation shall provide a draft of the annual Corporate Plan to the Owners' Representatives in sufficient time for the Plan to be considered at the Annual Planning Meeting. The Owners Representatives will ensure that the Draft Corporate Plan is adopted at least one month before the intended commencement of the period encompassed by the Corporate Plan.</p>

8.4.	<p>Process for adopting or amending the Corporate Plan is as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Corporation shall provide a copy of the draft Corporate Plan to Owners Representatives for consideration at the Annual Planning General Meeting. • The Chairman and CEO shall attend the meeting to present and or answer questions. • Owners Representatives, in general meeting, may adopt or request the Board to reconsider the Corporate Plan. • The method of approving or requesting amendment to the Corporate Plan will be by a simple majority of Owners Representatives using the 1 share:1 vote approach. • Requests for amendment will be forwarded to the Chairman by the Chief Representative of the Owners Representatives. • The Board will consider the requested amendments as soon as reasonably practicable and provide a response by way of an amended draft Corporate Plan or letter of explanation, or both. • The Board is not obliged to adopt the requested amendments if to do so would create a risk of breaching directors' duties or other formal regulatory obligations. • Should the Board not agree to amend the Draft Corporate Plan as requested the Chairman shall consult with the Chief Representative to determine a solution. • A summary of the approved Corporate Plan will be published on the Corporation's website before the commencement of the period covered by the Corporate Plan.
9. Board Performance	
9.1.	The Shareholders expect the Corporation to annually review and report to the Selection Committee on the performance of the Board and its committees..
9.2.	Each year, the Board Chairman shall discuss with the Board Selection Committee Chair any concerns about the contribution of individual directors and/or the need to change the skills mix of the Board.
10. Shareholder Relationships	
10.1.	The Corporation shall act for the ultimate benefit of the Shareholders. It is the responsibility of the Board to act in the interests of the Corporation and, through it, the Shareholders' interests.
10.2.	The Board shall develop a policy or protocol for continuous disclosure with shareholders, following a no surprises, approach based on that described in ASX Principle 5.
10.3.	<p>The continuous disclosure protocol will address information that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • may have a material effect on financial Corporate Plan expectations; • may influence the owners' decisions; or • relates to an issue on which the owners may be required to comment, financial or otherwise.
10.4.	In collaboration with Councils, the Corporation should seek to develop systems to enable effective and timely property and asset data sharing and coordination mechanisms that benefit both entities.
10.5.	The Corporation should collaborate with Councils and regional agencies on matters of economic development and regional importance. In determining appropriate levels of investment required to support economic development the Board will have a view balancing financial risks and benefits to the Corporation against the long term risks and benefits to the Tasmanian community and Councils.

11. Customer and Community Engagement	
11.1.	The Corporation shall develop and implement open and transparent processes to engage its customers and the community in its planning processes to ensure, amongst other matters, that the standards of services it provides meet regulatory requirements and the needs and expectations of customers and the requirements of the Industry's regulators.
11.2.	The Corporation shall make: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information about the services it provides available to the public; • information about water conservation and the responsible use of water and waste water available to the public; • educational material about the water industry available to schools and communities.
11.3.	While recognising that this may have a cost, the Shareholders expect the Corporation to adopt principles of Corporate Social Responsibility.
12. Economic Development	
12.1.	At its general meeting on 16 May 2013, owner councils resolved to endorse five principles that the Corporation is to apply when considering matters related to economic development.
12.2.	The five principles that apply to the consideration of economic development matters are: <p>Principle 1: That the Corporation develops strategic customer alliances aimed at growing the businesses of customers and the Corporation and provide regular reports to owners on economic development activities.</p> <p>Principle 2: That the Corporation recognises residential development as a key driver of economic growth and that infrastructure decisions be made in accordance with settlement strategies.</p> <p>Principle 3: That the capital program of the Corporation should have regard for regional land use strategies and the priorities and opportunities that they present.</p> <p>Principle 4: That the Corporation seeks to ensure that its pricing and costing regime is transparent and understood by owners and customers and that charges reflect the relative cost of the service or solution being provided.</p> <p>Principle 5: That infrastructure solutions proposed for economic development projects be set at a reasonable standard so as to allow their progress without compromising the overall standards of the Corporation's infrastructure system.</p>
PART 4 – PLANNING, SERVICE DELIVERY AND RISK MANAGEMENT	
13. Risk Management Planning	
13.1.	The Corporation shall develop and implement plans, systems and processes to ensure an acceptable level of risk. In developing risk management plans, systems and processes the Corporation shall consider the requirement to balance risk and appropriate opportunities; its obligation to provide continuous services to its customers; its statutory and regulatory obligations and the relevant ASX Principles.
13.2.	The Corporation shall develop and maintain asset management planning that allows it to supply its services sustainably, minimise the overall whole of life costs of any assets as well as minimise any detrimental social, economic or environmental effects of managing its assets.
14. Conserving Water, Recycling Water and Sewage.	
14.1.	To demonstrate its commitment to the principal objectives under the <i>Water and Sewerage Corporation Act 2012</i> and sustainable water resource management, the Corporation should maintain, develop and implement programs for:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assessing and monitoring water supplies including groundwater; • assessing and monitoring future demands on water supplies; • efficient and effective management of demand for water; • minimising leakage and other losses of water from its network as far as is practicable; and • investigating and implementing treated sewage reuse schemes for beneficial agricultural/horticultural irrigation, energy generation and other non-potable purposes where it is both commercially and environmentally viable.
15. Responding to Drought	
15.1.	<p>The Corporation shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop, implement and maintain an effective drought response plan for each water supply system operated by the Corporation; and • make its drought response plans available to the public.
15.2.	Drought response plans should wherever possible be compatible with Council plans and should promote resource sharing opportunities.
16. Service Standards	
16.1.	In complying with customer service standards issued by the Regulator the Shareholders' expect that, the Corporation should, as a minimum, develop water supply, sewerage services and wastewater management plans in conjunction with the relevant Council and State Government agencies and the local community.
17. Stormwater Management Plans	
17.1.	The Corporation should participate in any development or review by the Councils of stormwater management plans and the re-use of stormwater where commercially feasible.
18. Trade Waste	
18.1.	The Corporation shall develop policies and practices to manage trade waste to manage the associated risks, meet statutory and regulatory obligations and an improved quality of trade waste entering its sewerage systems.
19. Catchment, Regional and Local Government Planning	
19.1.	<p>The principal objectives of the Corporation's participation in such planning are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promote consistency of any strategy or any scheme with the Corporation's planning and programs for sustainable water management; and • ensure the alignment, integration and consistency of regional infrastructure development objectives.
19.2.	<p>The Corporation shall participate in periodic reviews, and provide input into the continuous improvement and implementation of any regional or municipal planning schemes or strategies which may affect, or be affected by, the Corporation's area or activities in particular, this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any local planning policy framework; • strategic plans of Councils; • any regional land use strategy development; • any regional infrastructure plans; • any State Water Management Plans initiated under the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i>.

