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Bishopsbourne Progress Association Inc.

1. **Present:** L. Ebbelaar, H&G McGee, J. Carins, D&T Dobson, Sue Bewg,

2. **Apologies:** M & V Taylor, P. Franks

3. **Conformation of minutes:**

Moved D. Dobson 2nd T. Dobson

Minutes from the 12/5/2015.

4. **Business rising:**

- Septic system - ongoing has now gone to Wayne who is going to chase up the designers.
- M. Polley is our special person to be in contact with the council.
- Coaches lane - ongoing with council re.Wayne.
- Taylors - Vernetta / Macca very much appreciated the get well gifts and thoughts.

5. **Financial Report:**

-As presented ,Total \$4,558.86

- Expenses \$ 1,381.94

Gordon moved to accept report on behalf of the Treasurer

moved Gordon - 2nd D. Dobson, carried

6. **Correspondence in:**

- Amanda Mason - reminder for me to get the hall audit in.
- Septic tank on going.
- Trixie - Macca is not well and will have another 6 weeks rest.
- Sue Bewg- cars still speeding around town.

motion - contact council to move the signs and reduce the speed limit to 60km.

2nd Dennis carried

7. **Correspondence out:**

- Nil

8. **General Business:**

- Do we need some people to help with the bar. Andy Byard to look in to the RSA.
- Treasurer - Andy Byard has accepted the role.

9. **Bookings:** None known of.

Meeting closed 9.25 signed Chairman

Minutes of the meeting of the Ross Community Sports Club Inc.
held on Tuesday July 14th 2015 Clubrooms 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT-: P. & P. Kirk, R. Goss, Karen Donlon, O. & S. Kay, S. Langridge, D. Rule and M. Jones.

APOLOGIES-: G. & P. Lewis, Keven Donlon, T. Woodard and E. Goss.

MINUTES -: 'Moved by S. Kay and seconded by Pat Kirk that the minutes be accepted.'
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING -: Val from Post office informed us that the Rodeo is purchasing a defibrillator for the township; Committee said if needed more funds, we were happy to contribute. New carpet and tiles have been laid in Clubrooms and looks great. P. Kirk said he will get the hand rails put in the toilets in the near future.

FINANCIAL REPORTS -: 'Moved by S. Langridge and seconded by D. Rule that the Treasurer's Reports be accepted and that accounts be passed for payment.' CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE -:

IN - 1. NMC - Food business Registration.

2. NMC – Response to Grant Application – acceptance.

3. CTACSB Inc. – Letter for donation towards insurance.

'Moved by S. Kay and seconded by Pete Kirk that we give the CTACBS a \$1000.' CARRIED

'Moved by Karen Donlon and seconded by M. Jones that we accept the correspondence.'
CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS -:

Rose Goss asked about the dogs on the Oval, Committee resolved to ask Council for 'doggy doo bags' dispenser and signage to put at entrance to the recreation ground.

Pete Kirk asked if we could get some signage for our two big fundraiser days, Picnic in Ross and Vintage motorcycles, members to check out what is available when in Launceston. Motorcycles are here on the 22nd November this year and Picnic in Ross back on the 15th May 2016.

Ross marathon Committee emailed S. Kay if they could hire the toilets and ground for parking on the day of the Marathon, Sue replied we were happy for them to use at no cost to them.

'Committee resolved that S.Kay purchase a new vacuum cleaner, as she uses it she can choose it.' CARRIED

Chairman said if anyone wanted any of the old carpet to see him and organise to get it.

Meeting closed at 7.35p.m.

Next meeting will be at the Clubrooms, September 8th 2015, 7pm.

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE CRESSY LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CRESSY MEMORIAL HALL
ON WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY 2015 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

1 PRESENT

Mrs Fae Cox, Mrs Ann Green, Mrs Helen Williams, Mr Andy Turnham, Mr David Bassett, Mr Daniel Rowbottom, Mr Peter Goss, Mrs Maurita Taylor

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Richard Goss, Cr Mary Knowles, Miss Amanda Mason (Executive Officer)

3 APOLOGIES

Mrs Helen Howard, Mrs Angela Jenkins

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Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mrs Helen Williams/Mrs Ann Green

That the minutes of the Cressy Local District Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 27 May 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried Unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**6.1 TV in Hall Foyer**

The Committee to note new television has been purchased for the Hall Foyer.

6.2 Council website

Photo of the Hall has been taken and to be uploaded onto website.

6.3 Manuka honey

Committee to discuss information circulated by Mr Bassett.

Mr Bassett reported he has had conversations with Council's NRM Officer, Monique Case regarding the proposal. He has also spoken with Nicola Charles, the Secretary of the Tasmanian Bee Keepers Association who have expressed interest in the project. It was noted that manuka would be a good food source for bees when they are not pollinating farmer's crops.

Mr Bassett has an appointment with Eric Hutchinson next Wednesday to discuss the proposed project.

It was noted that Green Army funding is open for projects such as this.

Action

Information to be passed on to Ms Case and updates provided as available.

6.4 AED Unit in Cressy

Action

Miss Mason to make enquiries as to whether the pool AED Unit be placed at the fire station during the winter season.

7 MATTERS IN PROGRESS

7.1 Telstra Pits

Remaining pits for repair by Telstra are:

- Macquarie Street;
- Opposite the park in Church Street;
- Approx. 54 Saundridge Road.

7.2 Cressy History Project

7.2.1 History board

Complete. Thank you to Damien Wilson from the Council for erecting the board.

Unveiling of the board and afternoon tea. Proposed date: Friday 28th of August at 3:15pm.

Have When the Queen Comes to Town video running at Hall at same time.

Action

Mrs Cox to contact principal of Cressy District High School regarding students catering afternoon tea.

Miss Mason to confirm Mayor availability and print flyers.

Mr Rowbottom to distribute flyers.

7.2.2 Plaques

Complete.

7.2.3 Green Walk / Plinth

Committee reviewed drawing of proposed plinth. Proposed location: facing the Main Street, 60cm back from fence, 270cm in from the right. Estimated cost of plinth is \$1,000.

Action

Mrs Cox to make enquiry with RSL regarding which way plinth should face (whether there is requirement to face the cenotaph).

Mrs Cox to make enquiry with Dunnes re cost of plaque.

Miss Mason to make funding application to the RSL for the plinth and plaque.

Miss Mason to check on planning requirements for plinth with Council.

7.3 Perth Bypass

Awaiting final design from State Growth on road location.

7.4 Rural Processing Centre

The Committee to note the following decision made at the July Council meeting outlining actions for Council to take in respect to a Rural Processing Centre:

That Council:

- 1) *Participate in advocacy surrounding the issues of power supply, water supply, packing, cold storage and freight distribution for the northern region and the State.*
- 2) *Include the identification and assessment of the optimal locations and viability for rural industries precincts in the Northern Midlands, in the scope of the land use strategy.*
- 3) *Facilitate half yearly workshops with interested rural practitioners.*
- 4) *Seek ways to welcome seasonal workers to the community, and encourage suitable accommodation in the towns.*
- 5) *Support centralised accommodation for casual workers, which will facilitate the coordination of workers.*
- 6) *Seek agreement from real estate agencies to place suitable rental listings on Council's website.*
- 7) *Prepare a draft amendment to the planning scheme to place a specific area plan over the two precincts.*

7.5 Dump Point at Cressy Recreation Ground

Funds allocated in 2015/16 budget for installation of dump point at the Cressy Recreation Ground.

7.6 Strategic Plan for Cressy

Entrance statements – awaiting advice from Council as to which town/s will be considered first.

Mrs Ann Green / Mr Andy Turnham

That Council consider the Cressy as a priority for town entrance statements.

Carried unanimously

Christmas decorations

Action

Miss Mason to make enquiries re Tasmanian Community Fund application for street

Christmas decorations.

8 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 2015/16 Northern Midlands Council budget

The Committee to note that in addition to those items listed on the Strategic Plan, funding has been allocated for building improvements to the Cressy Recreation Ground.

Street trees are to be considered in 2016/17 tree plan for municipal area.

Action

Miss Mason to provide copy of budget letter to committee members.

8.2 Other business

- Bus shelter on Main Street

Action

Miss Mason to seek update from Works Department on progress.

- Grading and gravel at far end of Macquarie St (near pump house) required. Noted Macquarie Street has been graded this week.

- Light on pole near reservoir

Action

Miss Mason to report outage to TasWater/Aurora.

- Rubbish on side of Cressy Road. It was noted rubbish is collected daily.

Action

Miss Mason to pass on advice that some rubbish is being left.

- Ivy trimmed at cenotaph.

Action

Miss Mason to issue customer request.

- Plaque for halfway school on Cressy Road.

Action

Miss Mason to make enquiries.

- Plaque in the Cressy Park needs a clean up (render and cleaned/replaced).

Action

Miss Mason to issue customer request.

- Cressy Road between Cressy and Green Rises Road has become very bumpy.

Action

Miss Mason to issue request to State Growth to review for safety.

- Signs for overnight camping at the Recreation Ground.

Action: Miss Mason to confirm overnight camping is in place as it was noted many campers pull up, gates are closed and they drive off.

Miss Mason to also follow up re signage.

9 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7:48pm.

The next meeting to be held on 30 September 2015 at 7:00pm.

MINUTES

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MEETING OF THE CAMPBELL TOWN DISTRICT FORUM HELD IN THE UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM AT THE TOWN HALL, CAMPBELL TOWN ON TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST 2015 COMMENCING AT 10:30AM

1 PRESENT

Mrs Jill Clarke (Chairperson), Mr Bevis Perkins, Ms Sally Hills, Mrs Judith Lyne, Mrs Jill Davis, Mr Owen Diefenbach, Mrs Debbie Thomas (from 11:02am)

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Bill Chugg (Guest), Ms Laura Double (Guest), Miss Amanda Mason (Executive Officer), Mr Des Jennings (General Manager - from 10:35)

3 APOLOGIES

Mr John Ashman, Mr Michael Roach, Cr Leisa Gordon

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Nil declarations.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ms Sally Hills/Mr Bevis Perkins

That the minutes of the meeting of the Campbell Town District Forum held on Tuesday, 7 July 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

6 PRESENTATION BY BILL CHUGG RE MUSEUM PROPOSAL

Mr Chugg addressed the Forum on a proposal to display war time memorabilia in the Campbell Town Hall as an addition to the existing exhibitions on display by About Campbell Town Inc.

Mr Chugg offered to volunteer at the museum one day per month and is seeking coverage of the exhibition under the existing insurance over the Campbell Town Museum.

It was noted that the exhibition would not include items of significant value and would easily be dismantled in the event the Hall was hired and when the Campbell Town market is on. Mr Chugg advised that he would dismantle the display on the occasions this was required. Items of significant value could be displayed for special events/occasions.

It was noted that the proposal would not impact on the existing exhibition by About Campbell Town Inc as it would be in the Hall itself.

The Forum noted the proposal would be complimentary to the existing exhibition and expressed its support.

Mrs Clarke thanked Mr Chugg for his attendance.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Memorandum of Understanding

Listed for discussion on Council workshop.

6.2 Meeting dates and times

Day and time to be set by Forum. Noting will need to be on different day to Ross Local District Committee.

Action

The Forum resolved to meet at 9:30 am on the first Tuesday of the month.

6.3 CCTV

The Forum noted an advert was placed in today's Your Region and is scheduled again for a future edition, advising businesses of Council's CCTV Policy.

7 MATTERS IN PROGRESS

7.1 Campbell Town Strategic Plan

Forum to note most priorities for year 1 of the strategic plan have been budgeted for 2015/16.

Discussion to be had on Entrance Statements (see item 7.1)

7.2 Campbell Town Traffic Management Strategy

Update on progress of matter to be provided. Forum to note Mr Jennings has meeting scheduled with State Growth.

It was noted by the Forum that Mr Jennings has a meeting scheduled with State Growth on 13 or 14 August to discuss both a Traffic Management Strategy for Campbell Town as well as entrance statements to the town.

The query was raised as to whether or not a proposal has ever been developed. Mr Jennings advised that a proposal for traffic management had not been developed to his knowledge, however, should this occur, there would certainly be community consultation and input into the proposal.

It was noted that suggestion of a truck detour down East Street has previously been raised, however, bypass of Campbell Town is not on the table.

Action

Further updates to be provided as available.

7.3 Valentines Park Sign

Signs have been printed and frames being made. Estimated installation date September.

7.4 Campbell Town War Memorial Oval

Financial & Economic Analysis in progress. Progress report to be provided next meeting.

It was noted by the Forum that Mrs Davis had met with the consultants and discussed the following issues:

- What impact would building the facility have on other businesses in the town;
- The development should be built in a way that can allow for future expansion for additional facilities eg. netball court;
- Who would manage the facility.

It was noted by the Forum that Campbell Town is a good central location for state based team training of a number of sports.

Action

Further updates to be provided as available.

7.5 Works / Infrastructure items

Item	Status	Action
Flower boxes / low maintenance garden beds	Flower boxes to be made into seats and plants placed beside.	Works & Infrastructure
Refuse station	Enquiry in respect to wash facilities at station where chemical drums received. Council to conduct risk assessment.	Corporate Services
Conara Park	Public toilet at Conara has been removed. Council liaising with State Growth re reinstatement of facility.	State Growth
St Lukes Church light	Light is not owned by Council. Appears to have been vandalised.	Mrs Davis to refer to the parish Council.

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Macquarie Road – Morningside Bridge to Ashby Road

Enquiry was made in respect to the condition of the road. It was noted by the Committee that Council is working with the property owner to resolve the matter.

Action

Further updates to be provided as available.

8.2 Clock

When will covers be reinstalled on the clock on the Town Hall?

Action

Miss Mason to confirm with Works Department and report back.

8.3 Sealing of Lake Leake Road

Is Council going to seal the road in front of the Chalet at Lake Leake?

Action

Miss Mason to confirm with Works Department and report back.

8.4 Bendigo Bank

Mrs Lyne reported on attending an informal meeting in Oatlands regarding the Bendigo Bank. It was noted that ANZ has withdrawn from Oatlands and it has been mooted that Bendigo would like a branch in the midlands. The Deputy Mayor of Southern Midlands Council was also in attendance.

Outcome of the informal meeting was that Oatlands would be interested in hearing further information from the Bendigo Bank regarding the establishment of a community bank.

Bendigo Bank are proactive in giving back to the town – two projects Bendigo Bank has funded in Sorrell and Levendale were noted by the Forum. In encouraging a community bank to establish it is important to have one driver.

Action

Miss Mason to contact Lynn Hayward of Bendigo Bank and invite her to attend the next meeting of the Campbell Town District Forum to discuss establishing a community bank in a rural town.

8.5 Bauxite mine

The Forum discussed a recent article in the newspaper re local Bauxite mine and employment.

8.6 Maintenance issues

Truelands Road – iron gate requires replacement at entry in to Football Ground.

Stormwater catchment into Church paddock on William Street needs unblocking.

Cr High & Pedder Street – fire hazard.

Action

Customer requests to be issued.

8.7 Traffic Study

It was noted by Mr Chugg that consideration should be given to a traffic island between JJs and the chemist on High Street in the traffic study.

9 CLOSURE

Chairperson closed meeting at 11:23 am.

Next meeting to be held **1 September 2015 at 9:30am** at the Town Hall, upstairs meeting room.

Planning Application Delegated Decisions - July:

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

Project	Details	Address	Applicant	No of LUPAA days	Perm / Disc / Exempt
DELEGATED DECISIONS					
P15-129	Dwelling addition & alteration, garage/carport	1 Church Street, Campbell Town	E Watson (D Watson)	29	D
P15-139	Demolition of amenities block	24 King Street, Campbell Town	Northern Midlands Council	15	D
P15-148	Signage for Kirklands Church	Valleyfield Road, Campbell Town	H Skerritt	29	P
P15-195	Dwelling & garage	21 Torlesse Street, Campbell Town	Island Quality Homes Construction	0	E

MINUTES

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MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST 2015 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM**1 PRESENT**

Mr Keith Draper (Chair), Mr Allan Cameron, Mr Terence Jacobson, Mr Herbie Johnson, Mrs Christine Robinson, Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Mrs Fiona Doe, Mr Arthur Thorpe

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Helen McQuade (Ross Motel & Caravan Park), Mr Brian and Mrs Candyce Hurren (Classwood), Miss Amanda Mason (Executive Officer)

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Andrew Calvert, Cr Leisa Gordon,

4 GUESTS

Mr Draper welcomed Ms McQuade and Mr and Mrs Hurren to the meeting and members introduced themselves.

Brian and Candyce Hurren – Classwood

Mr & Mrs Hurren gave a brief introduction advising they have moved to Tasmania from WA and purchased Classwood.

Helen McQuade – Ross Motel and Caravan Park

Ms McQuade gave a brief introduction advising her and Mr Fost have also moved from WA. The purpose of Ms McQuade's attendance at the meeting is to identify the protocol between the committee and Council and what the process is for actioning requests.

Mr Draper explained that the Ross Local District Committee is an advisory committee to Council that provides proposals for improvements and projects for the town. Ideas or proposals for the community can be filtered through the Committee to Council.

Ms McQuade requested some dog clean up bags and signage at the river bank in front of the Caravan Park.

Action

Miss Mason to put customer request in for dog clean up bags.

Miss Mason to circulate minutes to Ms McQuade and Mr and Mrs Hurren.

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Mr Johnson declared an interest in item 7.4 – Light Industrial Area.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Allan Cameron/ Mr Arthur Thorpe

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 7 July 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 Meeting times

Committee to agree on date and time for meetings, noting will need to be different to Campbell Town District Forum.

The Committee resolved to meet at 3:00pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

7.2 Ross Strategic Plan

Committee to discuss the following items in respect to the Strategic Plan:

- Entrance statements;
 - o Discussion was had in respect to entrance statements to the town – to be discussed further post Council meetings with State Growth.
 - o Zoning – re heritage entrance to Ross – review of information from Southern Midlands Council in respect to requirements for rezoning.
- Tree review (audit has been undertaken in past month – awaiting recommendations out of audit).

Action:

Miss Mason to provide Committee with recommendations of tree audit (relevant to Ross).

7.3 Bus stop

Committee to discuss designated bus stop in Ross.

Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper/Mrs Jill Bennett

That Council investigate the installation of a bus stop and shelter on Church Street, Ross on the land next to the Town Hall and in front of the Public Toilet for all school buses.

Carried unanimously

It was requested that the community consultation process be identified, as well as a timeframe for completion should Council endorse the recommendation.

7.4 Light Industrial Area in Ross

Committee to discuss proposal for Council to investigate creating a Light Industrial Zone in Ross.

Mr Johnson declared an interest and left the room at 1:35pm.

The following advice was provided to the Committee as a result of review of Ross Local District Committee meeting minutes, Northern Midlands Council meeting minutes and discussion with the Northern Midlands Council Planning Department:

1. July 2013 – Representation was made to NMC that there be a light industrial zone in Ross, recommending 1 Fitzroy Street, Ross.
2. July 2013 - Mr Cameron as Chair of the Ross Local District Committee supported the representation.
3. October 2013 – NMC recommended to the Planning Commission that 1 Fitzroy Street be zoned light industrial when the Interim Planning Scheme was made final.
4. 2015 – Interim Scheme still has not been made final.
5. January 2015 – legislation changed, preventing rezoning from occurring in the finalisation of the Interim Planning Scheme.

In order to progress the rezoning of a parcel of land, a private property owner would be required to make an application to Council for a formal amendment to the Planning Scheme.

The Ross Local District Committee can support a proposal for rezoning, should it agree with it but cannot make application on behalf of private property owners.

Action

It was resolved by the Committee to consider any rezoning applications if and/when they arise.

Mr Johnson returned to the meeting at 1:50pm.

7.5 Canon

Update to be provided in respect to progressing to cover canon.

Meeting held between Miss Mason and Red Arrow re structure to cover the canon.

Mrs Cadogan-Cowper advised meeting scheduled with representatives from Port Arthur on 24 August to discuss other interpretive signage around Ross. Suggestion was made that two projects be combined.

Concern was raised re timeframe for combining the two projects and a suggestion was made that the restoration and cover of canon be one project and perhaps the interpretive signage be incorporated into another project.

Action:

Mrs Cadogan-Cowper to contact Miss Mason post meeting with representatives from Port Arthur to discuss further.

8 MATTERS IN PROGRESS**8.1 Motions to Council**

Motion (17/02/2015): *The Ross Local District Committee request the Northern Midlands Council to have all cats registered is being investigated by Council officers.*

Update:

To be provided in January 2016 when outcome of State Government Cat Management Plan released.

Motion (05/05/2015): *That the Ross Canon be included on the heritage listing in the Northern Midlands Council Planning Scheme was noted by Council at its meeting of 18 May 2015 for investigation by Council and has been referred to the Planning Department to be included in next amendment to the Northern Midlands Planning Scheme.*

Update:

Time frame is dependant on finalisation of Interim Scheme. Hoped to be in the next 12 months.

Motion (05/05/2015): *That Council investigate the possibility of offering a subsidy for returning bottles/can/drink bottles was noted by Council at its meeting of 18 May 2015 and has been referred to Northern Regional Waste Management committee.*

8.2 Ross Public Toilet

Works to be completed in 2015/16.

9 NEW BUSINESS**9.1 Self contained motor homes**

Committee to discuss free overnight camping for self contained motor homes in Ross.

Discussion was had in respect to having an area for free overnight self contained motor homes in Ross. Consideration was given to existing caravan park in the town.

Action:

The Committee resolved not to proceed with the proposal.

9.2 Vintage machinery display

Committee to discuss proposal to display vintage machinery in Ross.