20. Environmental Management	
20.1.	The Corporation should seek to work cooperatively with other agencies and stakeholders to protect and improve natural resources and catchment management.
20.2.	Following the principal objectives in Section 4 of this Letter, the Corporation shall participate in the development and implementation of any regional catchment management strategy or catchment sub-strategy that may affect, or be affected by, the Corporation's area or activities.
PART 5 – FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS	
21. Distributions	
21.1.	In accordance with the <i>Water and Sewerage Corporation Act 2012</i> the Board is to determine a Distributions Policy for the Corporation in consultation with the Owners Representatives with a view to establishing the target level of total distributions including Dividend.
21.2.	Distributions will be in accordance with Schedule (3) of the Corporation's Constitution.
21.3.	The Distribution Policy will include the expectation that distributions will be paid to shareholders in the year in which the distributions are generated.
21.4.	The Corporation should undertake a capital structure review to coincide with preparation of Price and Service Plan submissions.
22. Investment Policy	
22.1.	In the event that the Corporation becomes an investor of cash for other than short term liquidity purposes, the Board will develop an investment policy which sets out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Board's investment objectives; • the responsibility structure for managing investments; • the management of risks associated with investments; and • the investment management approach of the Board.
PART 6 - REPORTING	
23. Reporting Framework	
23.1.	The Board will arrange the following meetings each year, at a minimum,: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Planning Meeting – to consider and approve the Corporate Plan and any potential changes to the Shareholders' Letter of Expectations • Annual Reporting Meeting – to review the annual financial reports; Quarterly Reporting meeting with Owners Representatives – to occur in each region each quarter unless a region requests fewer meetings or elects to joins with another region.
23.2.	Other general meetings can be convened in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution or the protocol agreed between the Board and Owners' Representatives.
23.3.	Programs and plans developed by the Corporation in response to these Shareholders' expectations shall specify objectives to be achieved and measures for monitoring performance.
23.4.	Performance shall be reported to the Owners' Representatives in a formal quarterly report to be received within 45 days from the end of the September, December and March quarters each financial year.
23.5.	Performance reporting for the quarter ended June each year shall be incorporated into the Annual Report and presented at the Annual Reporting Meeting each year.

23.6.	<p>The minimum content of the quarterly report is to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • financial statements for the period and year to date, • results against key performance targets include in the Corporate Plan for the quarter and year to date, • commentary on performance and explanations of material variances from budget, • revisions to the expected full year forecast financial results, • current estimates for distributions to owners and explanation for material variances from Corporate Plan, • capital expenditure for the quarter and material variance explanations, and • any non-compliances with the current Shareholders' Letter of Expectations.
23.7.	In accordance with the requirements of the <i>Water and Sewerage Corporation Act 2012</i> , the Corporation shall provide its Annual Report to shareholders by 30 September each year.
23.8.	The content of the Corporation's Annual Report will conform to the requirements prescribed in the <i>Water and Sewerage Corporation Act 2012</i> .
23.9.	The Corporation's Annual Report will be included for discussion at the Annual Reporting Meeting of owners and subsequently published on the Corporation's website.
23.10.	Disclosures under the 'no surprises', continuous disclosure regime should be provided in the formal quarterly report unless the Board considers that a more timely disclosure is appropriate.
24. Whole-of-Government Reporting	
24.1.	The Board should comply with requests from the Treasurer for information relating to the collection of financial information for whole-of-government reporting and ensure that such information relating to the Corporation and its subsidiaries will be provided by the relevant dates and in the specified formats, where applicable.
25. Reporting under AEIFRS	
25.1.	The Corporation shall report in accordance with the requirements of the <i>Water and Sewerage Corporation Act 2012</i> .
26. Treatment of "Not for Profit" Customer Concessions	
26.1.	The Corporation will consult with the Owners Representatives to develop a consistent state-wide Not for Profit rebate / concession policy within the first 12 months of operation with an expectation that the policy will take effect from 1 July 2014.
26.2.	At its general meeting on 16 May 2013, owner councils resolved to cease to offer Not For Profit concessions and to phase out concessions currently offered over three years.

SCHEDULE A - Definitions

The following definitions apply:

'Annual Planning Meeting' means one of the two general meetings to be held each year under the terms of the Constitution, one being the Annual Reporting Meeting to consider the annual accounts as mandated in the Constitution and the other being the general meeting to consider the Corporate Plan amongst other things.

'Annual Reporting Meeting' means one of the two general meetings to be held each year under the terms of the Constitution, one being the Annual Planning Meeting to consider the Corporate Plan as mandated in the Constitution and the other being the general meeting to consider the annual accounts, amongst other things.

'ANCOLD Guidelines' means the Guidelines issues by the Australian National Committee on Large Dams Inc as revised from time to time.

'Board' means the Board of Directors appointed to the Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Corporation Pty Ltd.

'Corporation' means Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Corporation Pty Ltd.

'Councils' refers to the 29 Tasmanian Councils.

'Owners' Representatives' mean the representatives appointed by the owner councils of the Corporation.

'Regulator' means Tasmanian Economic Regulator.

'Shareholders' means the member Councils of the Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Corporation Pty Limited.

'Treasurer' means the Treasurer of the Tasmanian Government.

'shall' means if the requirement is not met, the corporation will notify the shareholders of the failure in its routine reporting.

'should' means the corporation will use its discretion in decision making and notify the shareholders of the decision in the normal course of business.

PART 7 - SIGNATORIES

In accordance with the *Water and Sewerage Corporation Act 2012*, we, the undersigned, being formal representatives of the twenty nine Tasmanian Councils, issue this Shareholders' Letter of Expectations to the Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Corporation Pty Ltd.

Date of signing	Council
	BRIGHTON COUNCIL
	BREAK O'DAY COUNCIL
	BURNIE CITY COUNCIL
	CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL
	CENTRAL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL
	CIRCULAR HEAD COUNCIL
	CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL
	DERWENT VALLEY COUNCIL
	DEVONPORT CITY COUNCIL
	DORSET COUNCIL
	FLINDERS COUNCIL

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	GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL
	GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY COUNCIL
	GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL
	HOBART CITY COUNCIL
	HUON VALLEY COUNCIL
	KENTISH COUNCIL
	KINGBOROUGH COUNCIL
	KING ISLAND COUNCIL
	LATROBE COUNCIL
	LAUNCESTON CITY COUNCIL
	MEANDER VALLEY COUNCIL
	NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL
	SORELL COUNCIL

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Dear Mayor Downie

Book given to Mayor

I am writing to invite you and your colleagues to attend this year's National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 14 - 17 June 2015.

Invitations have been extended to the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition to address the sector. We will also be joined by other ministers, shadow ministers and leading public figures presenting keynote addresses, which will help to focus our discussions at the NGA.

The theme for this year's NGA is 'Closest to the Community: Local Government in the Federation'. The Australian Government is currently working with all state and territory governments and ALGA to develop White Papers on reform of the Federation and Taxation. The NGA presents local government as a whole with an opportunity to consider the range of issues being raised and to ensure local government's aspirations are addressed in the White Papers. I have been clear that I want to see local government strengthened as a result of any reform and we need your input to advance that objective.

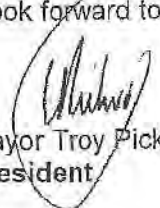
The NGA program will cover a wide range of issues, reflecting the diversity of local government and our interests. There will be opportunities for delegates to interact with not only invited political and keynote speakers, but with panels of subject-matter experts and local government representatives.

Enclosed is the NGA Registration Brochure which contains details of the program, business agenda and associated events. I have also enclosed the NGA 2015 discussion paper and the official call for motions. This year's NGA presents an ideal opportunity to offer your ideas and experience to your local government colleagues and through to the Australian Government as we consider the challenges that lay ahead.

Your council's involvement in the NGA is important in assisting ALGA to maintain the Government's engagement with local government and to drive improved outcomes for the local government sector at the national level.

A number of crucial policy motions will be debated at the NGA and it is essential that every council is represented in these debates to actively contribute to the dialogue as we strategically position the sector within our Federation.

I look forward to seeing you in Canberra.


Mayor Troy Pickard
President



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PRESIDENT'S: WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

I invite you to attend this year's National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 14-17 June 2015.

Invitations have been extended to the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition to address the sector. We will also be joined by other ministers, shadow ministers and leading public figures presenting keynote addresses, which will help to focus discussions at the NGA.

The theme for this year's NGA is **'Closest to the Community: Local Government in the Federation'**.

The Australian Government is currently working with all state and territory governments and ALGA to develop White Papers on reform of the Federation and Taxation. The NGA presents local government as a whole with an opportunity to consider the range

of issues being raised and to ensure local government's aspirations are addressed in the White Papers. I have been clear that I want to see local government strengthened as a result of any reform and we need your input to advance that objective.

The NGA program will cover a wide range of issues, reflecting the diversity of local government and our interests. There will be opportunities for delegates to interact with not only invited political and keynote speakers, but with panels of subject-matter experts and local government representatives.

The ALGA Board recently called for Notices of Motions for the NGA and these will set out the framework for debate. I would encourage you and your council to think through ideas or initiatives you would like to see debated at the NGA and to submit these as motions.

Your council's involvement in the NGA is important in assisting ALGA to maintain the Government's engagement with local government and to drive improved outcomes for the local government sector at the national level. A number of crucial policy motions will be debated at the NGA and it is essential that every council is represented in these debates to actively contribute to the dialogue as we strategically position the sector within our Federation.

I look forward to seeing you in Canberra.



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2015 THEME OVERVIEW

CLOSEST TO THE COMMUNITY: LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE FEDERATION

The 2015 NGA is being held at an important time, not only for local government, but the Commonwealth, states and territories and the Australian people. It is a time when the Commonwealth Government has invited all interested parties to consider potential reform of the Federation and of taxation.

While the Government recognises that the current Federation has given rise to '*... a vibrant democracy, a strong economy and a cohesive society that millions of migrants have chosen to join*', it also suggests that over time, it has '*... increased the overlap of roles and responsibilities between spheres of government and reduced accountability to voters, created duplication and blame-shifting*'. The Prime Minister has frequently alluded to this problem, and has established a White Paper process on the Reform of the Federation, and a White Paper on Taxation to address these issues.

The White Paper on the Reform of the Federation will '*... seek to clarify roles and responsibilities to ensure that, as far as possible, the States and Territories are sovereign in their own sphere, so that voters know who is responsible for what*'.

The Prime Minister, in his Sir Henry Parkes Commemorative Dinner address at Tenterfield, on 25 October 2014¹ said that '*... the Government is determined to make the case for change*'. But he also acknowledged that consensus is required for rethinking the conventions about which level of government is responsible for the delivery of a particular service, or the revenue measures to which particular levels of government should have access. He said, '*... Without a measure of consensus, any change requiring legislation is unlikely to secure parliamentary passage and the whole exercise could turn out to be futile*'. He went on to say, '*... Without an element of consensus, any change that's actually achieved could be reversed at the earliest opportunity and therefore hardly worth doing*'.

Local government is an essential part of the Australian system of government. Local governments are democratically elected and provide for the 'good governance' of local communities throughout Australia. As part of that role, councils provide crucial local planning, services, programs and infrastructure including local roads, community halls, sports, cultural and recreation

facilities that underpin the life of every local community throughout Australia. In this way local government is indeed the level of government that is 'closest to the community'.

It is therefore an important partner and stakeholder in the development of a national consensus on any reform proposal and should help shape this debate and make its contribution to the White Paper process. The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has had input to these papers, and in consultation with state and territory local government associations has made submissions on relevant matters. ALGA also intends to make substantial submissions to the Green Papers expected to be released on the Federation and Taxation during this process and encourages all councils to become actively involved in this process.

The NGA debate on motions and associated discussions will help to inform the ALGA Board in formulating these submissions.



2015 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Sunday 14 June 2015

5:00 pm-	Welcome Reception
7:00 pm	

Monday 15 June 2015

9:00 am	Opening Ceremony: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National anthem • Welcome to Country • Board introduction • Prime Minister, The Hon Tony Abbott MP (invited)
9:45 am	President's Welcome
10:00 am	Keynote Speaker
10:30 am	MORNING TEA
11:00 am	FACILITATED DISCUSSION: <i>Is local government a real partner?</i>
12:30 pm	LUNCH
1:15 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS: <i>Your Council, Your Challenges</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance and Ethics • Financial and Asset Management • Innovation and Community Engagement
2:45 pm	President of Local Government NZ, Mayor Lawrence Yule
3:15 pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3:45 pm	Keynote Speaker
4:15 pm	DEBATE ON MOTIONS: <i>Declaration</i>
5:00 pm	Close Day 1
7:00 pm	BUFFET DINNER National Convention Centre

Tuesday 16 June 2015

9:00 am	DEBATE ON MOTIONS
10:00 am	Leader of the Opposition, The Hon Bill Shorten MP (invited)
10:30 am	MORNING TEA
11:00 am	DEBATE ON MOTIONS
12:00 pm	Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Christine Milne (invited)
12:30 pm	LUNCH
1:30 pm	PANEL SESSION: <i>Getting the job done - Council solutions</i>
3:00 pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3:30 pm	Keynote Speaker
4:00 pm	DEBATE ON MOTIONS
5:00 pm	Close Day 2
7:00 pm	OFFICIAL DINNER Parliament House

Wednesday 17 June 2015

9:00 am	<i>Adapting to climate risk</i> Prof Jean Palutikoff , National Climate Change and Research Facilities
9:30 am	DEBATE ON MOTIONS
10:30 am	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, The Hon Warren Truss MP
11:00 am	MORNING TEA
11:30 am	SPEAKER: <i>Community services</i>
12:00 pm	Keynote Speaker
12:20 pm	President's Closing remarks
12:30 pm	Close



ASSOCIATED EVENTS

Australian Local Government Women's Association Breakfast

Monday 15 June 2015
7:30 am-8:30 am

The ALGWA National President is pleased to invite members, friends and colleagues to our 5th Annual Networking Breakfast as part of the National General Assembly. The breakfast will be held on Monday 15 June from 7:30 am-8:30 am.