It was noted that there is vintage machinery on surrounding farms and this could be placed on display at Ross. Suggestion was made for the vacant land opposite the Recreation Ground.

Action:

Mr Johnson to put together a proposal for next meeting.

9.3 Walkway from Bridge to Female Factory

It was requested that Council be thanked for the work so far on the walkway from the bridge to the Female Factory.

It was noted that there has been vehicle access through the rocks at the Female Factory car park to the fence.

Action:

Miss Mason to issue customer request for removable bollard.

9.4 Ross Bridge car park

It was noted there is water lying in the car park as the drainage pipes are too high.

Action:

Miss Mason to issue customer request for review by Works Department.

9.5 Vacant land for sale in Ross

The Committee was advised that there is two blocks of vacant land in Church Street, Ross.

Action:

Mr Johnson to find out more information and report back.

9.6 Ross Marathon

It was suggested that the start of the Ross Marathon be moved to the Recreation Ground. Miss Mason advised that she has been working closely with the Ross Marathon organisers and that the suggestion has been raised to relocate the start for future events.

9.7 Trees on Chiswick Road

Mrs Doe waiting for response from property owner.

9.8 Mowing

The Committee requested Council staff take care when mowing around the trees as damage is being caused to them.

Action:

Miss Mason to issue customer request.

9.9 Walkway on northern side of the bridge

It was noted a cross and flowers have been placed at the beginning of the walkway for Nan Purdy. It is unknown who the cross relates to.

9.10 Water testing of Macquarie River

Enquiry was made as to the type of testing done in the Macquarie River and at the sewerage pond at Ross. In particular, the phosphorus levels at the outlet of the sewerage pond.

Action:

Miss Mason to follow up with TasWater and report back.

9.11 Railways at Badajos and Bridge Street

The Committee noted the vegetation growing around the railway line creating a fire hazard.

Action:

Miss Mason to issue customer request for TasRail to inspect.

9.12 Volunteers

It was raised that there should be recognition of volunteers in the Northern Midlands. Miss Mason advised the Committee that Council does run a Volunteer Recognition program and that next year it will be changing slightly to be incorporated into the municipal Australia Day event. Nominations will open in August/September.

9.13 Leave of absence

Mrs Robinson will be absent at next meeting.

10 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

Next meeting to be held **2 September 2015 at 3:00pm.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 2:43 pm.

PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES
4 AUGUST 2015 AT 5.30PM

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1 IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Michael Geeves (Chair), Mr Graeme Eberhardt, Mr Philip Dell, Mrs Christine Beswick, Mr John Stagg, Cr Mary Knowles, Mr Des Jennings, Mrs Gail Eacher (Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES

Mr Will Egan, Cr Janet Lambert

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G Eberhardt/P Dell

That the minutes of the meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 2 June 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

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No declarations received.

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) 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.

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.

The Committee agreed that Will would take the lead on construction and maintenance of the site. Will met with council officers on 22 April, at which time the following was discussed:

- two options to be considered for creating the site; either council creates/hosts/maintains it or the committee does, but there really isn't any inbetween (we can't support sites that have been created by others)
- if the committee wishes to set up own site then they would be responsible for maintaining it and keeping it up to date
- Kerin and Fiona have both offered to provide whatever photos and content that they have. Ultimately though what goes on the site and how it's setup is a decision for the committee. Will has some ideas on what he would like to do to 'Sell Perth'
- In terms of council content (eg halls, etc) the site should link directly to the relevant page on the council website so the content is always up to date. This is how all the 'town' sites were supposed to be setup
- Committee will need to make sure all images are properly attributed (where needed) and that copyright is respected
- Will would like to use a platform called Wix to set up the website. The cost is fairly low and it's easy to use. Council agreeable; however, Will would need to provide Council with usernames and passwords just in case future maintenance need to be taken over. The Wix site can't ever be moved from their platform, once it's setup with them you are locked into it. The local district committee will need to be made aware that they're on their own.
- Will can develop the site using Wix's free plan and once it's ready, we will need to start paying for it and point the perthtasmania.com domain to the new site.
- Ben will need to be kept informed re progress, especially when the site goes live he will need to make the DNS changes.
- Kerin and Fiona can assist Will with content, photo's, etc.

At the 2 June meeting the Committee were advised that the framework for the website had been prepared, skeleton at this stage; and that Will was awaiting responses from businesses.

Noted that no further information was made available to the Committee at the meeting.

ii) Perth Bypass

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

Noted that Council had formally considered the matter of a Perth Town Structure Plan and resolved:

That

1. *Council supports the preparation of the Perth Town Structure Plan;*
2. *Council's Management seek external financial support for the preparation of the Plan;*
3. *Council's Management engage with the Perth Local District Committee and local businesses to seek support for the project; and*
4. *a funding allocation is incorporated in the 2015/2016 Budget to progress the project. Council Officers will engage with the local businesses to seek support for the project.*

Noted that a meeting was being scheduled for 13 August with time and venue to be advised. Invitations would be forwarded to PRCRG in due course.

iii) 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.

iv) 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.

Committee discussed the 10 year plan concept and agreed that future planning should include provision for cycleways/bikeways, footpaths and the creation of corridors and linkages to the various areas of the town.

Noted that a power point presentation had been developed titled *Perth Development and Traffic Plan* and is available on Council's website at [www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/files/Strategic Projects/Perth Development Traffic Plan - 190315.pdf](http://www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/files/Strategic%20Projects/Perth%20Development%20Traffic%20Plan%20-%20190315.pdf)

The Committee noted that

- the footpath plan of Perth was being updated and would be circulated for consideration once complete.
- future plans included a Land Use Strategy for Perth and Entrance Statement.

v) Budget 2015/16

Noted that the following items were included in the 2015/16 budget:

- Fairtlough Street (to Doctors surgery) footpath – footpath program
- Arthur Street (Fairtlough to Clarence) – footpath program
- Fore Street turning head – road program (funded from Black Spot grant)
- Street Trees Main Street – allocation included in Street Tree Program

Hard Waste Collection for all ratepayers was not adopted for 2015/16. Waste collection/disposal options to be further considered in 2016/17.

vi) William Street Reserve

It was noted that the committee passed a resolution: *That Council investigate the opportunity of a designated dog exercise area at William Street Reserve, Perth.*

The committee discussed the virtues and encumbrances relating to the provision of a dog exercise area at the Reserve. It was noted that dogs were permitted on leash within the reserve.

G Eberhardt/J Stagg

That the motion from 2 June:

That Council investigate the opportunity of a designated dog exercise area at William Street Reserve, Perth.

be rescinded.

Carried

4 members voted in favour

1 member voted against

vii) Seccombe Street Park

The Committee noted that a customer request had been issued in respect of the motion past at 2 June meeting:

The Perth Local District Committee requests Council plant trees at Seccombe Street park.

The Committee were advised that the addition of trees would be considered in the 2016/17 program; however, seats and bins would be installed in the near future.

6 CUSTOMER REQUESTS

Date	Item	Description	Comment/ Action Taken
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.
31/3/15	Bus Stop – Clarence Street	Consideration be given to upgrade of Clarence Street bus stop, gravel and possible bus shelter.	The Committee noted that this issue requires urgent attention as the surface is inclined to be wet/boggy. May be appropriate for a hard stand be installed and for the hawthorn hedge to be cut back.

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
- 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.
- Midland Highway/Drummond Street Intersection – part of Midland Highway upgrade.

Noted that the following projects were complete or nearing completion:

- Elizabeth Street Intersection with the Midland Highway – substantially complete, only island splitter to be installed.
- Talisker Street Car Park – complete.
- Eskleigh Intersection – complete.

ii) Beautification of Perth / Town Entrance

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 (2016 at Longford).

Noted that the Cricket Club would consider participation in the event at their next meeting.

8 NEW BUSINESS

i) Talisker Street Intersection

The Committee noted issues in relation to the alignment of the intersection, in particular that on exiting Talisker Street (in order to proceed in a southerly direction) larger vehicles found it necessary to cross the median strip of the main street.

ii) Perth Community Centre

The Committee noted their displeasure at the installation of the child proof fence at the entrance to the Community Centre as:

- no consultation had taken place with the management committee;
- elderly and disabled persons found the access difficult; and
- consideration may need to be given to fire safety.

The Committee acknowledged that the safety of the children was paramount, and requested that a review of the access be conducted.

G Eberhardt/P Dell

That Council undertake a full review of the facilities at the Perth Community Centre.

Carried

iii) Weir at Perth

The Committee thanked Council for the excellent job done in regard to the repair/maintenance of the weir in the South Esk River at Perth.

9 NEXT MEETING / CLOSURE

The next meeting to be held at the Perth Community Centre Perth at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 01 September 2015.

The meeting closed 6.05pm.

**EVANDALE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES
4 AUGUST 2015 AT 7.30PM**

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1 IN ATTENDANCE

Mr J Lewis (Chairperson), Mr R von Bibra, Mrs H Houghton, Mrs K Heathcote, Mr P Page, Mr S Baldock, Mrs C Brown, Mr T Terhorst, Cr M Knowles, Mrs G Eacher (Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES

Cr J Lambert, Mr D Jennings

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

~~R von Bibra/K Heathcote~~

That the minutes of the meeting of the Evandale Advisory Committee held on Tuesday, 7 July 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.*

Nil declared.

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Evandale Main Road

The following queries raised in the past 12 months in relation to Evandale Main Road were noted (Note: long-term items have been retained under ***Item 8 Pending Items***).

Date	Description	Comment/ Action Taken
02/06/15	Speed Limits: <i>That the speed limit on Evandale Main Road revert back to 80km/h.</i>	Request for comment forwarded to Dept. of State Growth (DSG). Awaiting comment from DSG.
07/07/15	Hedgerow maintenance: Photos tabled re poor workmanship and inadequate clean-up of waste.	Awaiting response from DSG.

ii) Honeysuckle Banks

The Committee noted at the 7 July meeting that the development of the masterplan is to include: consultation with community groups and consideration of signage. It is expected that the masterplan will be completed in the 2016 calendar year.

In regard to the development of a masterplan, pages 6 to 11 of Jeff McClintock's, Intra-Town Trail/Bikeway Study (June 2011) was circulated.

The following signage has been placed on hold pending consideration in conjunction with the masterplan:

- story board - to be erected at entrance – text for story board researched, information provided.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre to be consulted. 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.

iii) Evandale Improvement Works

The following update was provided to the Committee in relation to the Evandale Improvement Works list:

- Stormwater drain at the corner of Murray and Barclay Streets: repairs have been undertaken to align the level of the concrete cover and footpath.
- Heritage style public seating – Rose Garden: A seat has been installed in the cremation section of the cemetery.
- Heritage style public seating – IGA Supermarket: A bench has been installed on the footpath at the frontage of the supermarket.
- Outdoor tables – Pioneer Park: Additional tables have been installed.
- Pioneer Park – cemetery vault with headstones: information received that the vault had been unveiled several years ago with no useable materials found. Recommended not to progress.

iv) Memorandum of Understanding

The MOU was previously discussed at the 2 June and 7 July meetings.

On 7 July the Committee requested that the matter be held over for consideration at the August meeting.

Ryan Bibra/K Heathcote

That the Committee

1. *adopt the attached Memorandum of Understanding;*
2. *authorise the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding*
3. *note that*
 - i) *the next Annual General Meeting of the Committee will be held in July 2016; and*
 - ii) *the current term of membership of members will expire after ratification of the new membership at the Council Meeting in June/July 2016.*

Carried

Voting:

- 6 for the motion*
1 against the motion
1 abstention

v) NBN

At the 2 June meeting, the Committee noted/queried the following:

- The location of the nodes;
- Whether NBN installation is exempt from planning permits;
- Whether the community have any input in relation to location of installation.

On 7 July information to hand indicated that

- Planning approval was required for installation of NBN infrastructure in a heritage area and that NBN Co had been advised accordingly.
- A meeting was scheduled to be held for NBN Co and Council to meet.

The following information which was tabled at the 20 July Council meeting was noted:

The Telstra Engagement Specialist had organised for Council Works & Infrastructure and Planning staff to meet on site to discuss the location of the nodes, but later advised that the meeting was not proceeding.

The NBN nodes are generally exempt from planning approval under clause 5.3.1 of the Northern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2013:

5.0.1 Use or development described in subclauses 5.1 – 5.9 is exempt from requiring a permit under this planning scheme.

5.3.1 Telecommunications works within the scope of any of the following:

- (a) development of low impact facilities as defined in Part 3 of the Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 1997.

In accordance with Part 3 of the Determination, a Pillar, Roadside Cabinet, or Pedestal, not more than 2 metres high, and with a base area of not more than 2 square metres, is a Low Impact Facility unless located within an Area of Environmental Significance.

Part 2.5 (6) of the Determination states that an area is an area of environmental significance if it is entered in the Register of the National Estate or the Interim List for that Register.

The Department of Environment lists Evandale in the Register of the National Estate, and advises that the Register is no longer a statutory list.

Council's planning department advised Telstra, acting as a delivery partner for NBN, that as Evandale is on the Register of the National Estate, it is an Area of Environmental Significance, and therefore the proposed nodes are not a low impact facility, and therefore require planning approval.

Telstra was of the view that that the Register of the National Estate has now ceased to be a statutory heritage register, and that consequently the RNE should no longer be regarded as an area of environmental significance.

Council's planning department advised Telstra that it had referred the matter for legal advice, and requested that, pending receipt of such advice, works for the installation of these node and pillars not commence in Evandale.

Council's legal advice is that:

The Register of the National Estate was established pursuant to the Australian Heritage Commission Act 1975. The Act was amended with effect from 19 February 2012 in a way which deleted all references to the Register and any obligation to maintain it. Therefore, with effect from 19 February 2012, the Register ceased to operate as a statutory instrument. It follows that any reference to the Register, as if it operates as a current document, in any other legislative instrument, is ineffective because there is no Register of the National Estate which attracts the operation of clause 2.5 (6) of the Determination. Therefore Evandale is not currently on the Register of the National Estate and therefore the areas of environmental significance clause as contained in the Determination do not have application to Evandale.

Council's planning department advised Telstra that Council's legal advice was that Evandale is not an Area of Environmental Significance under the Determination. Therefore, the installation of the nodes is exempt from planning approval under clause 5.3.1 of the Northern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2013.

Council's planning department asked Telstra if their proposed locations could be referred to Council's Evandale Advisory Committee for the Committee's input. Telstra advised that:

The field team have done an excellent job of siting these nodes given the constraints of the sitings especially with heritage. Telstra are very limited with locations when designing the location for these nodes. Consideration needs to be given to cultural, environmental and heritage issues along with network design and NBN Co business rules. These locations now designed to the maximum network capacity, therefore any further moves would be unsuitable.

Information relating to the locations of the nodes was circulated.

P. Page/R.von Bibra

That Council request NBN Co. to comply with the Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995 and be sympathetic to the heritage values of Evandale.

Carried

vi) Pedestrian Refuge – Russell Street

This matter was previously discussed at the July meeting, at which time the committee raised concerns relating to safety and necessity of the pedestrian refuge to be installed on Russell Street (in the vicinity of the entrance to Falls Park) and requested alternate solutions be considered.

The committee noted that this project would not proceed and requested that appropriate pedestrian signage be installed at the Rodgers Lane end of the road.

It was noted that sections of the hawthorn hedge at Falls Park had been removed to accommodate pedestrian movements.

Action

Customer Request: pedestrian signage be installed at the Rodgers Lane end of the road.

6 CUSTOMER REQUESTS/ACTION ITEMS**i) Task List**

Date	Item	Description	Comment/ Action Taken
02/12/14	Cambock Lane footpath (on Glover Court)	Cracks in footpath in Cambock Lane (near Glover Court) expanding.	To be resubmitted – to be inspected by Works Dept.
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.	Signage in production. Committee requested that Yellow 'no parking' roadmarkings be painted on roadway at the frontage of the sign.
03/02/15	Cambock Lane – footpath	Footpath on Cambock Lane (vicinity of No. 6) needs top dressing.	To be resubmitted – to be inspected by Works Dept.
03/02/15	Water/ fire Hydrants	Signage and maintenance of water/fire hydrants needs to be undertaken.	TasWater contacted – to commence repainting in accordance with Standard. Committee requested that Council ensure that triangle roadmarkings are also painted.
7/7/15	Owners not picking up dog faeces	Animal Control Officer to undertake spot checks	Customer request issued
7/7/15	Owners not picking up dog faeces	owner education item to be placed in Country Courier and Examiner's – Your Region	Country Courier – September publication.
7/7/15	Litter at Morven Park	especially in vicinity of skate park (and up to hedge at Cambock Lane) particularly after sports matches	S Baldock to refer to Morven Park Management Committee.
7/7/15	Water leak - Rodgers Lane at entrance to Pioneer Park	Water leak at TasWater water connection in Rodgers Lane at entrance to Pioneer Park – water runs into Scone Street, witches hats are in place	Referred to TasWater.

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

- Auburn (prev. Hawthorn) Youth Exchange program - August.

ii) Community Centre/ Memorial Hall

- Light on bookings
- Spring Awakening – 5 September
- Flying School celebration – 22 August – service at Cenotaph and BBQ at Community Centre
- Mural to be installed in due course.

iii) Neighbourhood Watch

- Speaker to present on NBN at Prince of Wales Hotel on 20 October at 3pm
- Delivery area extended to White Hills and Range Road
- Large number of visitors to facebook page
- Refurbished NHW Street signs need to be installed. One to be placed at entrance to Evandale below the RV Friendly sign and alternate location to be sought for other sign.

© Brown/H. Houghton

That the reports from community group representatives be received.

Carried

8 PENDING ITEMS**i) Evandale Main Road**

The following queries raised in relation to Evandale Main Road are on hold pending the upgrade of Evandale Main Road.

Date	Description	Comment/ Action Taken
1/04/14 & 5/08/14	Council requested to liaise with DIER re reconstruction of Evandale Main Road.	On hold - Noted that DSG to further consider speed limits on completion of airport upgrade. Awaiting outcome of discussions with DSG and Pitt & Sherry.
3/06/14	Airport round about: that DIER consider the installation of a slip-lane to allow through traffic from Evandale to proceed unhindered on Evandale Main Road.	On hold - Noted that DSG 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>
1/07/14	Breadalbane roundabout: Additional road markings on accesses to Breadalbane roundabout from Old Hobart Road and Launceston (Midland Highway)	On hold - 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.

ii) Heritage Brick Walls

In relation to the repair of wall/s at Buffalo Park, the Committee to be advised of outcome when information released by Council.

The committee noted that the area had become untidy and that, in the interim, required maintenance.

Action

Customer Request: that the area adjacent to the heritage brick walls on Buffalo Park be tidied up.

9 NEW BUSINESS**i) Customer Requests**

- Signage still in place at Falls Park from the Glover Festival held in March – needs to be removed.
- Possible trip hazard in public open space on corner of Russell and Scone Streets – pavers uneven
- Repairs to solar lighting in walkways: Saddlers Court walkway & Berresford Reserve/Arthur Street walkway
- Fire Hydrants – ensure signage is painted on roadways when TasWater is refurbishing the fire hydrants
- Handicapped Roadmarking – roadmarking signage requires maintenance – vicinity of Lake Leather and Pioneer Park (south)
- Development Applications – that Council reinstate the practice of providing DA's to the Community Centre, Post Offices and Service Tas as was previously the practice as not all Northern Midlands residents have access to the web and regularly ask to view DA's.

10 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

Chairman closed meeting at 8.45pm.

The next meeting to be held Tuesday, 1 September commencing at 7.30pm.

EVANDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Minutes of General Meeting Tuesday 4th August 2015

Chairperson: John Lewis

Meeting opened: 10.00am

1. Present: Chris Hurford, Jenny Carter, Ruth Tilsley, Adrian Jobson, Bronwyn Rigby, Peter Riley, Frank Halliwell Gillian Atherton (Minutes).
2. Apologies: Ian Goninon
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting: were read and confirmed: Frank Halliwell/Chris Hurford.

4.1 Business Arising:

- The committee for the Spring Awakening weekend, September 5th. Have the organisation of bookings, brochures etc in hand. To be lead by Martine De Lacey, Jenny Baily and Lila Meleisea. Some grocery items to be purchased for catering.
- Art Show – no new developments.
- Tear-off leaflets/maps. Letter ready to go to local service providers, still researching B&B information etc. At the same time an Evandale Community Groups folder has been researched and produced.
- B&B visit –arranged by Moirin Winnick for new volunteers, was most successful.
- Glass Atrium – cleaning has been commenced, waiting for dry weather to complete.
- New Flag – has kindly been provided by Eric Hutchinson's office.
- Solar panel research (for Memorial Hall) is on-going by Chris Hurford.
- \$50 will be sent to Trowunna as a sponsorship fee for one year.
- Fumigation bombs and mouse traps would be purchased for use.

5. Correspondence:

5.1 Inwards:

- National Trust Tasmania – notice of Clarendon closure.
- NMC – Special Project Assistance, unsuccessful.
- TP Security – alarm responses x 2, and invoice.
- Fiona Dewar – re TNT prospectus.
- Tourist Northern Tasmania – prospectus advertising, declined, too expensive.
- NMC – updated Agreement and MOU.
- Volunteer registrations.
- Appointment of Building Maintenance Officer.
- Minutes – Council Meeting.
- Evandale History Society – members' list.
- Aus Business Pages Directory – re listing, declined, too expensive.
- Grant & Anthea Maynard – re Uniting Church Committee discussions.
- NMC Amanda Mason – monthly Risk Assessment.
- Volunteering Tasmania – re membership.
- Eric Hutchinson – re grant guidelines (only applicable for Incorporated Bodies).