Seating is strictly limited, so book early. Details will be available on: www.algwa.net.au



Regional Capitals Australia Networking Breakfast

Wednesday 17 June 2015
7:30 am-8:45 am

Regional Capitals Australia (RCA) is an alliance of local government associations and councils from around Australia. The alliance is working to create a strong network of regional capitals that are at the forefront of federal policy and the national identity.

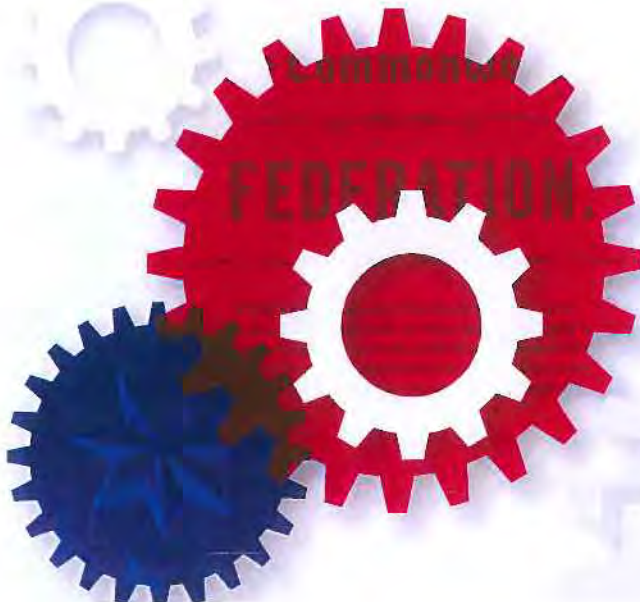
RCA will be holding a networking breakfast on Wednesday 18 June at the National Convention Centre during the ALGA conference.

To register for the event and for enquiries about RCA, please contact:

Email secretariat@regionalcapitalsaustralia.org

Phone 0422 067 858

Visit our website at www.regionalcapitalsaustralia.org



SPEAKER PROFILES

Prime Minister The Hon Tony Abbott MP



Tony Abbott was sworn in as the 28th Prime Minister of Australia on 18 September 2013.

Mr Abbott was first elected as Member for Warringah in March 1994. Prior to the election of the Coalition Government on 7 September 2013, Mr Abbott had been Leader of the Opposition since 1 December 2009.

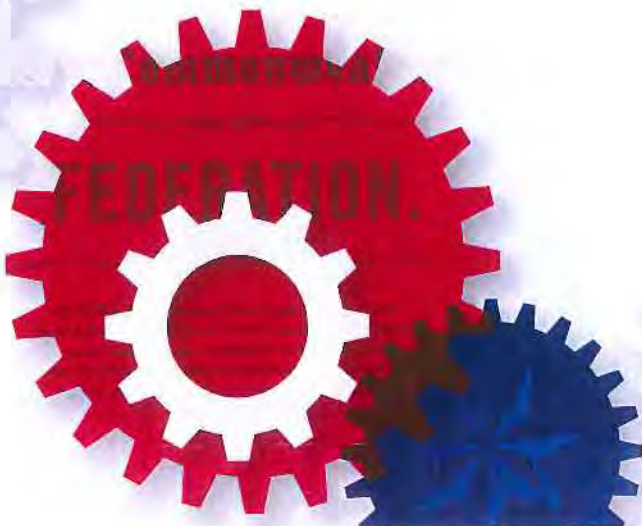
During the Howard Government, Mr Abbott served as a Parliamentary Secretary, Minister, Cabinet Minister, and Leader of the House of Representatives. As Minister for Employment Services (1998-2001) Mr Abbott oversaw the development of the Job Network and a major expansion of Work for the Dole.

As Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (2001-2003) Mr Abbott boosted construction industry productivity through the establishment of the Cole Royal Commission.

As Minister for Health and Ageing (2003-2007) Mr Abbott oversaw the expansion of Medicare rebates to allied health professionals such as dentists and psychologists and introduced the reforms which delivered record levels of bulk billing for patients. Mr Abbott also introduced the Medicare safety net for people with big out-of-pocket expenses.

Prior to entering parliament, Mr Abbott was a journalist with The Australian and The Bulletin. He was press secretary and political adviser to the Leader of the Opposition, Dr John Hewson, before becoming Executive Director of Australians for Constitutional Monarchy.

Mr Abbott holds Economics and Law degrees from Sydney University. He is a Rhodes Scholar and holds a Master of Arts (Politics and Philosophy) from Oxford University. Mr Abbott is the author of four books.



The Hon Bill Shorten MP



Bill Shorten is the Federal Member for Maribyrnong and was elected leader of the Australian Labor Party

and Leader of the Opposition on 13 October 2013.

Mr Shorten completed a Bachelors degree in Arts and Law from Monash University, as well as an MBA from the Melbourne Business School.

Bill has since worked as a union organiser, union secretary, as a member of the ACTU executive, as a Member of Parliament and as a Minister in a Labor Government.

As a senior member of the Rudd/Gillard Labor Governments, Bill played a key role in securing a number of historic reforms including establishing DisabilityCare and increasing universal superannuation to 12 per cent.

As Minister for Workplace Relations, Bill continued the Labor Government's ongoing commitment to a fair and productive workplace relations system and during his time as Minister for Education helped secure the Better Schools reforms.

Prior to entering Parliament, Bill worked at the Australian Workers Union, holding key leadership positions including State Secretary of the AWU Victoria Branch from 1998 to 2006 and the National Secretary from 2001 to 2007.

Bill has an enduring interest in social justice issues such as domestic violence, equal opportunity at work, and as a father of three and a stepdad, the increasing diversity of families in Australia.

The Hon Warren Truss MP



The Hon Warren Truss MP is Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development.

He became Leader of the Nationals in 2007 and is the longest serving federal leader of any political party in Australia today.

A third generation farmer from the Kumbia district near Kingaroy in Queensland, Mr Truss first won the federal seat of Wide Bay in 1980.

He was a Minister in the Howard Government for 10 years, serving as Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs in October 1997, and a year later, Minister for Community Services. In July 1999 Mr Truss became the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, where he served for six years. He became Minister for Transport and Regional Services in July 2005 and, in September 2006, was appointed Minister for Trade.

Before entering Parliament, Mr Truss was a Kingaroy Shire Councillor (1976 to 1980), including seven years as Mayor. He was Deputy Chairman of the Queensland Grain Handling Authority and a member of the State Council of the Queensland Graingrowers Association for more than 10 years.

Mr Truss is also former State and National President of the Rural Youth Organisation and President of the Lutheran Youth of Queensland.

Senator Christine Milne



Christine Milne, Senator for Tasmania and Leader of the Australian Greens, is one of Australia's most experienced and

respected environmental and community activists, with a career spanning 30 years. After leading the successful campaign to protect farming land and fisheries from the Wesley Vale Pulp Mill, Christine was elected to the Tasmanian parliament in 1989, and became the first woman to lead a political party in Tasmania in 1993. She was elected to the Senate in 2004 and to the Leadership in 2012 following the retirement of Senator Bob Brown.

Christine's vision to address climate change and her unparalleled experience with power-sharing minority governments led to the establishment of the Multi-Party Climate Change Committee and its successful negotiations to design the Clean Energy Future package. The package placed innovation, opportunity and clean energy at the forefront of the transformation of the Australian economy for the 21st century.

As spokesperson on food security, Christine put the issue on the national agenda by calling for the development of a national food security plan during the 2010 election. She continues to advocate for reform of Australia's food and agricultural systems to ensure sustainability and prosperity now and into the future.

2015 REGIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM

BENEFITS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2015
National Convention Centre Canberra



→ Includes the launch of the 2015-16
State of the Regions Report

The 2015 Regional Forum is the opening event of the National General Assembly of Local Government. It is a great opportunity for mayors, councillors, RDA members and other key decision and policy makers to gather together, share contemporary knowledge and experience to strengthen the ability of Australia's diverse regions to compete in the global economy.

This year's Forum and report examines the critical role played by our regional infrastructure assets and models the productivity benefits arising from strategic investment in a range of asset classes.

The Forum will allow the sharing of ideas and opportunities through both a mix of practitioner and academic insights, as well as hearing the latest positions from politicians, senior officials and other key regional stakeholders including representatives from Economic Development Australia, the Regional Australia Institute and the Australian and New Zealand Regional Science Association International.

The official launch of the 2015-16 *State of The Regions Report* also takes place at the Forum. The Report is commissioned by ALGA and prepared by National Economics and published with the support of Jardine Lloyd Thompson. All delegates receive a hardcopy Executive Summary of the Report.

Provisional Program

- 9:30 am Welcome and Introduction: ALGA President, **Mayor Troy Pickard**
- 9:40 am KEYNOTE ADDRESS: *Debunking regional development myths and re-imagining the Region*, **Dr Paul Collits**, Adjunct Professor, University of the Sunshine Coast and Economic Development Adviser, Gosford City Council, NSW
- 10:10 am 2015 National Local Government Award Winners *Boosting Productivity through Infrastructure and Contributing to Regional Growth*
- 10:45 am MORNING TEA
- 11:15 pm *State of the Regions Launch: Infrastructure*
Dr Brain and **Dr Manning** of National Economics
Economic Development Australia
- 12:00 pm **Mr Steve Chapple**, National Chair of EDA and Director Sustainable Environment, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, Vic (invited)
- 12:30 pm LUNCH
- 1:30 pm Opposition spokesperson for Regional Development
the Hon Julie Collins MP (invited)
- 1:50 pm PANEL DISCUSSION: The Role of Regional Collaboration and Governance in the Federation:
TECHNICAL WORKSHOP: Exploring this year's *State of the Regions Report*, National Economics (**Dr Peter Brain** and **Dr Ian Manning**)
- 2:45 pm AFTERNOON TEA
- 3:15 pm Deputy Prime Minister, **the Hon Warren Truss MP** (invited)
- 3:55 pm Official Closing, ALGA President
- 4:00 pm Close

Regional Forum Registration is \$395 (inc GST) or \$195 when you also register to attend the National General Assembly.

For more information or to register for the Regional Cooperation and Development Forum, go to www.alga.asn.au



KEY DATES

Submission for Motions for Debate	Friday 17 April 2015
Early Bird Registration on or before	Friday 1 May 2015
Standard Registration on or before	Friday 29 May 2015
Late Registration on or after	Friday 29 May 2015

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

The NGA is your opportunity to contribute to the development of national local government policy.

The ALGA Board is calling for motions for the 2015 NGA under the theme *Closest to the Community: Local Government in the Federation*. To assist Councils in preparing motions a Discussion Paper has been prepared and is available via www.alga.asn.au

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers motions must follow the principles:

- 1 Be relevant to the work of local government nationally;
- 2 Be consistent with the themes of the Assembly;
- 3 Complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association;
- 4 Propose a clear action and outcome; and
- 5 Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties which may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of local government.

Motions should be submitted electronically via the online form at www.alga.asn.au and should be received by ALGA no later than 11:59 pm AEST, Friday 17 April 2015.

Motions submitted will be reviewed by a committee of the ALGA Board as well as by State and Territory Local Government Associations to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers. When reviewing motions, the Committee considers the importance and relevance of the issue to local government.

Please note that motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued. Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state/territory local government association, and will not be included in the Business Papers.

Motions that are agreed to at the National General Assembly become Resolutions. These Resolutions are then considered by the ALGA Board when setting national local government policy and when the Board is making representations to the Federal Government at Ministerial Councils, during meetings and in ALGA publications. The ALGA Board is not bound by any resolutions passed at the NGA.

VOTING PROCEDURES

Each council is entitled to one voting delegate in the debating session. Councils will need to determine who their voting delegate will be. Voting cards can be collected at the Assembly. Councils do not need to advise ALGA of the name of the voting delegate prior to collecting voting cards.



REGISTRATION DETAILS

General Assembly Registration Fees

Early bird registration \$899

Payment received by Friday 1 May 2015

Standard registration \$999

Payment received on or before Friday 29 May 2015

Late registration \$1,200

Payment received on or after Friday 29 May 2015

General Assembly Registration Includes

- Attendance at all General Assembly sessions
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as per the General Assembly program
- One ticket to the Welcome Drinks, Sunday
- General Assembly satchel and materials.

Day Registration Fees

Monday 15 June 2015 \$470

Tuesday 16 June 2015 \$470

Wednesday 17 June 2015 \$260

Day Registration Includes

- Attendance at all General Assembly sessions on the day of registration
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as per the General Assembly program on that day
- General Assembly satchel and materials.

Sunday Regional Development Forum (Sunday 14 June 2015)

Forum Only \$395

NGA Delegate \$195

Accompanying Partners Registration Fees

Accompanying Partners Registration Fee \$240

Accompanying Partners Registration Includes

- 1 ticket to the Welcome Reception, Sunday 14 June
- Day tour Monday 15 June
- Day tour Tuesday 16 June
- Lunch with General Assembly Delegates on Wednesday 17 June.

Payment Procedures

Payment can be made by:

- Credit card - MasterCard, Visa and American Express
- Cheque made payable to ALGA
- Electronic Funds Transfer:
Bank: Commonwealth
Branch: Curtin BSB No: 062905
Account No: 10097780
NOTE: If paying via EFT you must quote your transaction reference number on the registration form.

Cancellation Policy

All alterations or cancellations to your registration must be made in writing and will be acknowledged by post, facsimile or email. Notification should be sent to:

Conference Co-ordinators
PO Box 4994, Chisholm ACT 2805
Fax [02] 6292 9002
Email conference@confco.com.au

An administration charge of \$110 will be made to any participant cancelling before Friday 1 May 2015. Cancellations received after Friday 1 May 2015 will be required to pay full registration fees. However, if you are unable to attend, substitutes are welcome at no additional cost.

By submitting your registration you agree to the terms of the cancellation policy.