5.2 Outwards:

- Rosters
- Agendas/Minutes
- Newsletter

It was moved that the correspondence be accepted: Ruth Tilsley/Frank Halliwell: carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 2015

Income	July 2015	% Change	July 2014
General	\$679.35	+63%	\$417.70
Memorial Hall	\$336.00		\$72.00

Bank Balance	July 2015	Last Month
Commonwealth Bank-Cheque Account	\$493.30	\$482.61
Bankwest- Business Telenet Saver	\$4002.96	\$6191.10

General Income for July was \$679.35 which is 63% up on July 2014.

\$2200 was moved from our Telenet Saver account to cover the Aurora Electricity accounts due 8/07/2015.

A "Network Charge re Changeover Multi Phase- New Point of Attachment" of \$463.68 that was part of our Memorial Hall account has been billed to the Northern Midlands Council and has been received

Our 2014 accounting records have been released by The Northern Midlands Council after auditing. The final figures for 2014 have yet to be emailed to us in will be followed up with Martin Maddox in August.

Attached is a copy of our 2015 budget.

Treasurer 4th August 2015

There had been an operating loss of \$1707.00 for 2014.

The accounts had just been received by the Treasurer.

It was moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted: Chris Hurford/Peter Riley.

7. History Society Report: Jenny Carter

- RAAF 7EFTS Annual Barbecue will be held at the Centre 22nd August following a short Memorial Service at the Memorial Park, commencing at 11 am.
- A Morning Tea was held on 23rd July to celebrate 20th anniversary of the society. Life membership was awarded to John Hart and Stephanie Dean.
- ANZAC Day 2016 – Special Guest will be the Governor of Tasmania.

8. Centre Management: Jenny Carter

- Yoga classes now meeting on Tuesday mornings only.
- Listing of Evandale Community Groups and contacts has been developed.
- Visitor numbers on a par with 2014.
- Reminder to volunteers to count the cash at the beginning and end of each day, to avoid errors being made.

9. Community Hall report:

- Bronwyn reported that bookings at the hall had been quiet, with a Cat Show in July, and their last booked for August.
- Toilet and hand-towel paper on order.
- Bronwyn has had a request from Ben Plowright's mother, Ruth, to book the hall in November for a Memorial Service. The committee decided there would be no charge for the hall and liability insurance would be covered either by the Centre or Rotary.
- An enquiry had been made re a Principals' Conference, and Bronwyn suggested they use the Centre's large meeting room.

It was moved that the reports be accepted: Adrian Jobson/Ruth Tilsley, carried.

10. Any Other Business:

- Several members had attended an open meeting at the Uniting Church, for discussion and ideas how to use the church and grounds to the benefit of the community. Suggestions included landscaping the grounds with seating, a community garden etc. The church has structural issues to be addressed. A committee has been formed.
- The mural for the hall has been completed for the hall by Steve Badcock, and will be installed when he returns from his holiday.
- NMC has appointed a new Building Maintenance Officer who will shortly be conducting a review of all Council buildings.
- It has been decided that volunteer terms will now run for the term of the Management Agreements. New form will be required for the period 1st July 2015-30th June 2018.
- The Management Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding has been returned by the NMC for signing. (see attachment at the end of this document).
The committee wishes to have the following points clarified before signing:
 1. *Item 5c: clarification of excess water payment.*
 2. *Item 5g: typed in wrong area.*
 3. *Item 6b maintenance of exterior not in original discussion, expense and OH&S issues.*
 4. *Item 6f: clarification of minor maintenance.*
 5. *Item 6g: clarification of 'Safe Work Methods Statements'.*
 6. *Item 6l: Committee doesn't 'own' the contents of the facility; other users need their own insurance.*
 7. *Items 8 and 9: the term of the Agreement and the term of the Committee should reflect each other to run for a period of three years.*
 8. *Item 9: AGM should move to early July, with a review of the MOU prior to the meeting.*
 9. *Item 9: clarification of the value of the inventory.*

It seems that some points put to the Council have not been addressed, have they been discussed?

It was moved that these points from the MOU be presented to the Council for clarification: Frank Halliwell/ Ruth Tilsley, carried.

Jenny Carter will contact Amanda Mason at the NMC for a meeting to discuss these points before signing.

The meeting closed at 11.15am.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 1st September AGM at 10.00am followed by a general meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SMITH STREET, LONGFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST 2015, COMMENCING AT 7:02 PM

1. PRESENT

Mr Linus Grant (Chairperson), Ms Dee Alty, Mr Neil Tubb, Mr John Cauchi, Mr Harry Galea

2. IN ATTENDANCE

Acting Mayor Richard Goss, Cr Dick Adams, Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Miss Amanda Mason (Executive Officer)

3. APOLOGIES

Mrs Anne O'Hara, Mr Rein Wever, Mrs Lesley McKenzie

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil declared.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ms Dee Alty/Mr Neil Tubb

That the Minutes of the Longford Local District Committee Meeting held on 6 May 2015 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 Longford Strategic Plan

1. Streetscape, including entrances to Longford, entrances to heritage precinct, Illawarra Road roundabout and beautification of the levee bank;
2. Maximise the use of the Halls – including purchase of equipment such as window blackouts, lighting, sound systems etc – budget allocation made for improvements to the Longford Town Hall internally and externally;
3. Sculpture for town – suggestion to have a community competition among sculpture artists to create a one day installation of sculptures in Longford, judge and then winning sculpture gets installed
Action
Ms Alty to work further on the concept.
4. Promotion of convict heritage story – referred to Longford Tourism & Business Association;
5. Linkage of Christ Church and the Village Green (committee to endorse and put forward to Council when the time comes).

The Committee noted that drawings are being developed of the streetscape (ie banners on Wellington Street in the Heritage Precinct), and the linking of Christ Church and the Village Green.

Mr Harry Galea / Mr John Cauchi

That the LLDC seek the Council's support to appoint an appropriately qualified person to develop a concept plan improving the streetscape of Longford from the Illawarra Road roundabout to the southern end of the heritage precinct.

Carried unanimously

Mr Neil Tubb / Ms Dee Alty

That Council officers establish with State Growth permissible signage for the eastern and western approaches to Longford from Illawarra Road.

Carried unanimously

Action

Miss Mason prepare letter to the Church on behalf of the LLDC requesting the wild flowers in the church grounds not be mowed in spring.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Infrastructure Sub-Committee Report

7.1.1 Traffic Study

Discussion has been had with officers of State Growth regarding a Traffic Study in Longford.

The Committee noted the General Manager is meeting with General Manager of State Growth of 13th of August.

Action

Report to be provided to the committee after the meeting has occurred.

It was requested by the Committee that previous recommendations regarding the roundabout and traffic in Longford should be raised with State Growth.

7.1.2 Signage Review

Council investigating how to progress the matter. Update to be provided as available.

The Committee requested its recommendations be referred to the signage committee for review and action.

7.2 Tourism Heritage & Culture Sub-Committee Report

7.2.1 Visitor Information Hut

Signs up, project complete.

7.2.2 Visitor Information Centre

Committee to note decision of Council of 20 July 2015:

Cr Knowles / Cr Goninon

That Council:

- i) Seek the comments of the current volunteers that support the Visitor Information shop front at JJ's Bakery.
- ii) If the Memorial Hall is a consideration for the location of the Visitor Information Centre, seek the input of existing and potential users of the Memorial Hall.
- iii) Assess the cost to establish a trial Visitor Information Centre at the Memorial Hall.

- iv) Review appropriateness of Council staff managing the centre volunteers, and the staffing capacity to undertake this role.
- v) Seek comments from the Ross Wool Centre in respect to downgrading from the yellow "i" to the white "i".

Carried unanimously

Request from Council to assess what items are required to establish the VIC.

7.3 Economic Development Sub-Committee Report

It was noted by the Committee that the business name "Longford Revival Festival" has been transferred to Opcon Pty Ltd.

It was noted by the Committee that there will be a report to Council in August/September regarding development of equine related activities in Longford.

It was noted that Stokes Park was gifted to Council with conditions, these should be referred to when considering any future development.

7.4 Longford Planning Applications

Nil

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Budget

Update to be provided on Council 2015/16 budget.

Action

Miss Mason to circulate copies of letter from Corporate Services Manager re budget.

8.2 Memorandum of Understanding

The Committee to review the amended Memorandum of Understanding approved by Council at its meeting of 18 May 2015 (Min Ref 124/15). It is noted that in order to bring all Local District Committees into line in respect to terms, new agreements will run until 30 June 2016 at which time the new two year term will be implemented.

Ms Dee Alty/Mr John Cauchi

That the Longford Local District Committee agree to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding, to run until 30 June 2016.

Carried unanimously

It was suggested that in future reviews of the MOU consideration should be given to a proxy voting system.

8.3 Longford Visitor Appeal Study

Committee reviewed attached document prepared by Ms Alty and the Longford Business & Tourism Association.

Ms Dee Alty/Mr John Cauchi

That the LLDC supports the general thrust of the Fox Report and urges Council to develop a challenging but realistic tourism plan for Longford, including in particular:

- 1. Improvements to the streetscape, such as banners, to add vibrancy (key Fox observation);*
- 2. Council provide support to maximise benefits stemming from a collaborative information/promotion link between the Longford Business & Tourism Association, Woolmers and Brickendon (Fox recommendation 15);*
- 3. Adoption of a Longford Visitors Centre based on the Evandale model, subject to the 20 July 2015 decision of Council;*
- 4. Development of a calendar of museum/exhibition events showcasing items unique to Longford;*
- 5. Uniform local street and attractions signage throughout Longford and surrounds (Fox recommendation 6).*

Carried unanimously

9. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Longford on **2 September 2015**.

10. CLOSURE

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35 pm.

MOTIONS OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

2013-2015 TERM

Still outstanding

DATE	MOVE/SECOND	MOTION	STATUS
1 May 2013	Robert Henley/Dee Alty	That the priority project for the Longford LDC for the 2013/14 Budget is the rehabilitation and development of the Stokes Park precinct.	Funds allocated in 2015/16 budget for development.
6 November 2013	Robert Henley/John Cauchi	That the fence line between the caravan park and Carins Park be planted with hawthorn.	To be progressed
5 February 2014	Robert Henley/Dee Alty	That the LLDC recommend that Council investigate the establishment of a visitors centre at the Longford Memorial Hall.	Council investigating relocation of Visitor Information Centre – See Council decision of 20 July 2015 Min Ref: 184/15.
4 June 2014	Dee Alty / Vanessa 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.	Council investigating relocation of Visitor Information Centre – See Council decision of 20 July 2015 Min Ref: 184/15.
4 June 2014	Dee Alty / John Cauchi	The Committee recommends to Council that the system of signage in Longford be simplified and made coherent by: a) being in sympathy with the entrance to the town; b) being in sympathy with the historic precinct and social viability of the town; c) removing outdated signs; and d) signs be grouped in like colour and font according to the category of the sign.	Referred to Council's signage committee for action.
6 August 2014	Dee Alty / Robert 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.	Meeting with State Growth upcoming re Longford Traffic Study.
3 December 2014	Mr Robert Henley/Mr John Cauchi	The Longford Local District Committee recommends to the incoming committee that a Tourism Committee and a standalone Visitor Information Centre are of critical importance to Longford.	Business and Tourism Group established.

3 December 2014	Mr Robert Henley/Ms Dee 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.	Referred to Council's signage committee for action.
6 May 2015	Dee Alty/Lesley McKenzie	That the Longford Local District Committee recommends Council develop a system of standardised signage incorporating a style guide consistent with state requirements.	Referred to Council's signage committee for action.
6 May 2015	Mr Rein Wever/Mr Neil Tubb	The Longford Local District Committee recommends Council establish a bi-lateral agreement with State Growth for the maintenance of the appearance and condition of the roundabout and its surrounds.	Discussion to be had with State Growth. Council has budgeted for entrance statement design across the municipality.

AVOCA, ROYAL GEORGE & ROSSARDEN LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Avoca, Royal George & Rossarden Local District Committee held at the Avoca Community Centre on Thursday, 6 August 2015 commencing at 6.00pm

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Shirley Freeman (Acting Chair), Jacinta Allen, Dalija Wells, Tony Gee, Gary Cobb, Cr Mary Knowles, Gail Eacher (Executive Assistant)

Guest: Angie Gee

2 APOLOGIES

Claudia Freeman, Shirley Squires, Helen Reynolds, Cr Dick Adams, Des Jennings (General Manager)

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES***Jacinta Allen / Dalija Wells***

That the minutes of the meeting of the Avoca, Royal George and Rossarden Local District Committee held on Thursday, 26 March 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*, 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.

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**i) Monitoring Water Quality / Water Consumption**

Noted that

- Construction of a water pipeline to provide treated water to Avoca had been approved and envisaged that construction works would take 12 months to complete.
- In late 2014 early 2015 TasWater had written to Avoca residents providing information relative to the project.
- Advised that TasWater had not yet made contact with the dialysis patient re the provision of water / tanks to the dialysis patient.

At the March meeting, a number of queries were raised by guests and the committee in relation to:

- Contamination of the water which is currently provided by TasWater,
- Current costs incurred for water consumption;
- Provision of shelter at the water tanks to offer protection to users filling water containers;
- The provision of a further tap extension (hose) to make it easier to fill containers and reduce wastage;

- Future cost of treated water, relative to availability and usage thereof.

At that time the Committee requested that TasWater hold a public meeting at Avoca and provide an update to residents and address queries in relation to the provision of services in the townships of Avoca and Rossarden. Alternately, if TasWater is unable to hold a public meeting, that representatives from TasWater attend the next meeting of the Committee to address issues.

Members noted

- that Council officers had contacted TasWater, who had advised that consideration was being given to dates for an information day to be held pending completion of the functional design for the water pipeline from Fingal to Avoca.
- dialogue was continuing between TasWater and the dialysis patient, with TasWater awaiting further information.

Further it was reported that there was a substantial water leak on Falmouth Street, just east of the intersection with Arthur Street – matter to be reported to TasWater.

The committee again reiterated the need for the provision of a further tap extension (hose) to the tank at the Fire Station to make it easier to fill containers and reduce wastage.

Noted that new residents were not aware of water issues, possible solutions to be investigated.

Action

TasWater to be advised of water leak and need for the provision of a hose extension to the tap on the water tank at the fire station.

Notification to new residents re water issues to be investigated.

ii) Esk Highway – Verge maintenance

Matters referred to State Growth now finalised:

- Pine trees on the embankment on the northern side of the western entrance to Avoca - State Growth will investigate and report back
- Tree growth encroaching onto the road: Story's Creek Road onto Esk Highway - State Growth will investigate and report back.

Matters referred to State Growth awaiting finalisation:

- The rail crossing at the western approach to Avoca is off-camber and misaligned – requested that the appropriate authorities address the matter.

iii) Rossarden sculpture

Previously advised that sculpture of the tree outside the museum at Rossarden to be included in the proposal in the 2015/16 budget deliberations.

Designs to be considered, possibly mining themed. Eddie Freeman to provide design concepts if budget allocated.

Tree felled, debris still to be removed.

Action

CR – removal of felled tree.

iv) Rossarden issue - Vehicle wrecks

20 plus wrecked vehicles at the back of Baker Street houses and on the nature strip on the street frontage in Baker Street.

The committee noted that no action can be taken in relation to vehicles on private property,

however, Council would investigate options to have other vehicles removed.

To determine whether any action can be taken information re location of vehicles to be advised – information awaited.

Action

Matter to be investigated.

v) 10 Year Plan

Council's General Manager suggested that the committee consider formulating a 10 Year Plan for the future of the town.

Maps of the towns circulated, suggestions to be considered and prioritised at future meetings.

A notice to the community advising of the formulation of a 10 year plan was provided to Committee members, with responses to be collated.

Responses provided collated for discussion.

The Committee RESOLVED to adopt the 10 year plan list together with minor amendments; and requested that the list be considered by Council officers.

6 PENDING ITEMS

i) Rossarden – Walks and Attractions

The Committee have previously requested that access be provided through Crown land to the Rossarden waterfall. GPS coordinates for the waterfall and access have been established by Council's Engineering Assistant.

Action

Matter on hold. Cr Knowles to investigate further options.

ii) Road Closures/Improvements

At previous meetings the deterioration of those roads previously managed by Forestry Tasmania and Gunns had been noted and discussed. The Committee requested Council consider liaising with Break O'Day Council in order to improve "forestry" roads so that tourist attractions, such as waterfalls, could be accessed.

Council had sent a letter to the Break O'Day Council providing in principle support for the upgrading of gravel forestry roads to waterfalls project as tabled at that meeting.

At 29 May meeting noted that Cr Knowles had been in contact with the State Government re this matter and, at 28 August 2014 meeting, the Committee were advised by Cr Knowles that at the recent meeting with the Premier at Council's Chambers, the matter had been discussed.

Action

Placed on hold pending funding opportunities/ ownership issues

iii) Country Courier Article

Council to prepare items for the Country Courier re the membership and achievements of each Committee. The membership to consider achievements to be included and consider the inclusion of membership details in the article.

Agreed that a photo of the membership be taken at the AGM in March 2015 for the Country Courier article.

Action

On hold.

iv) Policing

Information re the laws governing the discharge of firearms to be provided to Council for inclusion in a future news item to be published.

Noted that the information is awaited.

Speeding on Falmouth Street (the Esk Highway), especially heavy vehicles, remained an issue. Tas Police have advised previously that there are a number of patrols through Avoca at various times and that the information had been relayed to patrolling police. Noted that speeding through Avoca remains an issue, especially heavy vehicles frequently and most oft in the early mornings.

Action

Matter to be referred to Tas Police.

7 CUSTOMER REQUESTS

The following requests have been issued – update to be provided:

Meeting Date	Customer Request	Detail	Status
11/2014	Storys Creek Road at River "Street" furniture at river reserve	High embankment (on river side) used as AWD track, becoming eroded – barrier requires to be extended. Furniture at river reserve needs attention/ replacement; possibly install additional free standing seats.	Residents to report incidents direct to Tas Police. Repairs completed.
11/2014	Cat Management	Request that Council investigate a cat management program, including feral cats.	See DPIPWE website www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/InvasiveSpecies
11/2014	Avoca Hall	Hall requires painting – especially the stage.	Included in 2015/16 budget. Requested that neutral tones be utilised. To be noted that all halls are painted hog's bristle – same as Logging Forest hall.
3/2015	Tap at Boucher Park	Tap at Boucher Park needs attention – water sprays when the tap is switched on.	Complete 27/4
3/2015	Footpath – St Pauls Street	Footpath in front of (the station) needs upgrade – cracking	Completed 19/5
3/2015	Disposal of rubbish at football field and river	Rubbish is being dumped at football field alongside river, needs to be removed.	Complete 6/5.
3/2015	Boucher Park – ground surface	Uneven ground behind canoe path in vicinity of bog – holes/uneven ground is a hazard	Complete 29/4.
3/2015	Bicycle at Boucher Park	Recycling of water through bicycle appears not to be working.	Complete 27/4
3/2015	Rossarden Road upgrade	Rossarden Road needs upgrade – from Bona Vista arr to old tip & beyond – corrugated with a few potholes.	Graded. Complete.
3/2015	Ash Centre – entrance hall floor	First few floor boards at entrance to Ash Centre are soft – require attention/repair/replacement	Completed 7/5.
8/2015	Rossarden Museum	Back ramp entrance to Rossarden Museum becomes slippery when wet/icy, request installation of some measure to prevent slipping (e.g. chicken mesh) and installation of advisory signage.	
8/2015	Disposal of rubbish at football field and river	Rubbish is being dumped at football field between railway line and river on river's edge, needs to be removed. (Request resubmitted).	

Meeting Date	Customer Request	Detail	Status
8/2015	Boucher Park BBQ	Polycarbon cladding on BBQ vandalised and repaired, however, repairs are not satisfactory as sharp edges – polycarbon requires replacing.	
8/2015	Road Sign – Storys Creek Road	The Committee noted that a road sign was lying on the grass on Storys Creek Road in close proximity to Avoca.	
8/2015	Road Sign – St Paul's Cabin Sign	The Committee noted that a large lump of concrete was left at the base of the tourist sign when it was erected, and requested the removal thereof.	
8/2015	Tree stumps – Boucher Park	Requested that the stumps that were left behind when the trees were felled be removed.	

8 ASSOCIATION REPORTS

i) AMIC

- Curator workshops underway
- Spring Festival 19/9 – thanks to council for assistance with erection of signage & insurances verified.

ii) Rossarden & Friends Kids Xmas Group

- 60's Dinner to be held 29/8

9 NEW BUSINESS

i) Memorandum of Understanding

A report was tabled at the 18 May Council Meeting in relation to the standardisation of the MOU's for local district committees. The report and revised standard MOU adopted by Council are attached for information.

It should be noted that with the adoption of the new MOU, the terms of office of members of all committees will expire in June 2016 with the AGM's to be held in July 2016. AGM's will be held bi-annually thereafter. Nominations for membership to all committees will be advertised in May 2016.

It is recommended that the Committee formally adopt the new MOU.

Tony Gee / Dalija Wells

That the Committee

1. *adopt the attached Memorandum of Understanding;*
2. *authorise the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding*
3. *note that*
 - i) *the next Annual General Meeting of the Committee will be held in July 2016; and*
 - ii) *the current term of membership of members will expire after ratification of the new membership at the Council Meeting in June/July 2016.*

Carried

ii) Information items – 18 May Council Meeting

Members noted the following information reports were tabled at the 18 May Council Meeting:

- 22 Cat Management
- 24 Overhanging Trees
- 27 Tyre Storage & Recycling

- 28 Conara Public Toilets

iii) Petition - Pedestrian Footbridge Across St Pauls River at Avoca

The members noted that a petition coordinated by Dalija Wells was tabled at the 22 June Council Meeting in relation to the above matter. Following discussion Mrs Wells agreed to pursue.

iv) Mobile Black Spot Programme

The Committee noted that the Federal Government recently announced the locations to receive funding under round 1 of the Mobile Black Spot Programme. Round 1 will deliver 499 new and upgraded mobile base stations across regional and remote Australia – 429 Telstra base stations and 70 Vodafone base stations. Minister Turnbull's press release announcing the locations to benefit is attached.