Privacy Disclosure

ALGA collects your personal contact information in its role as a peak body for local government. ALGA may disclose your personal contact information to the sponsors of the event for the purposes of commercial business opportunities. If you consent to ALGA using and disclosing your personal contact information in this way, please tick the appropriate box on the registration form.

Importantly, your name may also be included in the General Assembly List of Participants. You must tick the appropriate box on the registration form if you wish your name to appear in this list.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Photographs

During the National General Assembly there will be a contracted photographer, the photographer will take images during the sessions and social functions. If you have your picture taken it is assumed that you are giving consent for ALGA to use the image.

Images may be used for print and electronic publications.

Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening

Sunday 14 June 2015

National Convention Centre

5:00-7:00 pm

\$44 per person for day delegates and guests.

No charge for full registered delegates.

No charge for registered accompanying partners.

DRESS CODE: smart casual.

Buffet Dinner

Monday 15 June 2015

The Ballroom, National Convention Centre

7:00-11:00 pm

\$100 per person.

DRESS CODE: smart casual.

Coaches will depart Assembly hotels [except Crowne Plaza] at approximately 6:45 pm with return shuttles commencing from 10:15 pm.

General Assembly Dinner

Tuesday 16 June 2015

The Great Hall, Parliament House

7:00-11:00 pm

\$130 per person.

DRESS CODE: lounge suit/collar and tie for men and cocktail style for women.

Tickets to the prestigious General Assembly Annual Dinner at Parliament House are always highly sought after. Due to the size of the Great Hall, places are limited and therefore booking early is highly recommended to ensure your place.

Coaches will depart all Assembly hotels at approximately 6:45 pm with return shuttles commencing from 10:15 pm.

Note: Bookings are accepted in order of receipt.

Canberra Weather in June

Winter days in Canberra are characterised by clear sunny skies but the days are cool at around 12-15°C and temperatures do drop to 1c on average in the evenings, so be sure to bring a warm jacket. Mornings can be foggy so keep this in mind when booking flights. It is best to avoid early arrivals or departures in case of delays due to fog.



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Venue and Dress Code

Exhibition Opening and Welcome Reception

VENUE: National Convention Centre, Constitution Ave, Canberra City.

DRESS CODE: Smart casual.

General Assembly Business Sessions

VENUE: National Convention Centre, Constitution Ave, Canberra City.

All plenary sessions will be held in the Royal Theatre at the National Convention Centre.

DRESS CODE: Smart casual.

Exhibition

VENUE: National Convention Centre, Constitution Ave, Canberra City.

The exhibition is being held in the Exhibition Hall of the National Convention Centre.

DRESS CODE: Smart casual.

Buffet Dinner

VENUE: The dinner is being held in the Ballroom at the National Convention Centre.

DRESS CODE: Smart casual.

General Assembly Dinner

VENUE: Parliament House.

The General Assembly Dinner is being held in the Great Hall.

DRESS CODE: Lounge suit/collar and tie for men and cocktail style for women.

PARTNER TOURS

Monday 15 June

REGIONAL CANBERRA: WINERY AND CHOCOLATE

Today's partner tour will experience two regional areas located just outside Canberra. Our first stop is Gundaroo which is home to several boutique wineries including the venue for the day—Capital Wines. The group will enjoy wine tasting at the cellar door followed by lunch.

The group will then transfer to Murrumbatemen to visit Robin Rowe Chocolates, here the group will be given a short demonstration with time to enjoy some samples and view the merchandise.

Tuesday 16 June

CANBERRA EXHIBITIONS

This morning the group will visit the Australian War Memorial and view First World War Galleries, which have been redeveloped to commemorate the centenary of the First World War (opened December 2014).

After lunch the group will be able to experience a new local exhibition, further details will be provided as they are confirmed.

ACCOMMODATION

To book your accommodation at the rates listed below complete the appropriate section of the registration form. Bookings are subject to availability and should be made prior to Friday 15 May 2015.

All cancellations or amendments must be made in writing to Conference Co-ordinators and will be acknowledged by facsimile.

Please note your credit card details are required to guarantee your room. Neither Conference Co-ordinators nor the hotel will make any charges against your credit card unless you fail to give 21 days notice in writing of your cancellation. Full payment of your account will be required at the time of your departure.

NOTE: All Canberra hotels have a complete non-smoking policy.

CROWNE PLAZA

1 Binara Street, Canberra

The Crowne Plaza is adjacent to the Convention Centre and only a short walk from restaurants, bars and the main shopping district. Featuring a contemporary design, the Crowne Plaza provides guests with an outdoor pool, sauna, health/fitness centre, 24-hour reception, concierge, undercover parking and onsite dining at the RedSalt Restaurant. All rooms are non-smoking and include iron/ironing board, tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer and room service is available.

SUPERIOR ROOM: \$295 per night
single/twin/double

DELUXE ROOM: \$345 per night
single/twin/double

AVENUE HOTEL

80 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

A brand new property which recently opened in November 2014, the Avenue Hotel is Canberra's newest and only 5-star hotel in the CBD. The hotel has an onsite restaurant and bar, 24-hour reception and room service, gymnasium, undercover parking (charges apply per night) and guest lounge with free wifi. Offering hotel rooms, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, all rooms have king size beds, rainfall showers, balconies and mini bar. The apartments also have full kitchen facilities, the Avenue is a 15-20 minute walk from the Convention Centre.

HOTEL ROOMS: \$225 per night
single/twin/double

1 BEDROOM APARTMENTS: \$275 per night
single/double

HOTEL REALM

18 National Circuit, Barton

The Hotel Realm is one of Canberra's 5-star hotels and is located walking distance from the popular shopping and restaurant villages of Kingston and Manuka. The Hotel Realm has two restaurants, a bar, day-spa, hairdresser and health club located on-site. The rooms are modern and have king sized beds, high speed internet (for a fee) LCD TV, pay movie channel, Foxtel and 24-hour room service.

STANDARD ROOM: \$230 per night
single/twin/double

MANTRA

84 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

Mantra on Northbourne is centrally located and approximately a 15-20 minute walk from the National Convention Centre. The hotel features a heated indoor pool, sauna, fully-equipped gymnasium and the Zipp restaurant bar onsite. All rooms offer voice mail, individually controlled air-conditioning, pay per view movies, mini bar, tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer and complimentary toiletries. One and two bedroom apartments also offer a separate lounge and dining area, fully-equipped kitchen and a laundry with washing machine, dryer, iron and ironing board.

HOTEL ROOM: \$209 per night
single/twin/double

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT: \$249 per night
single/twin/double

**MEDINA APARTMENT HOTEL
JAMES COURT**

74 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

The Medina Apartments Hotel James Court is approximately a 15-20 minute walk from the National Convention Centre and is close to cafes, restaurants, gyms and shopping. The hotel offers reception, undercover parking, outdoor heated swimming pool, sauna, gymnasium and a restaurant delivery service. All rooms feature private balconies, climate controlled air conditioning, separate lounge/dining areas, broadband access (for a fee), spa bath, mini bar, fully equipped kitchen facilities and an in-room safe.

Note: Reception operates between the hours of 6.30am and 11.30pm.

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT: \$210 per night
single/twin/double

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT: \$260 per night
single/twin/double

NOVOTEL

65 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

Located on Northbourne Avenue, one of Canberra's main thoroughfares, the Novotel is a 15 minute walk from the National Convention Centre. The hotel offers 24-hour reception and room service, an onsite restaurant and bar, gymnasium and undercover parking (charges apply per night). In-room facilities include mini bar, tea/coffee making facilities, broadband (for a fee), Fox Sports and News, pay per view movies, climate control air-conditioning, hairdryer, iron and ironing board. Executive rooms have a king size bed.

STANDARD ROOM: \$250 per night
single/twin/double

EXECUTIVE ROOM: \$280 per night
single/twin/double

**PEPPERS GALLERY HOTEL
(FORMALLY DIAMANT HOTEL)**

15 Edinburgh Place, Canberra

Peppers Gallery Hotel (formally Diamant Hotel, re-branded in 2014) is a boutique 80 room hotel located at the intersection of Marcus Clarke St and Edinburgh Ave, 15 minutes walk from the Convention Centre. Peppers Gallery Hotel features 24-hour reception, a restaurant and a bar. The rooms have a mini-bar, tea/coffee making facilities, plasma TVs, CD and DVD players, broadband (for a fee), and in-room safe.

STANDARD ROOM: \$250 per night
single/twin/double

QT HOTEL**(FORMALLY RYDGES LAKESIDE)**

1 London Circuit, Canberra

Qt Hotel Canberra (formally Rydges Lakeside) has recently been renovated throughout the foyer and restaurants. The rooms have been updated and offer balconies and high speed internet (for a fee), pay per view movies, mini bar, hairdryer, iron and ironing board. The hotel is a 15 minute walk to the National Convention Centre and has 24-hour reception, room service, onsite restaurant and bar.

STANDARD ROOM: **\$249** per night
single/twin/double

WALDORF

2 Akuna Street, Canberra

Located in the heart of Canberra's CBD, the Waldorf is only a couple minutes walk from the National Convention Centre. This hotel has 24-hour reception and provides guests with a gymnasium, indoor heated lap pool and onsite dining at the Waldorf London Restaurant. All rooms have kitchen and laundry facilities, in room safe, dining table and chairs, complimentary cable TV, pay per view movies, high speed internet service (for a fee) and room service is available. One bedroom apartments also offer a separate lounge/dining area.

STUDIO ROOM: **\$210** per night single
\$225 per night twin/double

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT:

\$230 per night single
\$245 per night twin/double

COACH TRANSFERS

Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening Sunday 14 June 2015

Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels (except Crowne Plaza Canberra) at approximately 4:45 pm. The return coaches will depart at 7:00 pm.

Daily Shuttles to and from the National Convention Centre

A shuttle service between all General Assembly hotels (except Crowne Plaza Canberra) and the National Convention Centre will operate between 8:00 am and 8:30 am. Return shuttles will depart the National Convention Centre at 5:00 pm.

Buffet Dinner National Convention Centre Monday 15 June 2015

Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels (except Crowne Plaza Canberra) at approximately 6:45 pm. A return shuttle service will commence at 10:15 pm.

General Assembly Annual Dinner Parliament House Tuesday 16 June 2015

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**National General Assembly of Local
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**'Closest to the Community:
Local Government in the Federation'
Discussion Paper**

February 2015

Preamble

The 2015 NGA is being held at an important time, not only for local government, but the Commonwealth, states and territories and the Australian people. It is a time when the Commonwealth Government has invited all interested parties to consider potential reform of the Federation and of taxation.

While the Government recognises that the current Federation has given rise to '... a vibrant democracy, a strong economy and a cohesive society that millions of migrants have chosen to join', it also suggests that over time, it has '... increased the overlap of roles and responsibilities between spheres of government and reduced accountability to voters, created duplication and blame-shifting'. The Prime Minister has frequently alluded to this problem, and has established a White Paper process on the Reform of the Federation, and a White Paper on Taxation to address these issues.

The White Paper on the Reform of the Federation will '... seek to clarify roles and responsibilities to ensure that, as far as possible, the States and Territories are sovereign in their own sphere, so that voters know who is responsible for what'.

The Prime Minister in his Sir Henry Parkes Commemorative Dinner address at Tenterfield on 25 October 2014 said that '... the Government is determined to make the case for change'. But he also acknowledged that consensus is required for rethinking the conventions about which level of government is responsible for the delivery of a particular service, or the revenue measures to which particular levels of government should have access. He said, '...Without a measure of consensus, any change requiring legislation is unlikely to secure parliamentary passage and the whole exercise could turn out to be futile'. He went on to say, '...Without an element of consensus, any change that's actually achieved could be reversed at the earliest opportunity and therefore hardly worth doing'.

Local government is an essential part of the Australian system of government. Local governments are democratically elected and provide for the 'good governance'¹ of local communities throughout Australia. As part of that role, councils provide crucial local planning, services, programs and infrastructure including local roads, community halls, sports, cultural and recreation facilities that underpin the life of every local community throughout Australia. In this way local government is indeed the level of government that is 'closest to the community'.

It is therefore an important partner and stakeholder in the development of a national consensus on any reform proposal and should help shape this debate and make its contribution to the White Paper process. The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has had input to these papers, and in consultation with state and territory local government associations has made submissions on relevant matters. ALGA also intends to make substantial submissions to the Green Papers expected to be released on the Federation and Taxation during this process and encourages all councils to become actively involved in this process.

The NGA debate on motions and associated discussions will help to inform the ALGA Board in formulating these submissions.

¹ See objects of state and territory Local Government Acts.

How Can Councils Submit Motions

The National General Assembly of Local Government is an important opportunity for you and your council to influence the national policy agenda.

To assist you and your council to identify motions that address the theme of the NGA the ALGA Secretariat has prepared this short discussion paper. You are encouraged to read all of the sections of the Paper, but are not expected to respond to every question contained in them. Your motion/s can address one or all of the issues identified in the discussion paper.

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and then debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must follow the following principles:

1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally;
2. Be consistent with the themes of the Assembly
3. Complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association;
4. propose a clear action and outcome, and
5. not be advanced on behalf of external third parties which may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of local government.

Motions should generally be in a form that seek the NGA's support for a particular action or policy change, at the Federal level which will assist local governments to meet local community needs. For example: That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to restore indexation to local government financial assistance grants.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA Website at: www.alga.asn.au. All motions require among other things: a contact officer; a clear national objective; a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and endorsement of your council. Motions should be received by ALGA no later than 11:59pm on Friday 17 April 2015, electronically in the prescribed format.

All motions submitted will be reviewed by the National General Assembly Committee as well as by State and Territory Local Government Associations to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers. When reviewing motions, the Committee considers the importance and relevance of the issue to local government. Please note that motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued. Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state/territory local government association, and will not be included in the Business Papers.

For more information, please contact the Director, National Events on (02) 6122 9400.