Of the 499 new and upgraded mobile base stations 31 will be in Tasmania.

The Department of Communications website <https://www.communications.gov.au/what-we-do/phone/mobile-services-and-coverage/mobile-black-spot-programme> includes further information and location maps.

A further \$60 million has been committed by the Government for Round 2 of the Programme, with funding to be available over two years from 1 July 2016. Round 2 of the Programme is expected to operate under similar guidelines as the first round of the Programme. The Government will review the results of Round 1 to determine if there should be any changes. Round 2 of the Programme will offer further opportunities to meet unmet demand and provide coverage to more locations around regional and remote Australia. The competitive selection process for the second round of funding is expected to commence in 2016, after allowing time for further locations to be nominated by members of the public. The locations to be funded under Round 2 are expected to be announced by the end of 2016.

v) Swimming Holes

The Committee noted that Council is seeking information re the utilisation of Recreational Waters, accessed by Crown or Council land.

Noted that

- Avoca - Swimming currently takes place in the South Esk River at Avoca, accessed from the public open space on Storys Creek Road.
- Royal George – previously recreational swimming in St Paul's River however access was blocked and track rendered unusable.

vi) Green Army Funding

The Committee noted that funding for eradication of broom not received, application to be submitted next round.

vii) Defibrillator

Mrs Gee advised that she was in the process of preparing a submission to the Tas Community Fund for funding to purchase a defibrillator for the Avoca community which if successful would be housed at the General Store; and St John's Ambulance would provided training on the defibrillator.

viii) RV Friendly Status

The Committee requested that Council pursue RV Friendly status for Avoca.

Action

To be investigated

ix) Bridge Construction

The Committee were advised that when the previous bridge was constructed in 1974, an opalised log had been buried at the approach to the bridge and that when excavation works are undertaken this should be considered.

Action

To be investigated

x) Royal George Road

The Committee thanked Council for the works undertaken on Royal George Road, including the removal of the wattle trees along the fenceline.

CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7.25pm.

The next meeting to be held on Thursday, 24 September 2015 at the Avoca Community Centre commencing at 6.00pm.

10 YEAR PLAN LISTING/BUDGET

Project Title		Source	Ranking/ Feasibility
Avoca			
1. "Street" furniture - Avoca	Request to install free standing seats/ benches (with shade trees) within the township of Avoca at various locations (as marked). Seats within township and along river bank.	Committee & Community	
2. Street Trees	Previously street trees removed, request that street trees be planted within the township of Avoca. Resident specifically requested weeping cherries with colourful base plantings.	Committee & Community	
3. Avoca Hall	Hall requires painting – especially the stage. Requested that neutral tones be utilised	Committee	
4. War Memorial Wall	War Memorial Wall @ Bouchers Park – list all men/women who served in the various wars, to show respect and thanks	Community	
5. Beautification	Tree lined streets, planter boxes in main street with bulbs, flowers, herbs, roses or willow trees. Cottage garden at old church. Community garden – vegetables/fruit trees.	Community	
6. Christmas lights/ decorations	Christmas lights and decorations in main street and surrounding streets – attached to street lights	Community	
7. Clean Falmouth Street	Clean Falmouth Street and plant trees and flowers	Community	
8. Churchill Street	Churchill Street gravel road (north end of Main Road) clean up street it needs a lot of work done to it – gorse removed and levelled off.	Community	
9. Falmouth Street – Storeys Creek Road to Churchill street	Beautify various properties (Church & Council) with plantings and removal of unwanted growth. Plant ground covers in areas which are not able to be mowed. Plant trees and colourful base plantings.	Community	
10. Removal of bricks	Remove "convict bricks" at corner of Falmouth and Arthur streets.	Community	
11. Boucher Park	Watering system – pop up sprinklers. Trimming of tree near shelter. Develop children's play area and security fence. Remove post and rail barrier around park. Rosemary hedge around the cenotaph. Level and resurface Boucher Park.	Community Committee	
12. Entrance Signage – hall and surrounds	Welcome to Avoca Sign Paint hall in heritage colours, plantings on embankment facing hall.	Community	
13. Avoca Masonry	Approved	Community	
14. Church Grounds	Trim Trees in Church grounds.	Community	
15. Public Open Space – Storys Creek Road	Post and rail designated recreation area be demarcated in the POS on Storys Creek Road – preventing of vehicular access		
Rossarden			
A.	Entrance signage, clean up of vehicles and tidy verges.		
B.	Welcome sign, incl. population. Planting trees (flowering cherries on main road) Cleaning of vacant blocks BBQ tables and chairs in park BBQ area Fix fence at museum (removal of tree prunings)		
C. Rossarden Museum	Replace guttering on museum & toilet block, fencing & landscaping, signage on building. Extra seating at BBQ. History plaques around village. External painting of museum.		
D. Signage	Welcome sign Walter St (cnr Lee & Coronation sts). Rossarden directional sign at Fingal in main street		



Avoca Vision

A plan to enhance the Avoca experience for residents and visitors alike.

Trees to be planted on all the streets in Avoca. They don't have to be large but preferably not deciduous.

More trees and shrubs to be planted on the vacant land on the intersection of St Pauls Place, Arthur St and Royal George Roads

Rubbish bins placed outside of Boucher Park, more bins are needed there as the existing ones are generally overfull and the rubbish is pulled out by possums and birds. Some recycling bins for bottles and cans at least would be preferable. Also bins on several side streets, e.g on Blenheim St where the school bus stops and on the corner of Churchill and Falmouth streets.

Upgrade the public toilets, painting, soap dispenser and mirror at least.

Seats - comfortable bench seats strategically placed so walkers can rests. e.g a couple in Boucher Park, in the Anglican Church grounds, on the grassed area on the corner of St Pauls Place and Arthur St, outside the School grounds and several along side the St Pauls river.

Sign posts indicating the several waterfalls in the area, Meadstone, Meetus and Hardings Falls.

"Slow down Wildlife crossing" signs at each end of the town.

More doggy bag dispensers next to the rubbish bins.

A community notice board that can be accessed from the street, not inside the shop or post office.

A wind break wall on the western side of Boucher Park, corner of Falmouth and St Pauls Place, perhaps painted with a mural or at least the name of the park and a "welcome to Avoca" sign.

A filtered water dispenser that drinking bottles can be filled from and a bubbler in Boucher Park.

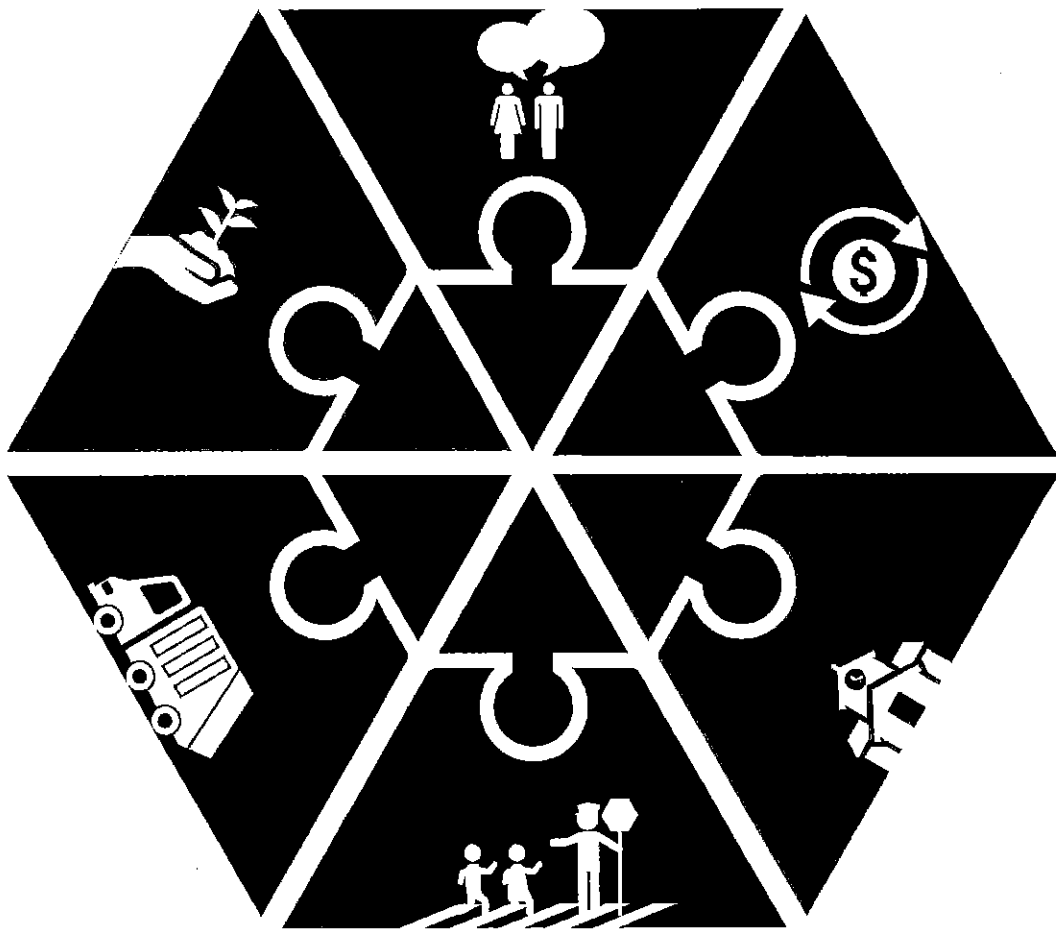
More exercise equipment for adults placed adjacent to the kids play area.

Removal of the treated pine fencing surrounding the park.

Extension of the park along side St Pauls river to go under the road bridge and to exit in St Pauls Place opposite Boucher Park.

Stones - there are several large stones in the South Esk river on the eastern side of the bridge which could be extracted and positioned in the parkland along side the St Pauls river for seating and ornamentation.

Why Local Government Matters



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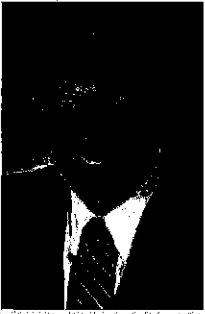
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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER



As a councillor for 14 years before entering the Federal Parliament, I know first-hand the great honour it is to serve the community at the level of government closest to them. I also understand the pressures and complexity of the issues councils seek to resolve.

Local government plays a critical role in maintaining and developing the social and economic fabric of regions, bringing communities together and producing local solutions to local problems.

There is now a once in a generation opportunity for us to rethink the way we as governments do business and serve our communities. The Government is providing the forum to discuss change through our White Papers on the Reform of the Federation and Taxation.

Our Federation has served our nation well for over 100 years and has shown some flexibility to deal with issues of concern over the years. But the balance of constitutional responsibility and revenue raising capability has become increasingly grotesque.

Reforming the Federation is vital if we are to deliver our publicly funded services to the Australian people more effectively, more efficiently and more fairly.

The Australian Government is investing a record \$50 billion across Australia to deliver vital infrastructure communities need to secure a prosperous future. Our infrastructure commitments are not limited to big ticket items, but also deliver for every local government in Australia.

To support Local Government deliver productive infrastructure that will drive local growth, this Government is delivering billions of dollars through various funding programmes including:

- \$9.45 billion in Financial Assistance Grants;
- The \$2.1 billion Roads to Recovery Programme;
- The \$1 billion National Stronger Regions Fund;
- The \$300 million Bridges Renewal Programme;
- An additional \$200 million each for the Black Spot and Heavy Vehicle and Safety & Productivity Programmes;
- \$100 million for beef roads; and
- \$45 million under the Stronger Communities Fund.

For these reasons I am delighted to introduce Why Local Government Matters.

Why Local Government Matters raises a range of issues and provides data relevant to the future of local government to think about in the context of the White Papers and more broadly.

The research produced by the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government will support local government in its continued and significant contribution to enhance the strength, diversity and prosperity of Australia.

I congratulate the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government for its initiative and efforts in undertaking this valuable research.

The Hon Warren Truss MP
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



There is an acceptance by individuals and communities that local government is always 'there' for a range of local needs, yet it is less clear how citizens identify with this crucial level of government.

This national study addresses a significant gap in the sector and research about how Australians value local government. This is an important question for today's polity. The findings will help more clearly define how, where and to what extent local government can further respond to local needs and influence broader political and public debate in Australia. Project findings will also assist scholarly research into local government.

The project builds upon research undertaken by the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) to provide practical support for the local government sector across a number of themes, and utilises the considerable experience in social survey research of UTS and its investigators located in the Centre for Local Government.

Findings from *Why Local Government Matters* will be communicated in all jurisdictions and key literature. Project results will be benchmarked with comparable work of councils, local government organisations and researchers, and will inform further Centre work on themes such as sustainable governance, service delivery, leadership and community values.

I trust that the release of this research will substantially contribute to the greater understanding of the attitudes towards local government and the role of this tier of government in the federation and leadership of Australia.

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Why local government matters

Research objectives

Why Local Government Matters is a major piece of social research on community attitudes to local government undertaken by the UTS Centre for Local Government on behalf of the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG). The research aims to better understand how and why the activities of local governments, and their roles in society, are valued by communities.

The research investigates:

- local government's role as a 'place shaper' and its importance in meeting the needs of citizens that drive their attachment to, and satisfaction with, the areas in which they live
- the preferences of communities for how their services are delivered at the local level and the ability of local governments to offer flexible and community specific service delivery
- theories of governance, particularly community beliefs about big versus small government and its role in the market, the appropriate role for the private sector in local service provision, the preferred extent of public participation in government decision making, and preferences for the realisation of public value
- community knowledge of local government, ranked importance of services which can be delivered by local government in different jurisdictions, and attitudes about amalgamation
- the attributes of individuals which are theorised to interact with or influence their attitudes and beliefs about each of the areas above, including demographic factors, levels of community participation, personal values and political leanings.

A telephone survey of 2006 Australians was conducted in November 2014 as stage one of a longitudinal social research project which will also incorporate a qualitative phase in 2015.

Summary report

This Summary Report presents a snapshot of the main findings of the 2014 survey, with the Full Report available for download on the ACELG website: www.acelg.org.au/WLGM

The individual sections of this report provide a summary of the attitudes of Australians to each of the areas of research listed above, namely:

- What does place mean to people?
- The role of government
- How do people want their services delivered?
- How do people want to be involved in government?
- What do people think about local government?
- How do people's personal characteristics and values impact on their responses?

What does place mean to people?

Key points

- Australians feel a strong emotional connection to the local areas in which they live, providing them improved emotional wellbeing and a stronger sense of their personal identity.
- In their local areas, the most important things for Australians are a safe environment, the availability of health care, levels of water, air and noise pollution, and being able to afford appropriate housing.
- In general people are satisfied with the environment around them, however Australians are less satisfied with the local economy and infrastructure than with the availability of local services.

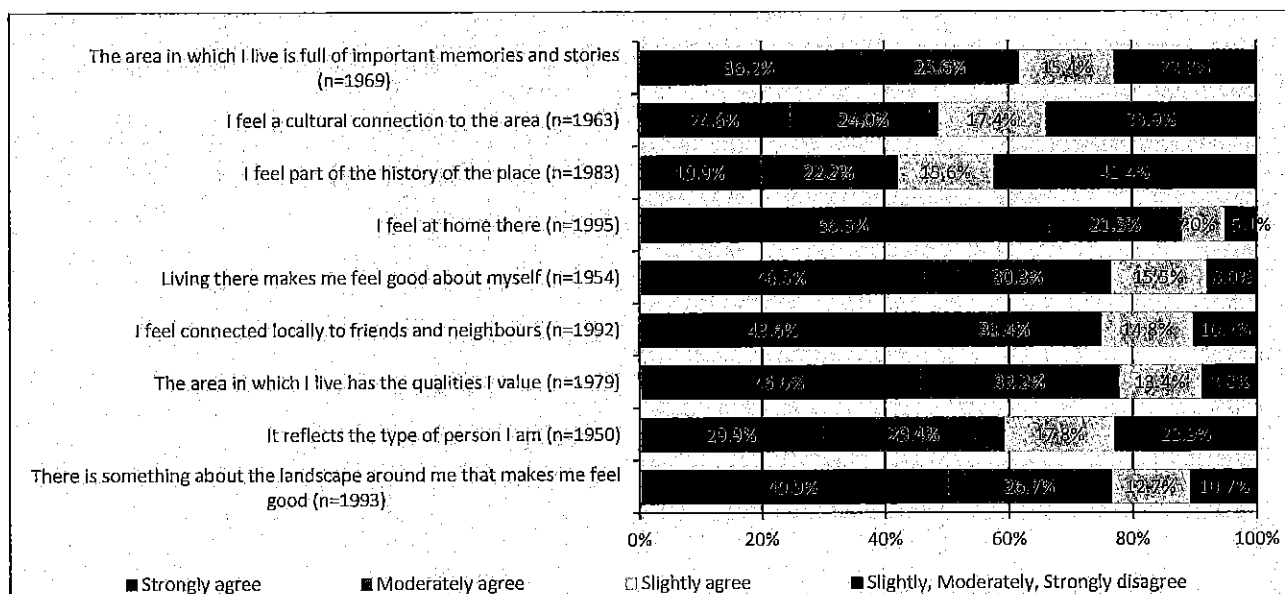
Local governments matter because of their role as 'place-shapers' and their importance in meeting the needs that most drive people's attachment to, and satisfaction with, the area in which they live. To better understand what matters to Australians about the place—or local area—in which they live, respondents were first asked their level of agreement with nine statements describing ways their local area may contribute to personal identity, emotional attachment and connection to the community.

Overwhelmingly, Australians feel at home in the place where they live, with 67 per cent strongly agreeing, 22 per cent moderately agreeing, seven per cent slightly agreeing, and only five per cent disagreeing. There are very high levels of strong and moderate agreement for measures of emotional connection to their local area in dimensions such as 'having qualities I value' (78 per cent), 'the landscape makes me feel good' (77 per cent), 'living here makes me feel good about myself' (77 per cent), and 'I feel connected locally to friends and neighbours' (75 per cent).

A large number of Australians (59 per cent) strongly or moderately agree that the area in which they live 'reflects the kind of person I am'. Overall, most Australians feel their sense of identity and emotional wellbeing are supported by the attributes of the local area in which they live.

Levels of agreement were lower for aspects of emotional connection to place relating more to cultural and historical associations. Respondents strongly or moderately agree that the area in which they live is full of important memories and stories (62 per cent), they feel a cultural connection to the area (49 per cent), and they feel a part of the history of the place (42 per cent).

FIGURE 1: THINKING ABOUT THE LOCAL AREA IN WHICH YOU LIVE, DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?



SOURCE: ACELG 2014 WHY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS SURVEY

Second, respondents were asked to rate the importance of, and their satisfaction with, 15 different areas of service delivery, infrastructure and community services that are typically provided by local government, or over which local government exerts an influence through planning, policy, and advocacy. These are all aspects of the 'instrumental' features of place that drive our satisfaction with the area in which we live, and have been shown to be the most important triggers for people moving or aspiring to move to another area.

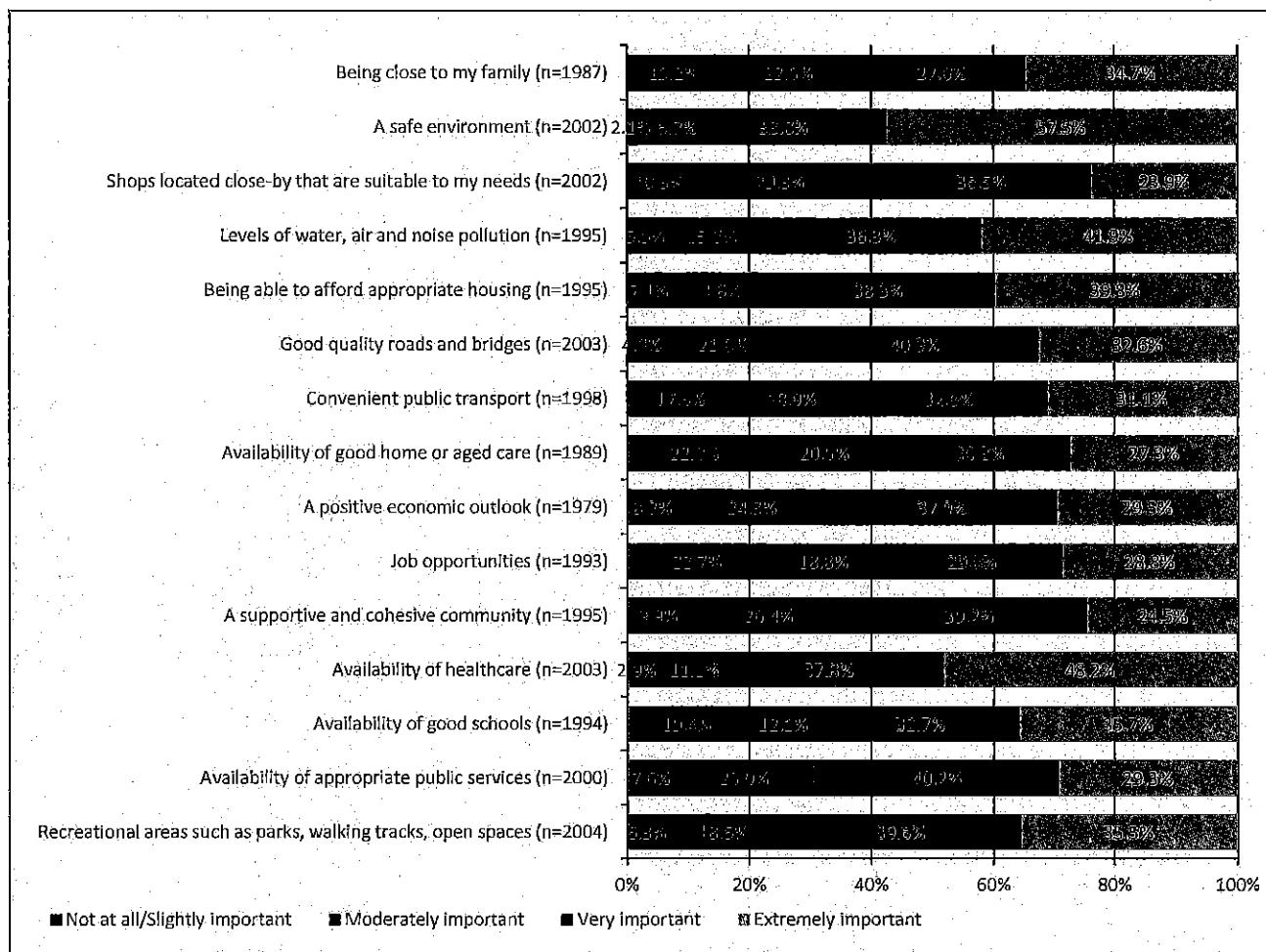
The most important thing for respondents is a safe environment, rated as extremely or very important (on a five-point scale) by 91 per cent of Australians. This was closely followed by availability of health care at 86 per cent. Other areas rated as extremely or very important include levels of water, air and noise pollution

(78 per cent); being able to afford appropriate housing (78 per cent); recreational areas such as parks, walking tracks and open spaces (75 per cent); and good quality roads and bridges (74 per cent).

A supportive and cohesive community is rated as extremely or very important by 64 per cent of Australians.

Issues related to the local economy are also central, with a positive economic outlook rated extremely or very important by 67 per cent and job opportunities by 59 per cent. Services which rate as extremely or very important include availability of good schools (68 per cent) and good home care or aged care (58 per cent). The more general availability of public services is rated as extremely or very important by 70 per cent of respondents.

FIGURE 2: THINKING ABOUT THE LOCAL AREA IN WHICH YOU LIVE, HOW IMPORTANT ARE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TO YOU?



SOURCE: ACELG 2014 WHY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS SURVEY

In order to provide context and meaning to the satisfaction ratings given by respondents, only the answers given by people who valued each factor as extremely important are given in Figure 3 below.

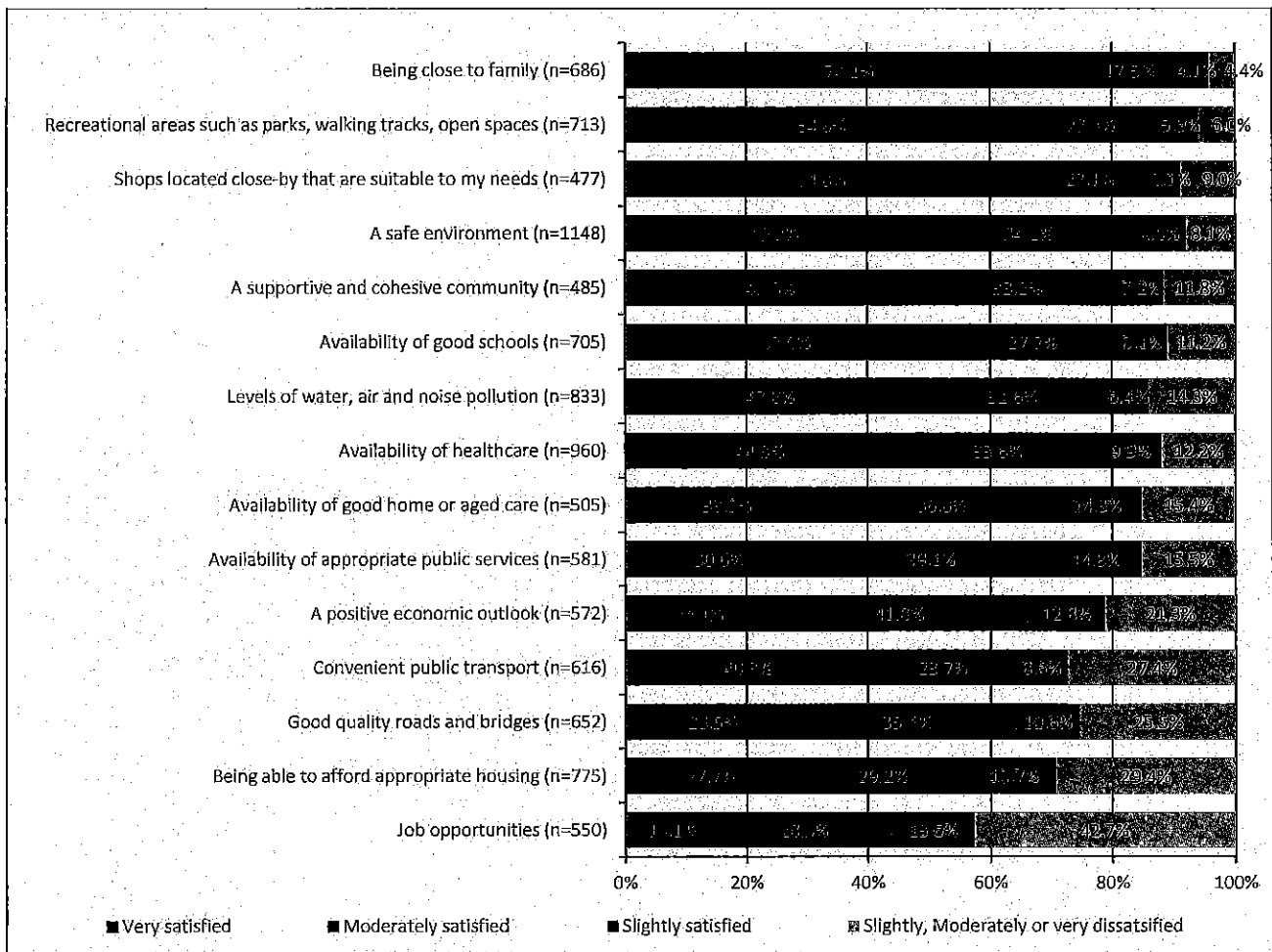
Respondents are very satisfied with recreation areas such as parks, walking tracks and open spaces (65 per cent) but less so with levels of water, air and noise pollution (48 per cent). They are also satisfied with being close to family (74 per cent) and shops being close-by that are suited to their needs (65 per cent).

Levels of satisfaction fall once people are asked about services such as the availability of good

schools (53 per cent); healthcare (44 per cent); good home or aged care (34 per cent); and appropriate public services (31 per cent). Levels of satisfaction for a safe environment (49 per cent) and a supportive and cohesive community (48 per cent) are very similar.

In general, the areas in which people are least satisfied relate to infrastructure such as convenient public transport (27 per cent) and good quality roads and bridges (26 per cent); housing affordability (29 per cent); and features of the local economy such as a positive economic outlook (21 per cent) and job opportunities (43 per cent).

FIGURE 3: THINKING ABOUT THE LOCAL AREA IN WHICH YOU ARE CURRENTLY LIVING, ARE YOU SATISFIED OR DISSATISFIED WITH THE PROVISION OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING? [RESPONSES GIVEN ONLY FOR PEOPLE WHO ANSWERED 'EXTREMELY IMPORTANT' TO THE QUESTION: THINKING ABOUT THE LOCAL AREA IN WHICH YOU LIVE, HOW IMPORTANT ARE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TO YOU?]



SOURCE: ACELG 2014 WHY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS SURVEY

Role of government

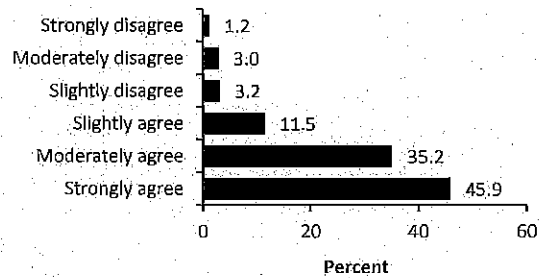
Key points

- There is strong support for the role of government in service delivery, particularly in health and education.
- Australians do not agree that the private sector or the market necessarily deliver the best or most efficient services
- There is enormous support for government to provide services that deliver a healthier and fairer society, and that decisions about services should not be made just on value for money.

All governments make choices about the part they play with respect to service delivery based on their understanding of the role of government from an economic and ideological perspective. In order to tease out how Australians think about some of the key arguments in this area, respondents were asked a series of questions about service delivery, the role of government and how they wish to participate with governments in decision-making. Although questions were not framed to be about any particular level of government, how Australians feel about these issues is of direct relevance to local governments as they are well placed to be responsive to the views of their communities.

Australians overwhelmingly want their governments to play a role in providing many of the services the community needs, with 93 per cent of respondents agreeing with this proposition.

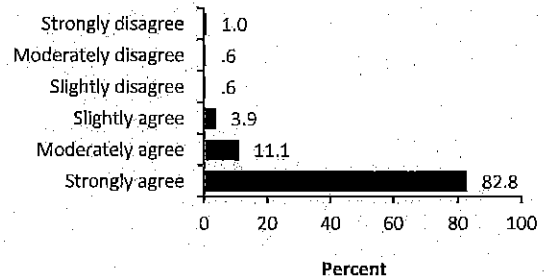
FIGURE 4: THERE IS A ROLE FOR GOVERNMENT IN PROVIDING ANY OF THE SERVICES THE COMMUNITY NEEDS (N=1961)



SOURCE: ACELG 2014 *WHY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS SURVEY*

An even higher proportion support the proposition that health care and education should be delivered by government, with 83 per cent strongly agreeing and most all (98 per cent) agreeing to some extent.

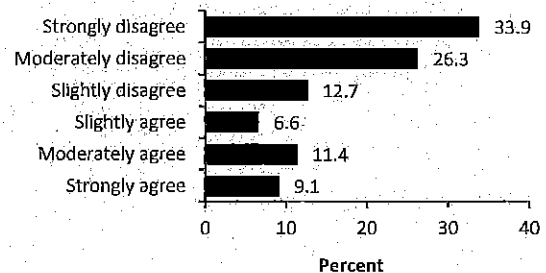
FIGURE 5: THERE ARE SOME THINGS LIKE HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD DELIVER (N=1988)



SOURCE: ACELG 2014 *WHY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS SURVEY*

It is argued by some that government's role in delivery of services should be limited, for example, to areas of 'market failure', where the private sector is not able to supply goods or services to meet levels of demand. Nearly three-quarters (73 per cent) of Australians disagree with the proposition that government should only provide services where the private sector doesn't.

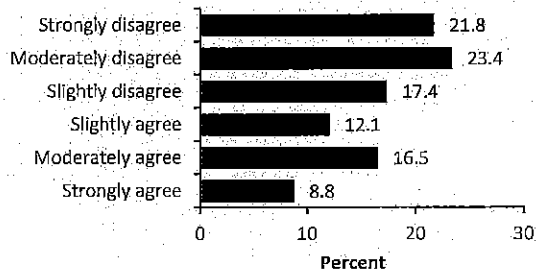
FIGURE 6: GOVERNMENT SHOULD ONLY PROVIDE SERVICES WHERE THE PRIVATE SECTOR DOESN'T (N=1940)



SOURCE: ACELG 2014 *WHY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS SURVEY*

Further, it is not uniformly agreed by Australians that the private sector delivers the best value services. Although there is some agreement, a large majority (63 per cent) disagree with this statement.

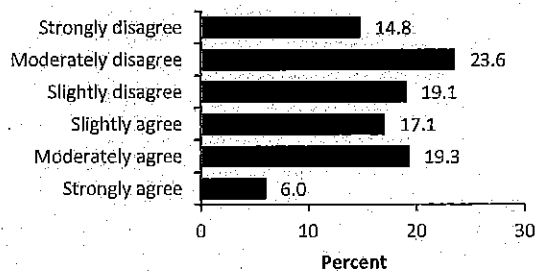
FIGURE 7: THE PRIVATE SECTOR DELIVERS THE BEST VALUE SERVICES (N=1852)



SOURCE: ACELG 2014 *WHY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS SURVEY*

However, there is less agreement with the notion that government generally delivers the best value services. Over half (58 per cent) of Australians disagree with this statement.

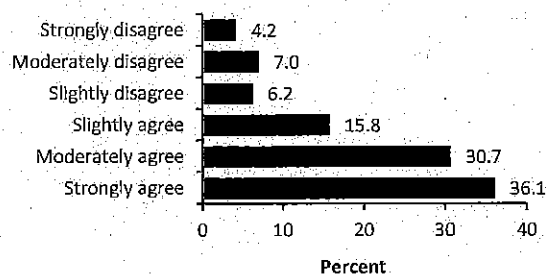
FIGURE 8: GOVERNMENT DELIVERS THE BEST QUALITY SERVICES (N=1 869)



SOURCE: ACELG 2014 *WHY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS SURVEY*

On the other hand, with the question framed slightly differently, respondents clearly agree (83 per cent) that there are some services that governments can provide at a higher quality than the private sector.

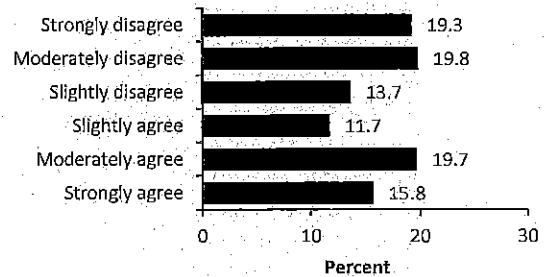
FIGURE 9: THERE ARE SOME SERVICES THAT GOVERNMENTS CAN PROVIDE AT A HIGHER QUALITY THAN THE PRIVATE SECTOR (N=1 874)



SOURCE: ACELG 2014 *WHY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS SURVEY*

One of the ways of understanding the role of government is as a creator of 'public value', or positive social and economic outcomes valued by the community. Just over half of Australians (53 per cent) do not want decisions about service delivery to be made primarily on value for money.

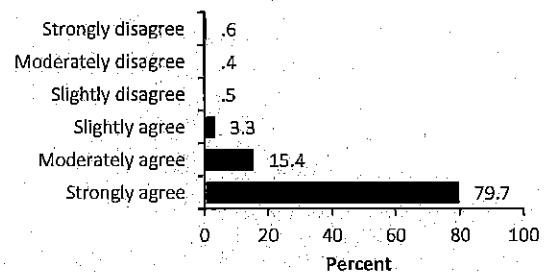
FIGURE 10: DECISIONS ABOUT HOW SERVICES ARE DELIVERED IN MY AREA SHOULD BE MADE PRIMARILY ON VALUE FOR MONEY (N=1 934)



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Nearly all Australians agree that governments should deliver services that contribute to a healthier and fairer society, with 80 percent strongly agreeing and only two per cent disagreeing.

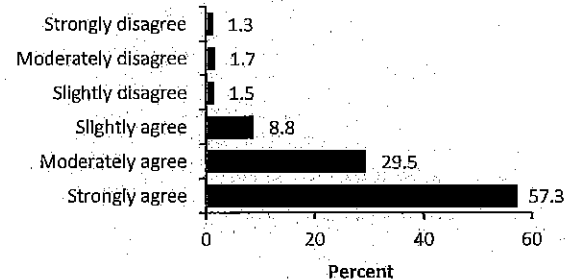
FIGURE 11: I WANT GOVERNMENTS TO DELIVER SERVICES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO A HEALTHIER AND FAIRER SOCIETY (N=1 989)



SOURCE: ACELG 2014 *WHY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS SURVEY*

There is also strong support for the idea that government should be advocating for the needs of the local community (96 per cent agreement).

FIGURE 12: GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ADVOCATING FOR THE NEEDS OF MY LOCAL COMMUNITY (N=1 950)



SOURCE: ACELG 2014 *WHY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS SURVEY*

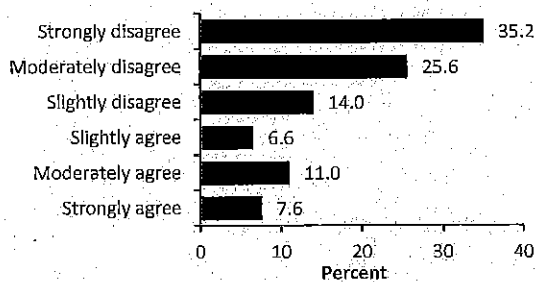
How do people want their services delivered?

Key points

- A majority of respondents agree that taxes should pay for more than basic services and most say they are prepared to pay more taxes to receive a broader range of services.
- There is strong agreement for governments to work with each other and with service providers to provide local services.
- Public services don't need to be delivered by government; instead there is support for delivery of public services by a mixture of public, private and not-for-profit organisations.

Australians want more than just basic services from government. Over half (61 per cent) strongly or moderately disagree that governments should focus on providing only basic services compared with 19 per cent that strongly or moderately agree.

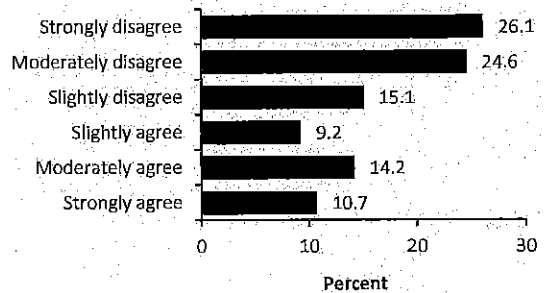
FIGURE 13: GOVERNMENT SHOULD FOCUS ON PROVIDING ONLY BASIC SERVICES (N=1960)



SOURCE: ACELG 2014 *WHY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS SURVEY*

The level of support for the idea that taxes should only pay for basic services is relatively low, with just 25 per cent of Australians either moderately or strongly in agreement. In contrast, 51 per cent of respondents strongly or moderately disagree.

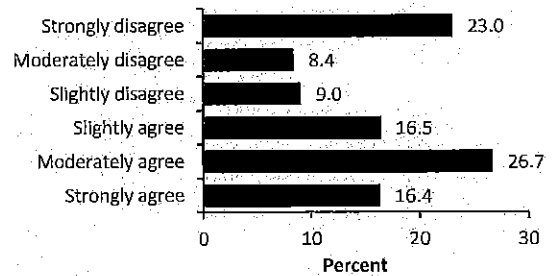
FIGURE 14: MY TAXES SHOULD ONLY PAY FOR BASIC SERVICES (N=1907)



SOURCE: ACELG 2014 *WHY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS SURVEY*

The question of whether respondents are prepared to pay more taxes for a broader range of services divides Australian opinion. While 23 per cent strongly disagree, 60 per cent agree either slightly (17 per cent), moderately (27 per cent) or strongly (16 per cent).

FIGURE 15: I AM PREPARED TO PAY MORE TAXES TO GET A BROADER RANGE OF PUBLIC SERVICES (N=1908)



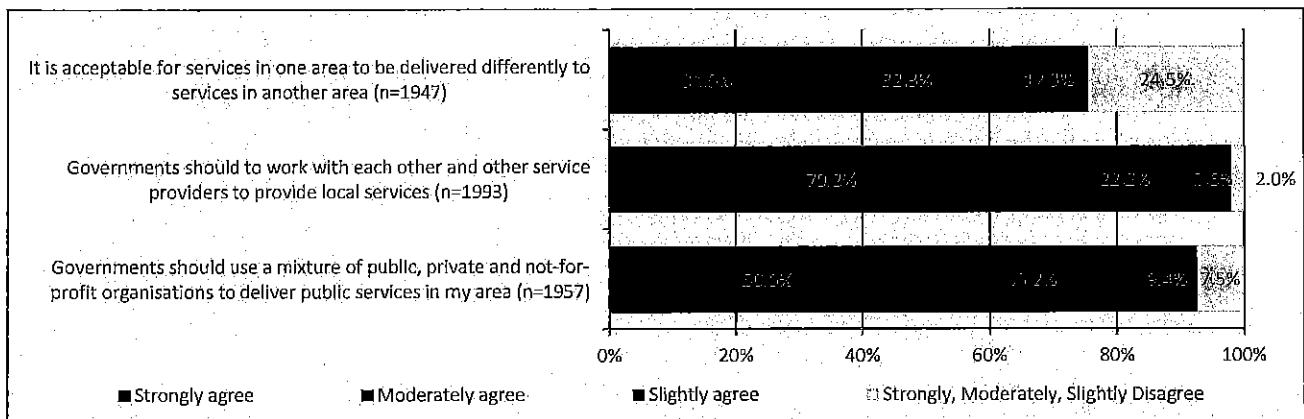
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A quarter of Australians (25 per cent) do not agree that it is acceptable for services in one area to be delivered differently to services in another. That the remaining three-quarters agree suggests a level of support for differentiated service delivery at a local level to better meet the needs and preferences of the local community.

Most people (93 per cent) agree that local public services should be delivered using a mixture of public, private and not-for-profit organisations. In addition to agreeing to the proposition that governments should work with a range of

business or organisational types when choosing how to deliver services, Australians strongly agree (70 per cent) that governments should work with each other and with other service providers to provide local services.

FIGURE 1.6: THINKING ABOUT THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?



SOURCE: ACELG 2014 *WHY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS SURVEY*

How do people want to be involved in government?