Introduction

During the 2013 Federal election campaign the Coalition announced their intention to produce a White Paper on the Reform of the Federation if they were to win Government. In addition, the Coalition promised to produce a White Paper on Taxation.

As a result, on 28 June 2014 the Commonwealth Government released the Terms of Reference for a White Paper on the Reform of the Federation. These can be found at <https://federation.dpmc.gov.au/>. At the time of writing the Terms of Reference for the White Paper on Taxation were not publicly available.

The Federation White Paper process will include the release of a Green Paper which will canvas options for reform in the latter part of 2015, and ultimately the White Paper which will outline '...a clear, well defined and timely policy platform', during the lead up to the next Federal election.

The Commonwealth has released five issues papers to engage interested parties on some of the key issues that will be considered in the White Paper Process. These are:

Issues Paper 1 - A Federation for Our Future

Issues Paper 2 - Roles and Responsibilities in Housing and Homelessness

Issues Paper 3 - Roles and Responsibilities in Health

Issues Paper 4 - Roles and Responsibilities in Education

Issues Paper 5 - COAG and Federal Financial Relations

Copies can be found at: <https://federation.dpmc.gov.au/issues-papers>

A separate Discussion Paper on Taxation is expected to be released in the coming weeks.

This National General Assembly (NGA) provides an important opportunity for local government to debate issues and options for reform, as well as to develop a national position ahead of the White Paper on the Reform of the Federation and White Paper on Taxation.

Councils and NGA delegates are strongly encouraged to read these discussion papers prior to submitting motion for this year's NGA.

Local Government in the Federation

Local government in Australia pre-dates Federation. The City of Adelaide was established in 1840, the first local government in the extensive network which exists today.

The formation of the early municipal authorities built on local initiatives inspired by local citizens who recognised and acted on the need for the provision of local services and infrastructure which were not being provided by colonial administrations. Typically, the municipal authority provided traditional property services such as local roads, waste management and through these services (waste, waste water and sewerage) environmental health services to meet local needs. Over time local authorities began to provide utilities and services such as electricity and gas. Gradually colonial administrations / states began to aggregate and regulate local networks such as electricity and take them over. In addition, over time, states began to prescribe local services that should be provided locally by the

municipal government including the provision of regulatory services, planning and other services.

Arguably this was just the beginning of some 'blurring' of roles, responsibilities and accountability between the existing two levels of governments in Australia. It also, inevitably, led to the significant debates about funding responsibilities. The evolution of the roles and responsibilities between states and local government is an important part of the story of how government institutions evolved to meet the emerging needs and demands of Australians. On 1 January 1901 our current Federal system was formalised.

As Commonwealth and state relations evolved, local government continued to operate at the local level. In the 1970s both the Whitlam and Fraser Governments, supported the need for the rapid expansion of government services, including municipal services in local communities. In addition, there was a recognition of the need for Commonwealth/states services to be delivered locally and the Commonwealth forged a direct relationship with local government through the provision of funds to local government.

The Fraser Government formalised support by establishing the system of Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs). Local government received a guaranteed share of Personal Income Tax through the *Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act 1976*. Under the Act the amount of local government's share was to rise to 2%. The Hawke Government scrapped that approach and, after an inquiry in 1985, introduced a new Act at the same time as maintaining the system of FAGs.

FAGs aimed to facilitate Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation (HFE) and support the national provision of local government services. Commonwealth responsibility to maintain funding to local government (in this broad sense) was reconfirmed during the negotiation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in 1999. The concept of the Commonwealth funding (part funding) local services nationally was taken further with the advent of the highly successful and much need Roads to Recovery program (R2R) in 2000.

White Paper Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the White Paper on the Reform of the Federation set out four overarching questions for investigation. These are:

- What are the practicalities of limiting policy and funding to core national interest matters, as typified by the matters in section 51 of the Constitution?
- How can overlap between Local, State and Commonwealth responsibilities or involvement in the delivery and funding of public programs be reduced or, if appropriate be eliminated?
- How can we achieve agreement between States and Commonwealth Governments about their distinct and mutually exclusive responsibilities and subsequent funding sources for associated programs?
- How can we achieve equity and sustainability in the funding of any programmes that are deemed to be the responsibility of more than one level of government.

These four questions are the starting point for the national debate and for councils to consider in the development of NGA motions.

The challenge of this NGA can be considered at two levels:

- 1. identify and propose potential reform of the Federation, including funding relationships, that will improve the operation of the Federation and improve government service delivery to the Australian people, and*
- 2. from a Local Government perspective, propose reforms that should occur to strengthen Local Government, and / or, if there are reforms to Commonwealth and state relations by shifting roles and responsibilities, how can any adverse impacts on Local Government and local communities be addressed.*

Principles and criteria to be applied when allocating roles and responsibilities between different levels of government

The White Paper on the Reform of the Federation will consider principles and criteria to be applied when allocating roles and responsibilities between different levels of government. They can be considered 'design principles' for designing, or re-designing, our Federation. The White Paper's Terms of Reference set out six principles:

- accountability for performance in delivering outcomes;
- subsidiarity;
- national interest considerations;
- equity, efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery;
- durability; and
- fiscal sustainability.

It is important to note that this list extends the list of four principles agreed at the Special Premiers' Conferences in 1990 and 1991 as part of a previous attempt to reform our Federation. The four principles agreed at that time were nationhood, subsidiarity, structural efficiency and accountability. The focus on structural efficiency was borne out in the New Federalism agenda given expression in the National Competition Policy.

The first Issues Paper provides detailed descriptions of each principle and importantly it suggests that it is important to realise that these principles will often be in conflict, and in choosing between different policy options, governments will necessarily need to consider the trade-offs between them.

It poses the following questions:

- Are these the right principles? Are there additional principles that should be considered?
- How should these principles be prioritised?
- What are the likely trade-offs between the principles that need to be considered?

Motions are invited on whether these principles are the right principles. For example a motion in the following form:

That this NGA supports (or does not support some or all of) the following six principles and criteria as outlined in Issues Paper No 1 to be applied when allocating roles and responsibilities between different levels of government

- *accountability for performance in delivering outcomes;*
- *subsidiarity;*
- *national interest considerations;*
- *equity, efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery;*
- *durability; and*
- *fiscal sustainability.*

Motions are invited on specific examples on how these principle and criteria should be applied to specific services that are directly relevant to Local Government.

White Paper Issues Papers

Issues Paper Number 1, A Federation for Our Future (September 2014) begins with a discussion of the Federation from 1 January 1901 and goes on to discuss the evolution of the Federation including the Constitutional basis of the allocation of roles and responsibilities between the Commonwealth and the states and territories. Over time, the paper suggests, roles and responsibilities for service provision between the Commonwealth and state boundaries became blurred.

The second, third and fourth Issues Paper are related to specific portfolios. These include: housing and homelessness; health; and education. The final Issues Paper deals with COAG and Federal Financial Relations.

The Issues Papers only briefly touch on local government with little discussion of the evolution of the current Commonwealth, state and local government relationship.

In light of this, a series of questions arise about Local Government's responsibilities including what is Local Government's current role in these areas, what the role should be and how it should be funded.