Key points

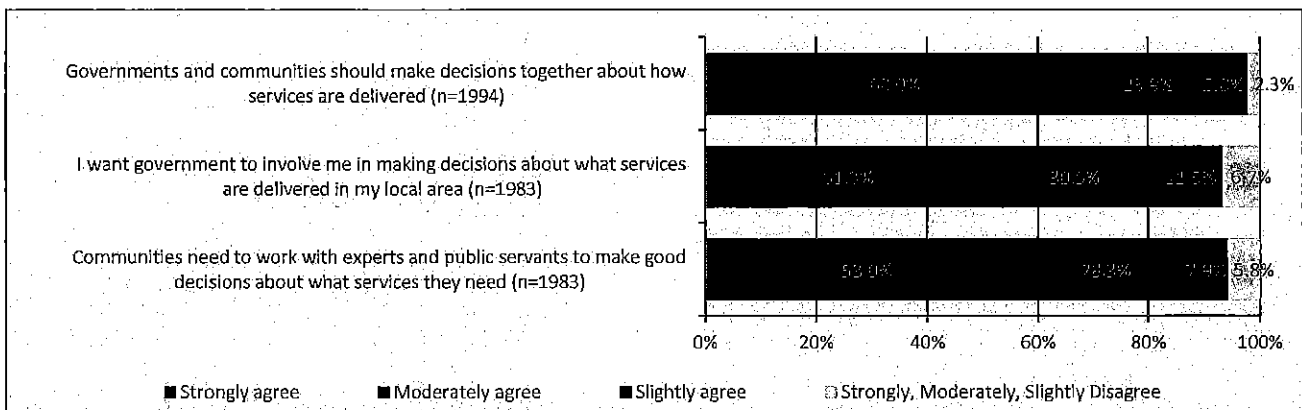
- Australian communities want to be involved with government in making decisions about how and what services should be delivered in their local area.
- Good decisions are best made by involving communities, experts and government together in the process.
- Communities and people using services are considered to have the best knowledge of what services are needed and how they should be delivered, followed by service providers and finally people who work in government.

Overwhelmingly, people think that communities need to work with experts and public servants in order for good decisions to be made about what

services are needed. Overall agreement is very high, with 58 per cent of respondents strongly agreeing and a further 28 per cent moderately agreeing that communities, experts and governments should be working together.

There is strong support for very participatory styles of democratic engagement by government with its people. Australians want to be involved by government in making decisions about what services are delivered in their local area. Nearly all (93 per cent) want to be personally involved, with over half (51 per cent) reporting they strongly agree that government should involve them in decision-making. Additionally, a majority of respondents (68 per cent) strongly agree that governments and communities should make decisions together about how services are delivered, while a further 24 per cent moderately agree.

FIGURE 17: THINKING ABOUT THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?



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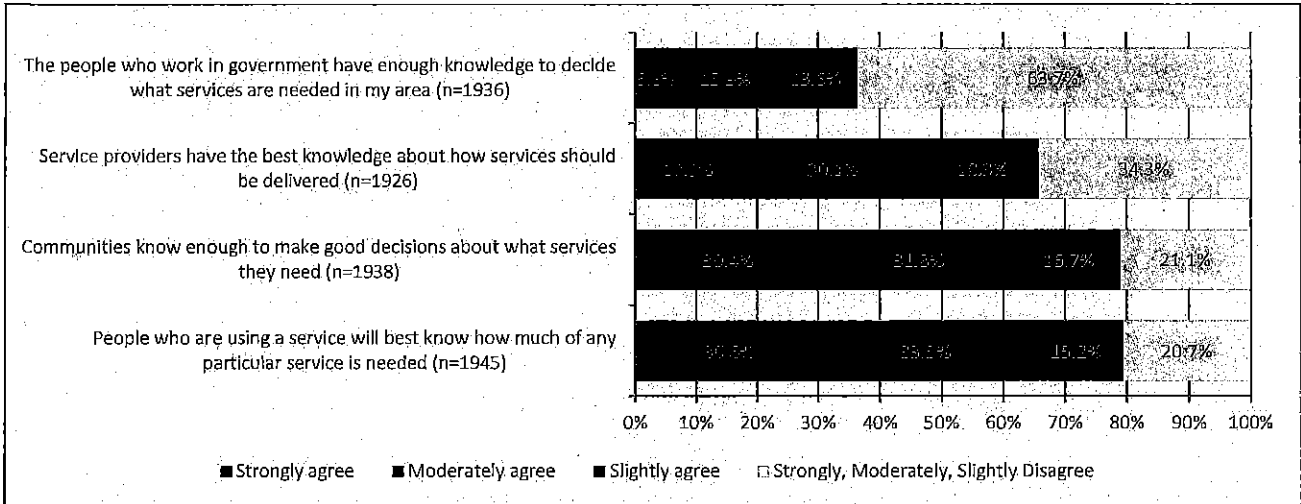
The strong preference expressed by Australians for decisions about service delivery being made by networks of community, experts and government could in part be explained by how they assess each of these groups' capacity to make the right decision. The data suggest a clear hierarchy of who is considered to have the best knowledge. People place the community and users of services ahead of service providers, with both groups being trusted more to know what and how is needed than people who work in government.

Nearly two-thirds of respondents (64 per cent) strongly or moderately agree that the people who are using a service are the ones who will know best how much of any particular service is needed. Similarly, 62 per cent strongly or moderately agree that communities know enough to make good decisions about what services they need.

A smaller proportion (47 per cent) strongly or moderately agree that service providers have the best knowledge about how services should be delivered and an even smaller number (23 per

cent) strongly or moderately agree that the people who work in government have enough knowledge to decide what services are needed in their area.

FIGURE 18: THINKING ABOUT THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?



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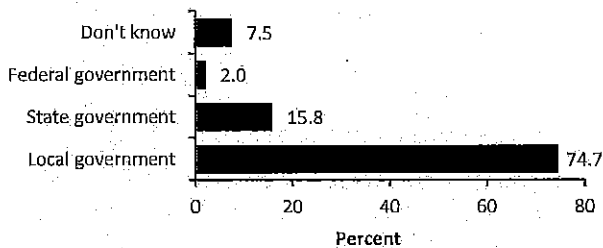
What do people think about local government?

Key points

- Australians think that local government is the best level of government to make decisions about the local area.
- Australians believe it is important that local government delivers a diverse range of activities, with planning for the future being amongst the most important.

Australians believe that local government is the tier of government best able to make decisions about the local area, with 75 per cent choosing local government, compared with 16 per cent for state government and two per cent for federal government. This seems to reflect a perception that the government 'closest to the people' will know best what is needed in the local area.

FIGURE 19: THINKING ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE, WHICH LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT IS BEST ABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT YOUR LOCAL AREA? (N=2006)



SOURCE: ACELG 2014 *WHY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS SURVEY*

Figure 20 shows a range of responsibilities that could be taken by local government and the relative importance to respondents that local government in fact does each of these things. Water, sewage, stormwater, drainage (82 per cent); and street cleaning and waste management (81 per cent) have the highest levels of extremely and very important ratings from respondents. This may be attributable to the long-term role taken by local government in these areas around Australia. The third-highest ranked potential

activity for local government was planning for the future, rated by 80 per cent of Australians as extremely or very important.

Other areas of typical core business for local governments across Australia—such as parks, footpaths, roads and bridges and land use planning/development applications—are also rated as highly important activities for local governments to do.

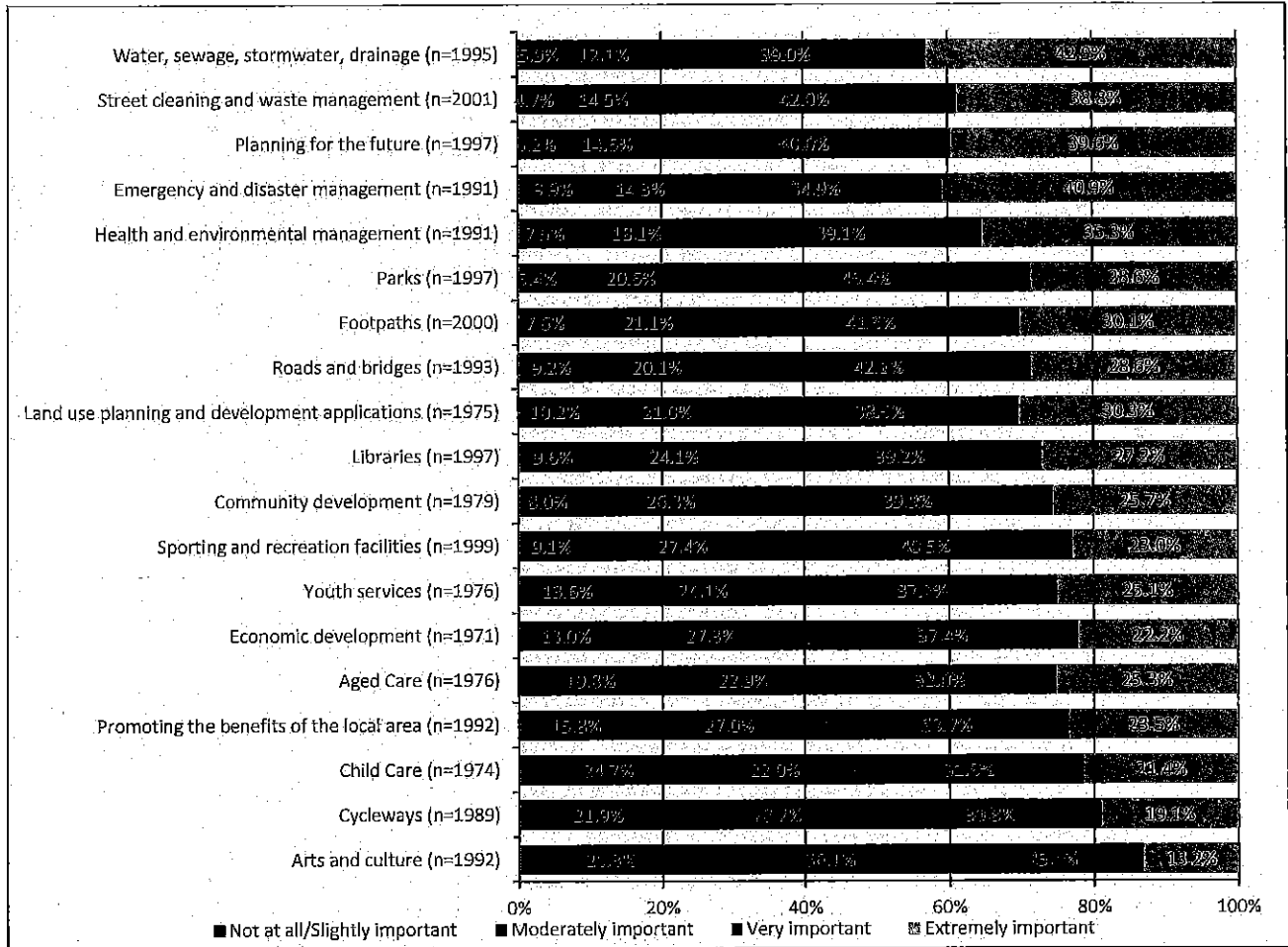
The public supports the importance of a role for local government in health, environmental management and disaster management. Although local governments have varying levels of involvement in these areas across and between jurisdictions, the results indicate that the public feels local governments should have some responsibility for these tasks.

Community services such as child care, aged care and youth services are viewed as less important for local governments to deliver. The role of local governments is not as clearly defined in these sectors and differs between states which may have an impact on peoples' expectations for the role of local government.

Local governments are often involved in arts and culture. Respondents do not rank these activities as important parts of local government operations relative to other tasks, although the absolute level of the 'not at all/slightly important' rating is only 25 per cent. This may be because the public is not aware of the work that local governments do in this area, or because they do not view this work as being as important as other tasks that local governments perform.

Almost half of Australians are able to correctly (42 per cent) or almost correctly (6 per cent) name the mayor or president of their local council or shire. Considerably more (85 per cent) were able to name their local government.

FIGURE 20: HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO YOU THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT DOES EACH OF THESE THINGS?



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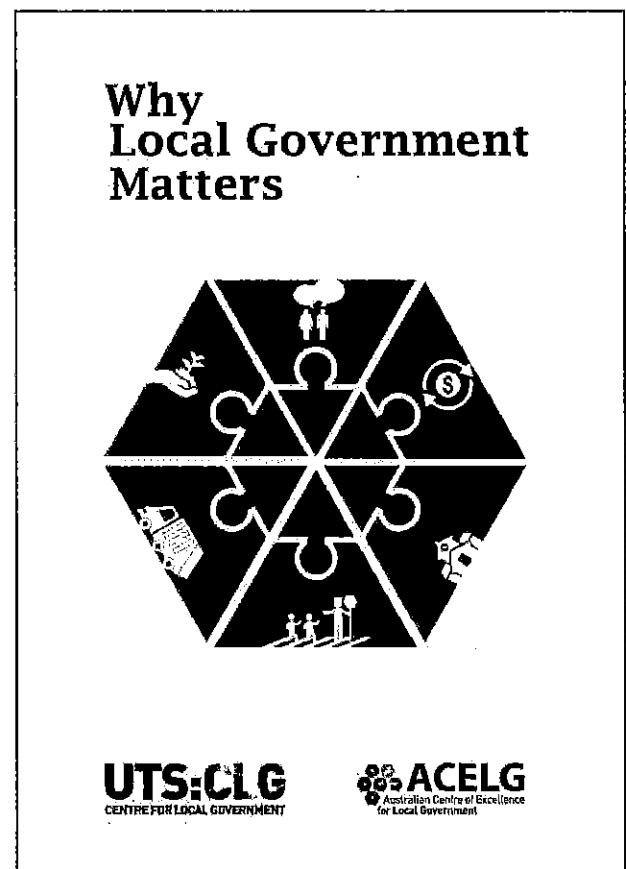
How do people's personal characteristics and values impact on their responses?

The results presented in this summary report reflect the views of Australians nationally. However, there are statistically significant differences in community views depending on:

- levels of community participation
- respondents' age, gender, income, education, employment status, non-English speaking background
- values and political affiliation
- housing tenure, dwelling type and household type
- length of residency in the local area
- the type of local government area in which people live (e.g. remote, regional, large and small metropolitan councils/shires).

These differences are explored in more detail in the full report, available on the ACELG website: www.acelg.org.au/wlgm

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Research methodology summary

A survey instrument for fielding by computer aided telephone interviews (CATI) was written by ACELG, tested in sections through three online panel surveys and analysis of results, and then fielded to 2006 people aged 18 years and over from all states and territories of Australia (with the exception of the Australian Capital Territory) in October/November 2014 by market research company UMR.

A gender quota was established in proportion to the Australian population. Age quotas were set to match the Australian population within six groups (18-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; and 70 and over). Additionally, quotas for the type of local government in which each respondent resides were set in order to allow for meaningful comparisons to be made, particularly between those living in regional and remote; regional urban; and the capital city/urban development areas. It is important to note that these quotas were based on local government type, not the proportion of the population resident in each local government category.

The survey results have been post-weighted by age and gender. Figures for the Australian population based on the 2011 Census were used.

The average interview length was 26.4 minutes (median length 24.2 minutes).

A fuller discussion of methodology can be found in the full report.

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Bridge 3269, O'Connors Creek	Lake River Rd	\$ 130,000													
CAPITAL WORKS FOOTPATHS															
Arthur Street	Fairfough 565 to Clarence 832	\$ 110,000													
St Georges Square	Smith Street to Tasman Avenue	\$ 50,000													
Wellington	High 1323 to Swan 1425	\$ 26,000													
George Street	Fairfough 0 to End of Kerb 130	\$ 24,000													
Stockmans Road	Logan Road 0 to End	\$ 9,000													
Shearers Court	Stockmans Road 0 to End 72	\$ 11,000													
Ploughmans Court	Stockmans Road 0 to End 55	\$ 9,000													
Bridge Street	Esplanade 0 to King 252	\$ 70,000													
Wellington Street	JLs to Archer	\$ 30,000													
Fairfough Street	Midlands Highway to Doctors	\$ 24,000													
Callistemon Court	Arthur 0 to Banksia 100	\$ 22,000													
Banksia Grove	Phillip 0 to end 100	\$ 21,000													
Callistemon Court	Callistemon 110 to Banksia 190	\$ 17,000													
High Street, Concrete (Right hand side)	Cambook West 268 to Barclay 444	\$ 21,000													
High Street, Ironstone (left hand side)	Cambook West 268 to Barclay 444	\$ 21,000													
Wellington Street, west side	Property No. 14 1091 to High 1201	\$ 25,000													
Wellington Street, east side	To Swan Ave	\$ 5,500													
Gatenby St	No. 10 to Spencers Lane	\$ 23,000													
Spencers Lane	Cressy Rd to Gatenby St	\$ 18,000													

POSITION POSITION
EACH / = ONE WEEK
INDICATES WEEK & MONTH CAPITAL WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT
/ = FIRST WEEK / = SECOND WEEK
/ = THIRD WEEK / = FOURTH WEEK

Resource Sharing Summary 1/7/15 to 30/6/16 As at 31/7/15	Units Billed	Amount Billed GST Exclusive \$	Rate inclusive of Oncosts and Admin \$
Meander Valley Council			
Service Provided by NMC to MVC			
Wages and Oncosts			
Traffic Engineers Services	3.50	349.75	99.93
Total Services Provided by NMC to Meander Valley Council	<u>3.50</u>	<u>349.75</u>	
Service Provided by Meander Valley Council to NMC			
Wages and Oncosts			
Plumbing Inspector	102.70	4,108.00	40.00
Total Service Provided by MVC to NMC		<u>4,108.00</u>	
Net Income Flow		<u>- 3,758.25</u>	
Total Net		<u>- 3,758.25</u>	
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	4.00	from Council Budget A/c 519035	
Administration and Development		Not Charged to Association Funded	
- Economic and Community Development Manager	30.00	from Council Budget A/c 500400	
Works Department Private Works Carried Out	20.00		
	<u>54.00</u>		



Local Government Association of Tasmania

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme) Bill 2015*.

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) is the peak body for Local Government in Tasmania and has developed this submission in consultation with all Tasmanian councils.

Much of the detail has been collected through teleconferences and written correspondence with council Planners. We have also had opportunity to incorporate a number of position papers formally endorsed by the Elected Representatives.

We are aware that a number of councils have made direct submissions. Any omission of comments they have made should not be viewed as lack of support by the Association for that specific issue. In fact, I encourage you to peruse those submissions for specific examples of the issues raised in this whole of sector submission.

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Some General Issues:

It has been difficult for Local Government, including planners, to respond to all aspects of the paper because of the lack of detail on the content of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme (TPS). Aside from the CEO of LGAT and the Technical Reference Group to the Taskforce, there is no awareness of the specific content of the TPS across Local Government. This has limited the ability to weigh risks and benefits and posit possible alternatives. Consultation with the Local Government sector on the format and content of the TPS has been narrow and does not, at this stage, represent the broad or consensus view.

Councils generally found it difficult to comment effectively in the absence of a scheme, local provisions, codes or even the recommendations of the Taskforce to the Minister which set the policy parameters. The legislation is the technical, enabling instrument however it contains potentially significant limitations to local planning. The impacts on the ability to provide good local planning will depend on the content of State provisions, and the degree to which local provisions may deviate, which will not be known for some time.

As outlined in the 2014 LGAT Election Manifesto, *Collaborating for our Communities*, the vast majority of development applications in Tasmania are approved efficiently and effectively by councils despite the increased community expectations about the objectives of the planning system in relation to solving complex urban and regional issues.

While the present suite of planning reforms will go a long way to meeting the Government's desired objectives of consistency and streamlining (as might be delivered through a single planning scheme), there is still concern that the issues and experience related to applying PD1, triggering more complex decision making pathways and more

discretionary applications, have not been fully appreciated by the State Government. Outside the Local Government sector there is not an understanding of how 'resource hungry' assessments under PD1 are. A number of councils have reported that their experience under the Interim Planning Scheme (IPS) is that:

1. It is resource intensive to administer;
2. It has resulted in more applications and fewer exemptions than under their previous scheme;
3. It has resulted in more onerous application requirements, increasing the time and costs required to prepare an application;
4. The scheme format is largely behind the complexity because of the performance-based approach that relies on generation of, and an assessment against, Acceptable Solutions and associated Performance Criteria for every issue.

Further, LGAT members still believe there is opportunity for improvement through better integration of legislation (such as the subdivision provisions in the *Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act* with respect to LUPAA) as well as a strategic review of the processes at play and support structures in the planning system. Some suggestions have already been flagged through the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Role of Local Government Project Legislation Working Group. LGAT members have previously raised concerns that the current planning reform process is back to front. The State needs to clearly identify and articulate its vision and strategy before working on the delivery instruments of legislation and planning schemes. This has been a deficit in the Resource Management and Planning Scheme (RMPS) since its establishment in 1993 and has not been rectified by successive governments of either political persuasion.

In relation to the Amendment Bill most of the proposed changes as outlined have in principle support from councils, noting their overarching concerns. The key exception to the latter statement is the proposed assessment period for permitted use; the Local Government sector believes this reflects an under-estimation of the complexities of the planning system and inadequate consideration of issues of natural justice and procedural fairness in some of the propositions. It also fails to account for an as yet unknown and untested planning scheme.

While some councils are already meeting these timeframes concern continues to be raised in relation to potential new and more complex permitted development. There is a strong view that there is significant future risk and likely a need for greater staffing levels in councils to deal with such timeframes – particularly in a smaller council. There is little practical difference in the assessment timeframe for a permitted application compared to a discretionary one. The key time saving for Council's is in reviewing/reporting on any representations to Council.

As pointed out previously, there is a key difference between permitted and exempt development. Generally a permitted use application requires checking against a range of planning controls to verify it is indeed permitted, followed by a decision around what permit conditions should be imposed. Those conditions may reflect a range of design, management, environmental and engineering type considerations.

Earlier concerns in relation to linkages with TasWater and their 14 day timeframe have not been addressed. Many permitted permit applications require referral to TasWater under the *Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008*. Section 56P requires the water utility to respond within 14-days from the date of receiving notice from a planning authority. The operation of this timeframe within the proposed 21-day period available to the planning authority unreasonably condenses the remaining time available to complete assessment and administration tasks.

A planning authority rarely has a single planning permit application before it. There may be many permit applications at various stages of assessment and determination. Statutory timeframes must be adequate to accommodate

compliance to process within the resources available to a planning authority and without discrimination between the permit pathways applicable to individual applications.

Assessment timeframes in Tasmania are already significantly less than other States. There is no evidence to directly link current timeframe performance with the rate of development in Tasmania and further, acknowledging that the timeframes have already been reduced from 42 to 28 days in this State, this proposed amendment is strongly opposed.

At a high level the following issues have been raised consistently across the sector:

- It is difficult to comment on timeframes without understanding the content of a Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) and what resources will be required to develop, assess and review. There is likely to be a significant resourcing cost to councils on top of the already 'resource hungry' process of progressing the Interim Planning Schemes.
- There is no link between State Planning Provisions and Regional Land Use Strategies; essentially regional provisions have been eliminated. There is a need to contemplate how to deal with State provisions which contradict Regional Strategy objectives. This could be as simple as saying under 15(7) that they must further the objectives of the Regional Land Use Strategy where that strategy is consistent with State Policies.
- The public consultation timeframes are inadequate for reviewing and responding to an entirely new scheme. These provisions are likely, by virtue of the government's assertion on the level of current inconsistency between planning schemes, to be a significant modification to the controls applying under all current planning schemes. Such variation has potential to impact on the rights and interests of most, if not all, landowners, occupiers and communities across almost all aspects of a planning scheme. The Bill should provide discretion for the Minister to allow a longer exhibition period to accommodate introduction of the initial draft Tasmanian Planning Scheme State Planning Provisions (SPPs). The current exhibition period for a new replacement planning scheme is 3 months.
- There is concern about the extent of the Minister's powers, which seem at odds with the RMPS focus on public involvement.
- There is concern that the legislation is silent on the timing and process of review of the State Planning Scheme - what will the trigger be? State Planning Provisions (SPPs) must be maintained. It is suggested that trigger criteria be included, such as a new State Policy. There appears to be no ability for the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) to assess the efficacy of the SPPs proposed and it is limited to matters of a 'technical nature' and not policy. Given that policy is to be developed after the State Scheme, there appears to be no forum to discuss the rationale behind the provisions and the intended outcomes.
- There is no provision for Local Codes – some matters may not be able to be adequately addressed through a LPS. The Meander Valley Council's Karst Code is one example.
- There are mixed views on the drafting style (duplication vs. stand alone perceptions) but generally it was felt there needs to be better consideration of the useability of the Act in entirety e.g. need to avoid complex numbering such as s47ZX. There is a perception that LUPAA has become as cumbersome as the Tax Act.

Other Matters

<u>Planning Process</u>	<u>Local Government Feedback</u>
<i>Regional Land Use Strategies</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - s5A -- needs to be periodic review of Regional Land Use Strategies (a how and when trigger). - There should be parallel consideration regarding review of the SPPs, LPPs – it is suggested that there may be a need to prescribe some circumstances which trigger a review.
<i>The Tasmanian Planning Scheme</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11(7) mandating a permitted permit process for port and shipping activities within a proclaimed port does not make sense in this form, unless it is accompanied by a supporting special provision (or whatever that becomes under the SPP) under the Statewide Planning Scheme (SPS) to provide for that process. Otherwise application of the scheme to proposals becomes flawed where performance criteria are invoked. - S12 generally may require an interpretation provision similar to what is proposed at s40. - S12(1)(f) - Need to clarify the status of a permit which has been granted but which is not yet commenced. Failure to address this within the section contradicts the extensive duplication of other provisions and creates uncertainty for permit owners. Sections 53(5) and 53(7) of the Act were amended to address the expiry of permits that are issued but not yet commenced. That amendment has not yet been tested in a court to determine if the State assertions were addressed. - Previous legal advice has consistently confirmed that once a new planning scheme comes into effect, an existing permit cannot then be amended to establish a staging program without constituting a substantial change to the terms of the original approval, which is not possible once the planning scheme has changed. The effect of this clause will be to sunset all existing permits that are commenced but not completed upon implementation of the SPS in an area UNLESS they contain a staging program as part of the original decision. - s53 of LUPAA indicates a valid permit remains in force for the balance of the consent period or for such further period as granted. It does not, however, detail what is to occur if the use or development subsequently becomes unlawful. - s12(2) The working of this provision is unclear as to whether a permit is required or not. - s12(5) The phrase 'substantially intensified' has caused confusion in the past and needs guidance. Is it about a change of use or the manner in which you utilise a facility?
<i>State Planning Provisions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - s13 Suggest 'consultation' changed to 'exhibition' or 'notification'. There is a need to provide discretion for the Minister to allow a longer period of exhibition of a draft SPP. There needs to be a clear understanding that the first process will need to be very comprehensive. - s13(1) Consultation period: does the exclusion include Saturday mornings? They form a normal part of business hours for many operations (including some

state agencies). Should this be clarified (has it even been tested)?

- s15 – there needs to be opportunity for Planning Authorities to input into the preparation of draft SPPs. Currently the Minister has exclusive rights and there is no consultation required. The consultation could be up front or prior to the TPC reporting to the Minister.

- One suggestion is that the Act also establish a clear obligation on the State to provide defence of the SPPs through the appeal process. They are not local content and are imposed by the State. It is unreasonable for the State to impose SPPs and then expect Planning Authorities to defend them. At the very least, corresponding provisions ought to be enabled in the RMPAT Act to allow the Tribunal to summons defence or explanation of the SPPs from the State. This ought also be linked to an annual review process following RMPAT decisions on SPPs.

- s16(2) – suggest moving to end of s16 so the intent is clear that it is confined to matters raised in s16(4).

- ss16 and 17 use different terms for the same process, which creates opportunity for inconsistency and confusion. The process is not consistent with the expectations and outcomes of consultation, which imply information gathering to assist with the preparation of a document. The SPS will be prepared, the process will be about notifying the intent to make then. Experience says the process will provide opportunity for refinement of the draft and will not result in development of another version from first principles. The process is simply statutory notification.

- s17(1) – suggest including the requirement to exhibit any supporting materials. This also applies to s29 (2).

- s17(1)(b)(ii) the specified premises must not include Council offices unless the State provides resource on the specified offices to address enquiries. Failure to do so would be inconsistent with the abilities of councils to represent and advocate for their own functions as a planning authority and on behalf of their rate payers.

- s17(2)(a) creates the illusion that the consultation period can be specified by the Minister [16(3)] where it is defined elsewhere as 42 days [13(1)]. Subsection (b) provides further opportunity for council offices to be specified as part of the statutory notification process, causing cost to Councils.

- s18 potentially invites representation on any aspect of the draft SPP. Focus could be improved by modifying to prescribe “a relevant representation must be in relation to any matter contained in the draft SPP”.

- s19(1) it would be better to specify that extensions to this period were for 90 day periods and granted at the ministers discretion. You may wish to consider limiting the number of extensions that are possible.

- s19(1)(b) – suggest adding in relation to a **matter contained within the draft...**

- s19(2)(b) – trivial or irrelevant OR frivolous or vexatious? The terminology of trivial or irrelevant is not consistent with the relevant processes.

- s19 - There is no penalty or alternate action if the TPC fails to satisfy the statutory timeframes – which is inconsistent with ability for the TPC to assume the functions of a planning authority where a failure to meet deadlines occurs.

	<p>However, what is the alternate to the TPC?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - s20 – again need to link to Regional Land Use Strategies (RLUSs). There must be text to indicate that the SPP’s are at least consistent or not contrary to regional land use strategies. Otherwise, zone provisions could be completely inconsistent with RLUSs.
<p>Amendment of SPPs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - s24 – there is a need to better define SPP and LPP – currently expressed differently and not clear if talking about one or the totality. This applies throughout. This then lends itself to consideration as to whether new material (e.g coastal inundation) is an amendment or not. It is submitted that new content is not an amendment – but rather a new SPP. - s25(1) ought to provide for any other matter as specified (as a contingency). This would allow for establishment of state based mapping or other concepts (such as hazards for example) or to provide for LPP’s to override SPP’s or to provide for urgent amendments resulting from operational problems of the SPP’s. - s26(7) Include a requirement for consistency to any regional land use strategy under s5A. - s27(4) require consistency with any regional land use strategy under s5A. - s28(2) Clarify to restrict to matters in 27(4). - s29 it needs to be clear that 'specified premises' do not include council offices. Also all supporting materials should be available during the exhibition period. - s30 – need to clarify what is a 'relevant representation'. - s31 Again no linkage to regional land use strategy. (2) Modify to exclude representations which are not in relation to a matter relevant to the particular provision in the draft SPP. - s32(4) – Consistency with RULS needed. - s36 – need a trigger for review – as raised previously, criteria/timing. <p>The circumstances to trigger a review may include new State Policy; judicial decision identifying a legal flaw; indication drivers to strategy have changed or are changing; community complaint for outcomes.</p>

Local Provision Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - s38 Suggest 'consultation' changed to 'exhibition' or 'notification'. - As with SPPs provide discretion for the Minister to allow a longer period for exhibition of a draft LPS - particularly for the introduction of the first and more comprehensive provisions - s39(2)(b) is not clear as to its intent. Surely if something must be in a planning scheme then it ought to be a SPP? Otherwise, this provision contradicts and undermines the SPP concept. The specific wording also suggest that the SPP MUST set provisions for implementation as LPP's, not that it may. - s40 the impact of this clause is potentially to render all LPP's ineffective, the clause requires clarification to understand its operation. Given the intent, there ought also to be opportunity for the issue of directives to address such conflicts while an urgent review of the LPP/SPP is completed to resolve such problems. - ss41(4) and 41(6) should both have timeframe extensions approved by the Minister. Subsection (7) ought to provide for consistency with the applicable RLUS. - Division 4 – this section relates to statutory notification. Public consultation implies a different process and outcomes. - ss41 & 43 – 42 days not long enough, no reference to regional land use strategies, as with SPPs. - s44 – include all supporting material in exhibition. - s46 – need to clarify what is a 'relevant representation'. - A formal process is required for Planning Authorities to suggest amendments to State provisions. - s47 – is this Local Provision or Local Provision Schedule? Representations may lead to the conclusion LPS should be withdrawn prior to report. - s47C(2)(b) represents double dipping. Where a RLUS was approved as consistent with the State policy, the assessment should be against the RLUS. Inclusion of (e) is supported. (f) is unclear as to how the TPC would assess it and what information they would require to assess it, suggesting that it will simply be an unfettered tool to refuse any local variations in LPP's. It is unclear how (g) can be assessed or what information the TPC would require to do so, and at what cost? - s47C (2)(g) – clarification required. Does this only apply if there is no regional land use strategy? - s47F(3) is in conflict with s80 (online version control) - It is not clear that the draft legislation embraces the Content Management System concept, with requirements that planning authorities comply with TPC directions to make specified modifications. If the TPC specifies the modifications, then the TPC can enact them on the 'iplan' system. What purpose does it serve to have the Planning Authority to make the changes? The TPC already maintains the word documents for Council when planning scheme amendments are processed. - s47H – similar to previous, suggest criteria articulated for mandatory review.
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Currently too discretionary. e.g. triggers could be a new SPP or new State Policy.

- s47(H)(9) (a) represents a conflict of interest in completing the requirements of the section by the TPC on behalf of the planning authority. (b) represents an unreasonable and unlimited requirement. The Commission could, under this section, bankrupt the Council with no recourse or review. Unlike other similar processes in the Act, there is no test of reasonableness or opportunity for review.

- s47(J)(5) is confusing. Again, the draft seeks to unmake a planning decisions after the fact.

- s47K must contain a minimum notice period, as it proposes to remove planning provisions. Such period should be at least 14 days. The default provision of 7 days will not provide sufficient notice for determination or preparation of planning applications.

- s47L(1)(b) as for s47(H). (2) only indemnifies the Commission for decisions that are made, but not Councils. This questions the need for subsection (1) once a Council fails to fulfil its requirements. Perhaps it ought to establish that applications do not lapse upon failure to complete a step in the process.

- s47N – again, need to have regard to Regional Land Use Strategies.

- s47Q(3) the inclusion of a financial penalty is questionable and likely to be counterproductive. Recent experience suggests that delays to statutory timeframes are more likely to be as a result of the Commission than Council. If penalty fines are to remain in the Act, the TPC ought to be required to reimburse developers and councils for costs incurred as a result of delays they cause.

- Why is the TPC to review the additional information request when the same function is assigned to the RMPAT in relation to permit applications?

Is the TPC entitled to consider the merit of the amendment or is the review limited to whether the information is relevant and necessary to the matter for which the amendment is intended?

- s47R - Is the TPC entitled to consider the merit of the amendment; or is the review limited to whether the planning authority had regard to the considerations and process in relation to a decision on initiating a LPS amendment? There may be an inherent breach of procedural fairness if the TPC can determine there is merit in an amendment and instruct the planning authority to prepare a draft LPS which it is later to determine. It is a review and not an appeal process.

- Limit review to whether the planning authority followed process and not to the merit of a decision to refuse an amendment.

- s47S defines a different consultation period to previous processes (28 v 42 days), which is confusing, inconsistent and inappropriate. Also, the process is statutory notification. Keep it consistent in name and timeframe/

- s47(1)(e) – very broad, needs to be supported by criteria such as confined to prescribed purpose - link to contents of LPS

- ss47W and 47N have different criteria, potential conflict, need to be aligned. Again no reference to Regional Land Use Strategies. A planning authority may

agree on a 3rd party request to initiate a draft LPS amendment if satisfied on the criteria in 47N. It must subsequently prepare a draft amendment and certify it if satisfied against the criteria in 47W. The criteria in 47N and 47W are not the same. Therefore, an amendment may be agreed under 47N but may subsequently have to be changed to satisfy 47W.

- s47W(2) – need to close the loop to be able to modify an amendment and clarify how a planning authority is to deal with a draft amendment for which it cannot issue a certificate under 47W.

- s47Z does not have a timeframe for notice to be served on the planning authority, which may mean that it is served after statutory notification has commenced. Section 47Y requires notification to commence within 14 days of the Planning Authority (PA) notifying the TPC, which would mean that the TPC notice of exemption would need to be within 7 days of their notification, which is probably unreasonable. There may need to be a trigger for s47Z that relates to an application by the PA for an exemption or extends the period under 47Y (or some other such mechanism).

- s47ZB (1) Planning Authorities have 35 days to respond, but the Planning Commission can take its time? This seems a little unfair, particularly given the TPC's long standing inability to meet statutory deadlines. (4) it seems absurd to provide for review process with LPS and then not be able to provide a recommendation that LSP should be considered for SPP status. (5) as for 47ZA(4).

- s47ZC(c) – again does there need to be reference to frivolous and vexatious?

- s47ZD this section requires a specified timeframe. Practicable is not an appropriate measure of time for determination. LPS will relate to specific local issues and in some cases, developments. TPC does not have a great track record on meeting statutory timeframes, and a practicable timeframe will allow every other function of the TPC to take precedent.

- s47ZE relies on the timeframe under s47DZ, which has no limit. It must have a time limit, or things will never be determined.

- s47ZI- should be about endorsing, not signing; otherwise, define the term 'signing' to give regard to the online environment.

- s47ZK (1) provision for combined applications does not allow for the setting aside of SPP's as part of a specific development proposal. That is going to be essential for some projects, and is not unreasonable given that the assessment process is completed by the TPC and not the Planning Authority. There is no corresponding provision under Division 1.

- ss47ZN - ZP separation of the process to this degree for the amendment and the application serves no purpose. Section ZN(2) contains no timeframe for notification of the decision, unlike sZP(6).

- s47Q as with SPP – relevant representations.

- s47ZQ As previously noted, this is statutory notification and not consultation. (1) there is no difference between (a) and (b). Section ZQ(5) requires that copies of representations are sent with notification of the decision to initiate the process, which contradicts the required statutory timeframe. Subsection (5) relates to the process for consideration of the representations and ought to be redrafted as such. The concept of an excluded representation is subject to

	<p>the same comments as previously raised elsewhere in this submission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - s47ZT – inconsistent with s53 – why parallel processes? Need to cross reference back to normal process. (2) this process for multiple two year extensions of permits is redundant. Make new permits for 3 years with a one off extension of another 3 years. Simpler, better. Subsection (6) is as relevant to subs(5) and should be considered under that clause too. - s47ZV references to the Appeal Tribunal are redundant, as they have no role in the relevant process. - s47ZW(1)(b) – no criteria or method for calculating ‘reasonable costs’. This needs to be addressed. Need a mechanism of appeal or to use the RMPAT process to determine costs. - s47ZW (1)(b) and (3)(b) as per s47H.
Application for Permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - s17 – as outlined earlier, LG strongly opposes the move to a 21 day timeframe for determining permitted use applications.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schedule 6 – language is quite dense, can it be tightened? - Existing uses – s12(2) - Local Government understands the purpose of this amendment is to avoid unreasonable cost, delay and uncertainty due to non-compliance with standards if an application for a permit is required. There are however, some concerns, particularly related to rebuilding when the hazard still exists (e.g. landslip, coastal inundation) and questions around how this is related to requirements under the Building Code, including the need for Building and Plumbing approvals. As raised previously, there may be a need to indemnify councils in relation to losses related to poor planning outcomes. Best practice planning may have changed significantly over time. - s64 - Reinstate the ability for a planning authority to request the RMPAT to issue an order to prevent a breach or to require cessation of a breach. There are circumstances under which the enforcement notice process is inappropriate due to the immediate risk of an irredeemable loss or an on on-going condition which cannot be tolerated within the timeframes required for the enforcement notice and compliance process. It is unclear why a private individual has access to civil remedies and a planning authority is excluded.



Business Plan 2015 – 2016

Adopted at the August 6th 2015 Board Meeting

Objective 1: To identify & foster economic development opportunities within and for the Northern Midlands

Strategies	Actions/Milestones	Budget	Timeframe
1.1. Collaborate with Council to foster economic activity in the Northern Midlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three NIMBA Directors are members of the NM Economic Development Committee (representing NIMBA, Industry Sector and Council) Committee is investigating/ driving a number of economic activities/opportunities Assist with facilitating the establishment of the Longford Equestrian Association Assist with facilitating the establishment of the Longford Motor Racing History Association 		Ongoing January 2016 March 2016
1.2. To advocate for the further development and enhancement of the Heritage Highway App	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with HHTRA to resolve issues affecting the functionality of the HH App and if issues cannot be resolved, advocate for the development of a new HH App. 		Decision re current App to be made by Oct 15
1.3. To promote Northern Midlands local products and produce at local events, and intra-/inter-state expos	Identify and assess options, and collaborate with relevant partners to plan & carry through participation in selected local events expos and road shows including the 'Flavours of Tasmania' at Parliament House in October 2015		As opportunities are identified
1.4. Facilitate the establishment of new businesses/welcoming of business owners/operators in the NMI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Association Executive Officer or Director to, where-ever possible, make personal contact with individuals known to be considering establishing a business in the Northern Midlands, or with new business owners/business operators – to welcome the business, provide information on the Northern Midlands and referral to relevant services/agencies 		Ongoing
1.5. Advocate for the further development and promotion of the TRANSlink precinct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Council's application for National Stronger Region Funds for the Translink Stormwater and Missing Road Link project Support the development of the Launceston Gateway Precinct Master Plan Collaborate with Council to refine and update the TRANSlink prospectus Hold a TRANSlink Open Day that showcases the precinct and its businesses to city-based businesses, with an emphasis on businesses that would benefit from relocation to the TRANSlink precinct Promote the signboard listings to new Translink businesses: handle the payments and work in collaboration with Doc Signs to update the signboards as required Advocate for the upgrade of Evandale Main Road to a Category One Trunk Road from the Breadalbane roundabout to at the least, the airport roundabout 	\$500	By April 16

1.6. Facilitate the development of new tourism experiences in the Northern Midlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for Interpretation of Long March Dam • Investigate options for specific themed guided tours of the NMI • Progress the Northern Midlands Food and Fresh Produce Project 		
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Objective 2:

To enhance the environment for economic development in the Northern Midlands

Strategies	Actions/Milestones	Budget	Timeframe
2.1. Advocate for Wi-Fi hotspots to be developed in the Northern Midlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor the progress of the State Government public Wi-Fi project and advocate for NMI as appropriate 		
2.2. Advocate for Tourism Touch Screens to be installed in key locations in the Northern Midlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with HHTRA to identify priority locations for Tourism Touch Screens in visitor centres and high volume tourism businesses, assisting to develop partnerships with the private sector where possible 		
2.3.. Manage the TRANSLink tourism business/events sign board on Evandale Main Road & encourage relevant northern midlands businesses to showcase their business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billboard promoting NMI events/attractions/tourism businesses throughout the year 		Ongoing
2.4. Support Northern Midlands agricultural sector by advocating for the introduction of the new Food Origin Labeling process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with relevant partners as opportunities arise 		Ongoing

Objective 3:

To promote collaboration between the Association, local businesses, agencies & organisations to facilitate economic development in the Northern Midlands

Strategies	Actions/Milestones	Budget	Timeframe
3.1. Significantly enhance member benefits by building on the TCCI Tasmanian Chambers Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with TCCI to continue the Chambers Alliance • Participate in quarterly Chambers Alliance forum • Promote TCCI training and forum opportunities to northern midlands businesses 	\$400	Ongoing Quarterly Ongoing
3.2. Facilitate networks & collaboration between NMI businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold 2015 AGM & social networking evening • At least 1 business famill tour conducted annually • A minimum of 2 networking/educational forums held annually 	\$400	Sept 15 By Mar 16 By May 15
3.3. Promote excellence in customer service in the Northern Midlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to sponsor the Longford Rotary Club "Are You Being Served" Awards 	\$200	Nov 15
3.4. Facilitate opportunities for	Collaborate with the Beacon Foundation to develop a Business Partnership Program in the Northern	\$400	By Feb 16

northern midlands students to enter traineeships with local businesses	Midlands		
3.5. Continue to manage the Northern Midlands Business Promotion & Visitor Centre at JJs Bakery Longford	Upgrade the centre's lighting and displays Hold Centre volunteer recognition functions at year end and during Volunteers Week	\$1,000 \$400	By Sept 2015 Dec 15 May 16
3.6. Collaborate with Business & Employment to support local businesses & facilitate economic development in the NIM	Maintain regular contact with Business & Employment, identify collaborative project opportunities & pursue these opportunities where-ever possible		Ongoing
3.7. Assist Northern Midlands Community Broadcasters Inc. in their efforts to resurrect HeartFM community radio station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist with the re-inauguration of Northern Midlands Broadcasters Inc. and resurrection of Heart FM Secure sponsorship package with Heart FM and encourage NIMBA members to take out sponsorship packages Shop Small 'Unite Your Neighbour in November' events held 	\$1000	External timeframe
3.8. Implement the Shop Small 'Unite Your Neighbour in November'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand the Work for the Dole program offering at the Estate Plan and hold masterclasses at the Estate 	\$750	November 2015
3.9. Education Projects at Woolmers Estate			October 2015-08-09 March 2016

Objective 4:

To heighten the profile of the Association

Strategies	Actions/Milestones	Budget	Timeframe
5.1. Feature a regular column in the Country Courier newspaper	Column featured bimonthly in the Country Courier	\$1600	Bimonthly
5.2. Have available an 'NIMBA Achievements to Date' document & distribute widely	Update document in July each year and distribute		By Aug 15
5.3. Production at least quarterly an edition of the Assn newsletter	Minimum of 4 newsletters produced each year	\$150	Quarterly
5.4. Heighten the Assn's online presence	Regularly update the Assn webpage on the NIMC website Investigate online options & action as resources allow		Ongoing
5.5. Have available a new business/new business operator welcome pack and distribute to new business owners/operators	Pack updated regularly and distributed as required	\$100	Ongoing
5.6. Have an annual business plan and regularly review progress against the plan	Business plan adopted in June each year and progress reviewed on a quarterly basis		By June 16
5.7. Undertake a membership drive with an emphasis on the benefits to members resultant the Tasmanian Chambers Alliance	Membership drive undertaken	\$100	By Mar 16



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**Heritage Highway Tourism Region Association
 Business and Marketing Plan 2015 – 2016**

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Adopted at the Board's August 2015 Meeting

	Activity	Budget Resources
Strategy 1: Marketing the Heritage Highway Region through targeted and innovated approaches		
1	Visit with Conviction marketing campaign Progress with an integrated campaign including online, print, tourist bus and other advertising and editorial. Support it with Skulduggery giveaway and discounted sets, also a themed tear off map of convict sites in the region. All supporting marketing activities detailed below:	
1.1.1	Graphic Designer Caitlin Moffatt designed ad for Red Decker Bus (via DST) and provided an estimate on designing our future ads with our theme, in specified sizes in professional print ready format.	\$643.00
1.1.2	Red Decker Bus Large ad on the back of Hobart's tourist Red Decker Bus, incorporated within Hobart & Beyond's branding. Use the ad as support in our integrated Visit with Conviction campaign	\$3,685.00
1.1.3	Short Breaks magazine ¼ page + 200 word editorial	
1.1.4	Explore ½ page for 6 months throughout spring and summer with editorial at least once	\$3,300.00
1.1.5	Travelways Strip ad page 9 bottom right hand side x 6 issues with editorial where possible. Beginning Aug/Sept 2015	\$3,300.00
1.1.6	Touring Australia Magazine ¼ page + ¼ page editorial & image, hard copy and online flipbook. Publish July 2015.	\$875.00
1.1.7	Caravanning Australia Magazine Ad in Highway 1 feature, in Spring edition. ¼ page with 100 words editorial and image. Publish first week of September.	\$950.00
1.1.8	Hawthorn Football Club Tasmanian page via Tourism Northern Tasmania Ad on home page of HFC Tasmanian site, in July & August the months that games are played in Launceston	\$700.00
1.1.9	The Wanderer magazine of the CMCA 1/3 page + editorial (half page exposure) in December issue, within the feature "Touring Destinations", plus 12 months exposure on the main website features section	\$1,000
1.1.10	RV Pages – online of CMCA 12 months online ad on the CMCA website, accessed via main menu and Destinations tab	\$764.00
1.1.11	Think Tasmania.com Articles and social media exposure	\$100.00 (to be confirmed)
1.1.12	Radio promotion – rediscover Tasmania 2 spots in a 60 second ad @ \$1000/per spot. Played across 10 stations (including LAFM), each 1 per week plus bonus slots for 12 months.	\$1,000.00
1.1.13	Retractable Banner 2 banners to be used at Visitor Centres and other promotions as required.	\$461.48

	Activity	1-89	Budget Resources
1.1.14	Convict themed itinerary – tear off map A product for visitors to guide them to some of the convict themed sites in the region.		\$1,200 (to be confirmed)
1.1.15	Packaging of Skulduggery sets As part of the Visit with Conviction campaign.		\$217.80
1.2	Training for Visitor Centre Staff Provide training and famils to visitor centres in our region, Hobart and Launceston on our marketing campaigns and experiences and attractions in the Heritage Highway region.		
1.3	Brooke Street Pier 12 months brochure display on the DST branded stand at Brooke Street Pier		\$236.00
1.4	Website Develop a new and contemporary 'content management system' website that is device responsive, that users can use to easily navigate their way around our region's stories, attractions, accommodations, events, products, shopping and dining. Incorporate the TigerTour database.		\$15,000
1.5.1	Social Media Utilise the blog (on website), facebook and twitter to continually keep our online presence fresh and interesting, and to engage with potential visitors and repeat visitors. This will improve our search engine optimisation and Google rankings. Create content for our social media platforms and share the content with the Regional Tourism Organisations.		
1.5.2	Media liaison/social media/Social media influencers Engage the services of a social media/media liaison/public relations person to expand our online presence and content, undertake social media monitoring, write sharable content, build relationships with journalists and media outlets, and write media alerts/releases, all the while staying relevant to our target market.		\$5,000
1.6	Image library Update the Heritage Highway image library with new images. Encourage operators to share their images with us using a hashtag.		
1.7	Touring Map & Guide Manage the reprint, distribution/promotion of the latest edition of the Heritage Highway Touring Map and Guide		\$10,000
1.8	Brand Personality of the HHTRA This is not considered a priority. Consider engage Sarah Lebski to facilitate a branding workshop to develop the Heritage Highway brand and personality into the future, how to get that message out and deliver it successfully when visitors are here.		TBA
1.9	Tourism Videos This is not considered a priority. Investigate the costs and expected return of commissioning tourism videos.		
1.10	Brochure Buddy Submit the Heritage Highway touring guide to the Brochure Buddy App. Monitor downloads and review in 12 months. \$50/month.		\$600.00
1.11.1	Town Tear off map Individual town tear off map template, used by local groups when they reprint or start a new tear off map for their town, branded and themed with Heritage Highway. Investigate a funding model.		\$500
1.11.2	Region wide Tear off map Develop a tear off map that supports our Touring guide.		\$2000
1.12	Museum Mechanics – Darryl Rogers		

	Activity	Budget Resources
	Investigate how/if Museum Mechanics can be utilised by the HHTRA.	
1.13	CoPilot App Work with the developers who are creating a GPS enabled app that is used when people are travelling in the region. It pops up with relevant information at places that have been added to the app, i.e. the story behind a place or site.	
1.14	Regional Dispersal of visitors Collaborate with DST & TNT on strategies that encourage regional dispersal of visitors, including actively encourage day visitations to the Heritage Highway Region by visitors based in Launceston and Hobart via the promotion – online and hard copy – of Heritage Highway Region recommended day visit itineraries	
1.15	Heritage Highway listings on TigerTour, DiscoverTasmania.com and RTO websites Maintain contact with these agencies to ensure up-to-date and relevant town and region descriptions and images.	
1.16	HHTRA product sales Develop & implement a marketing plan for the HHTRA products (Skulduggery, Heritage Folders & Doggy Guide)	
1.17	App On hold.	
Strategy 2: Communicate effectively with our stakeholders and increase the profile of the Association		
2.1.	Engage with TNT and DST and strongly advocate for the Heritage Highway Region to be promoted in its entirety, whenever possible, in promotional activities undertaken by the RTOs	\$0
2.2.	Serve as a conduit between Heritage Highway tourism operators and TNT including promoting participation by HH tourism operators in TNT training programs & providing TNT with regular updates on activities & developments in the HH region via newsletters & participation in quarterly LTA forums	\$0
2.3.	Participate in DST's LTA capacity-building workshops & work with DST to identify & implement strategies that enable the Association to become more effective, sustainable & productive	\$200
2.4.	Produce regular newsletters that promote tourism activities and developments in the HH region generally & the activities of the Association specifically.	\$200
Strategy 3: Support the development of new tourism product in the Heritage Highway Region		
3.1.	Support local tourism groups with projects & product development activities including serving as an auspice body &/or funds administrator as required.	\$0
Strategy 4: Governance: manage and grow the effectiveness of the Association		
4.1	Regularly update a Board Induction Manual, including Assn policies & procedures	\$0
4.2	Develop & maintain a vibrant & functional Board via ensuring Board members are recouped for expenditure incurred when performing board duties & Board members are covered for public and directors liability insurance	\$1,500
4.3	Develop the 2016-2017 Business and Marketing Plan by June 2016	\$0

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Comments of the current volunteers that support the Visitor Information shop front at JJ's Bakery regarding the proposed stand alone visitor centre at Longford

Volunteer 1:

- I believe a standalone centre will cost a fortune.
- I can't see where it is viable.
- Only manned for 5 – 6 months of the year. Don't believe any volunteers will be interested in sitting there through winter with nothing to do.
- The big visitor centre at Launceston is close enough for a standalone centre, there's a big one at Evandale.
- Current set up at JJ's is really good and works. JJ's is well known as an award winning bakery, most visitors to town go in. So there is a great opportunity to capture the visitors. We're both very good at spotting visitors and we approach them and start chatting. It may not be the greatest looking in the world but it is friendly, comfortable easily accessible, busy, and works. The girls in the shop also help visitors out when asked questions if it's unmanned, as they have the brochures and info at their fingertips. They also call us when people have questions about history.
- Longford needs a free camping area by the Mill Dam, to keep more people in the town

Volunteer 2:

- Longford and the local area. This happens even if they weren't specifically looking for visitor information, because they did not realise the info bay was here, or had not come in only because of the visitor information. We then get to engage with people who would not have gone into a standalone visitor centre in the first place.
- JJ's is a friendly welcoming place, it is a busy hub which draws people to it. The information is there for visitors to access even if we are not on duty. The staff also do the opening and closing of the building and take the sign out, so the volunteers don't have that responsibility.
- JJ's is also right on the main road and easily spotted.
- If we were to lose the JJ's space, we'd never get it back.
- If the visitor centre were moved, it could not be a standalone centre for all those reasons. It would have to be combined with something else.
- Having anything in the memorial hall is not a good idea:

It is off the main road. Easily missed.

Removes that spur of the moment drop in.

It also restricts its use for other things, and then we are back to the same situation we had when it was solely reserved for use by one user group.

- A possible venue could be the disused Antique shop next door, combined with the National Trust to bring back the Norfolk Plains Heritage Centre to where it belongs (in the Norfolk Plains), and could also incorporate the motor racing memorabilia idea plus local history, and an info bay.

- However the problem would still remain of the info not being accessible when the place is not manned.
- With a standalone visitor centre we would not talk to as many people.
- Longford is very much about history, the church and the buildings. People come to Longford for these things.
- I talk to a lot of people who come here for their family history, I am often able to help people.
- Where will the volunteers come from for a standalone centre? I think they are hard to get.
- As for motor racing: I would like to see a big sign put up where the start/finish line was to let people know they are now on the old international racetrack of Longford, include to contact the info bay for further information.

LONGFORD VISITOR APPEAL STUDY

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

AUGUST 3RD 2015

No.	Recommendations	Implementation Plan/Progress
1	That the local business sector establish a Longford Business and Tourism Association	Longford Business and Tourism Association (LB&TA) business name registered Local businesses are establishing the Association incorporation underway.
2	That initial external guidance and support is sought to enable the success of the Business and Tourism Association	To be negotiated with LB&TA
3	That visitor information services are retained at JJs Bakery and that professional guidance is provided to the current volunteers regarding setup, information display etc.. That the current 'in destination' visitor information is reviewed in terms of presentation, content, purpose and overall ease of use	Council's Tourism Officer has renovated the display area and Council has installed a screen that is playing local slides and videos. Lighting of the display area is being improved
4	That the existing digital information relevant to Longford is enhanced	LB&TA has requested handover of the Longford website from council. LB&TA to manage the further development of the website
5	That a community events board or display is placed in a prominent location in the town	Council officers are researching tourism touchscreen options
6	That street and local attractions signage is consistently and uniformly applied throughout Longford and surrounds	General Manager to determine if Council can resource share this expertise from another Council
7	That Longford's profile on both the Discover Tasmania and Tourism Northern Tasmania websites is maximised	To be actioned once the Longford website is functional
8	That operators are encouraged to place their brochures at the Launceston Travel and Information Centre	Council officers obtained following advice from the Launceston Travel and Information Centre: Regarding display of DL brochures: if the Longford businesses all signed up together - the first business pays \$140 and the

		others pay \$70. New website being launched soon – businesses would be listed on that for free. Centre manager Susan Clark welcomes a visit by some business reps to discuss options: ph 6336 3133 Matter referred to LB&TA
9	That operators package their products and experiences, initially around major events, and sell them through the Launceston Travel and Information Centre	To be furthered by LB&TA
10	That the purpose and content of the visitor information booth on the Village Green is reconsidered	New display boards have been installed in the booth.
11	That Longford business owners learn more about each other's products and experiences and develop an active network of referrals	LB&TA to progress
12	Given Longford's fame as a motor racing destination, one option for the future use of the Memorial Hall could be as a museum where that rich motor racing history could be on full display.	Recommendation: the establishment of the Longford Motorsport Society to drive this development
13	That an initial approach is made to the University of Tasmania, specifically to renowned historian Professor Hamish Maxwell-Stewart with a view to discussing the assistance that could be available through the School of Humanities regarding the interpretation process (that connects the Estates of Woolmers and Brickendon) –including funding opportunities and research	Council officers to discuss with Professor Hamish Maxwell-Stewart
14	That business, community and the Estates work collaboratively to explore their shared narrative and how it can be connected in an engaging and innovative way	Starting point is Woolmers and Brickendon participation on LB&TA

MAJOR OPPORTUNITIES AND PROPOSED WAY FORWARD

No	Opportunity	Proposed Way Forward
Op1	Point of difference: It is realistic for Longford to build its brand around motor racing history	Refer Recommendation 12
Op2	The concentration of equine activity can be enhanced and further developed including the proposed Horse Trail	Business name 'Longford Equestrian Assn' registered. Meeting held 29/7/2015 with stakeholders and decision made at the meeting to progress the formation of the Association
Op 3	Longford can benefit from both road racing events and events at the Kearney Cycling Centre	A new cycling club is to be established under the auspice of Cycling Australia: 'Northern Midlands Cycling Club.' Council will enter into a MOU with the club re the velodrome.
Op4	Develop an Events Strategy that aligns with the upcoming Northern Events Strategy (TNT)	Await the Northern Events Strategy
Op5	Create a family fun park/playground that is different, quite special and provides a quality experience that encourages repeat visits and positive word of mouth to promote it	Council officers are investigating concept options
Op6	Residents and businesses of Longford need to embrace Brickendon and Woolmers Estates and give them the support they need	To be progressed by LB&TA and LLDC
Op7	Develop farm gate experiences and/or have local produce readily available in the town (eg. at B&Bs)	Noted proposed development of 'Longford Market House' at 54 Wellington Street (adjacent to JJs Bakery) as a Saturday market for quality craft/food
Op8	Develop an Arts Trail that is packaged and easily accessed to ensure sufficient visitor interest	References: Walking Tour of Port Fairy Artists Tamar Valley Artist Trail
Op9	Improve the visual appeal of the main thoroughfares, Wellington and Marlborough Streets eg. reinstate verandahs, install flags, flower boxes, umbrellas, furniture, sculptures	Bill Fox recommended to Council, Village Well (www.villagewell.org) that specialises in placemaking (the art and science of making authentic, vibrant and resilient places that are valued by their communities, and admired by

		visitors)
Op10	Enhance service levels in Longford eg. address limited opening hours of a number of businesses	Refer to LB&TA
Op11	Local community needs to be engaged and involved in decision-making, volunteerism, events etc... as they then understand the flow-on effects from a successful visitor destination	Collaborative responsibility of Council, LB&TA and LLDC

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HEART FM COMMUNITY RADIO STATION



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BUSINESS CASE 2015-2017

Northern Midlands Community Broadcasters Inc.

August 5th 2015

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1. Background

Heart FM community radio station commenced broadcasting in the Northern Midlands in 2001 from a studio at Poatina. Heart FM was managed and operated by volunteers and expanded to provide off site broadcasts at community events and in 2009 from a second studio in Longford.

Northern Midlands Community Broadcasters Inc. (NMCB) managed the station until it ceased broadcasting in July 2012 because of insufficient sponsorship. On hearing this, the Northern Midlands Business Association (NMBA) approached NMCB to offer support to make the station viable again. NMBA could see what a significant loss the closure of the region's only community radio station would be to the general community and Northern Midlands businesses in particular.

NMBA worked closely with NMCB including approaching NMCB's creditors and obtaining either a significant reduction, or complete waiving, of past liabilities.

By March 2013, NMCB was in a position where it needed two significant pieces of the jigsaw to fit into place to be able to recommence trading:

- i) Obtain funding of \$7,500 to be in a position to clear past creditor obligations
- ii) The Broadcasting Authority (ACMA) to renew the radio licence on a provisional basis to allow demonstration over the next 12-24 months that Heart FM had the capacity to truly operate as a community radio station.

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1 At the March 18th 2013 Council Meeting, Council considered a request by NMCB for a one-off allocation of \$7,500. The Council decision was:

DECISION

Cr Calvert/Cr Lambert

That Council grant \$7,500 to Northern Midlands Community Broadcasters Inc. (NMCB) subject to Council having a representative on the board of directors, being provided with an acceptable business plan for the next twenty-four months, and being allocated 30 minutes of air time per week to promote events, community news and special projects on the radio station if required.

Carried unanimously

NMCB commenced the application for the ACMA provisional radio licence and the search for a community base for the station's studio, ideally in Longford. The provisional radio licence was approved in November 2013.

Over forthcoming months, possible studio locations were viewed in Perth and Longford. In mid-2013 NMCB asked if it would be possible for the studio to be located in the Longford Memorial Hall on the Village Green. At this time the Hall was leased to the Longford Senior Citizens and used two half days/month for their regular club meetings.

NM/CB was advised that the building required a significant upgrade for safety and functionality reasons, prior to decisions being made as to its future management and usage. NM/CB representatives viewed the hall in September 2013 and identified a room in the building that could be suitable for development as the radio station studio.

In October 2013 Council received from the Tasmanian University Department of Rural Health (UDRH), the report on the health needs assessment the UDRH had been contracted to undertake for Council: "Health and Wellbeing Needs Assessment of the communities of Perth, Longford, Evandale and Cressy in the Northern Midlands, Tasmania." One of the significant service gaps identified in the report was the need for a 'community health and wellbeing/neighbourhood house' centre in Longford which offered a range of programs and activities using a community development model. One of the report's key recommendations is:

"Council undertake a review and assessment of the feasibility of using the Longford Memorial Hall as a Community Health and Wellbeing Centre which would act as a central base for a range of community programs and activities that range across the lifespan, from playgroup activities through to senior citizen groups, support and advocacy groups."

The upgrading of the Memorial Hall was being considered by Council, with the Longford Senior Citizens accepting that after the upgrade, the Hall would be made available for use by the broader community, and that Council would manage this usage.

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In July 2014 NM/CB emailed the Acting General Manager to formally table their request for long-term usage of the right-side rear room as an office and studio for Heart FM, and for Heart FM to have shared access to the other facilities including the kitchen and meeting rooms. NM/CB was advised that the building upgrade would be underway later in the year and it was envisaged the work would be completed by early 2015.

Since completion of the building upgrade, NM/CB has been liaising with Council with regard to planning the installation of the radio station studio in the right side rear room of the Memorial Hall. The following alterations have been identified as required to accommodate Heart FM, and costed by Puma's Construction, Cressy:

Supply labour and materials to

- Widen sliding door into existing room
- Fit solid locking door to main office room
- Frame and sheet noise batts to studio walls
- Fit solid locking door to studio
- Fit triple glazed window between studio and office room
- Turn stairs around if possible to enter stage area
- Fit 8 double power points as requested