

MINUTES**THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE ROSS COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB,
ROSS, TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2020 COMMENCING AT 2PM.****1 PRESENT**

Arthur Thorpe (Chairperson), Christine Robinson, Alan Cameron, Helen Davies, Candy Hurren, Jill Bennett, Herbert Johnson, Marcus Rodrigues, Ricky Hebbard, Ann Thorpe (Hon Sec)

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Mary Knowles, Councillor Andrew Calvert, Tru Dowling, Keith Jolley, Patsy & Peter Bewg, Judith Lyne, Jill Davis, Fiona Oates, Carmel Archer, Jessica Barker, Richard Bennett, Helen McQuade, Peter Foss, and Catherine Searle, Troy Prince, Julian Koning from Jacobs Consulting.

3 APOLOGIES

Councillor Janet Lambert, Leisa Gordon

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 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Christine Robinson / Candy Hurren

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on Tuesday 1st September, 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried Unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chairperson wishes to thank Chris Robinson and the Ross Community Sports Club for their ongoing assistance in providing and preparing the Sports Club rooms for RLDC meetings.

6.1 10 Days on the Island

Christine Robinson advised this event was definitely going ahead. There will be a number of meetings happening on a regular basis. Currently there is a meeting planned with an Author who is preparing a piece to go in the *Island Magazine*.

6.2 Midland Highway Safety Upgrade – Final Stage

A project update and question and answer session was conducted by Jacobs Consulting personnel Catherine Searle (Lead Principal Consultant), Troy Prince (Project Manager), and Julian Koning (Design Lead For The Ross Section) regarding the Midland Highway safety upgrade.

See separate Addendum for Jacobs Consulting presentation and questions arising from the presentation.

A delegation from the Campbell Town District Forum (CTDF) was welcomed to the meeting.

Mayor Mary Knowles commented that it was brilliant thinking on RLDC's part to ask CTDF to come along and work together for the benefits of both communities.

6.3 Memorandum of Understanding

There will be a NMC Workshop and then it will go to a formal Council Meeting. No date set as yet, as replies from committees still being evaluated and collated.

6.4 Garden Beds

Jill Bennett has contacted the owner of the cottage to discuss. The owner is happy to replace any roses that are needed. The roses have been fed and trimmed and hopefully will be ok. No new soil to be applied and no further action at this stage.

6.5 Police visit

An invitation to Tasmanian Police to attend the November meeting of the RLDC on a meet and greet exercise has been issued and accepted. Meeting venue and time will need to be reconfirmed with the Police before the November meeting.

6.6 Australia Day Nominations

There was discussion regarding the nomination criteria. The Chair is to write to the Mayor regarding issues discussed in the meeting.

6.7 Possible combined meeting between Campbell Town Forum (CTF) and Ross Local District Committee

CTDF member Leisa Gordon raised the possibility of the CTDF and RLDC meeting on an as

needs basis, to enable the two committees to discuss matters of mutual interest, such as the 2021 bicentenary and the MoU.

The RLDC agreed with the proposal and raised the following motion:

This committee, the RLDC, supports the idea of Ross and the Campbell Town Forum, meeting on an as needs basis to discuss issues of mutual interest, and that these meetings be resourced by NMC.

Moved, Mrs Christine Robinson, seconded Mr Allan Cameron
Carried unanimously

The Northern Midlands Council at its September 2020 meeting, made the following decision in relation to the above motion:-

“That Council note the motion and consider when appropriate the attendance and resourcing accessibility of the proposed meetings.”

6.8 Honeysuckle Road

Chair thanked Councillor Lambert for unsolicited assistance regarding the request for grading.

Grading has been completed, however it would appear that more work may be required. Councillor Calvert spoke to the Works Manager and as of 10 years ago, NMC ceased grading dirt roads of long distances. Honeysuckle Road will be graded for 15 kms, however there was some discussion as to whether the “rest” of the road was a private road or not.

In order to seek clarification on this issue the RLDC passed the following motion:-

Moved Herbert Johnson / Alan Cameron

That the RLDC request NMC to clarify what distance of Honeysuckle Road is Northern Midlands Council responsible for maintaining.

Carried Unanimously

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Christmas End Of Year Function

The Committee noted that NMC had advised that the annual Christmas End of Year Function would not be held this calendar year due to COVID-19, and was of the opinion that this was a good idea considering financial hardship in the council area.

7.2 RLDC Meeting Times

Committee on board with reverting to 11.15am meeting start time, on the first Tuesday of the month, commencing with the November meeting. Next meeting will again be held at the sports club.

7.3 Round Table Discussion

Ann Thorpe – nil matters raised

Arthur Thorpe - advised that he has been appointed to the Campbell Town Hospital Board.

C Robinson - Nil matters raised

A Cameron - Community should be aware of what is happening with our Health Centre. Currently no Dr on at weekends; Manager has resigned. Our Health Centre is very important to the community.

H Johnson - Mowing of the streets happening as we speak. Is the big mower going to be coming through as well? Chair to ask Works Manager when. Also, spraying of Cumbungi weed in Macquarie River; this issue has been raised before and it is not a matter for NMC. Although river is in the NMC area, requests need to be progressed through State Growth who are the responsible agency. Not likely to use spray in the river area. Old Cemetery has become very hard to park on side of the road as it has been washed out. Chair to put in works request.

K Jolly - When is the village green going to be finished? Response was hopefully May next year, depending on weather issues. Hoping to have a special function there in June 2021. Mayor advised there will be an opening ceremony as well – although the Village Green may be able to be used before this ceremony.

R Hebbard - Pot holes and asphalt edges in all streets need attention. Are NMC aware that the Town Hall gutters are full of leaves. Rabbits overrunning Badajos Street (all through town). Was bait put out this year or not, due to Covid? Need to ensure it is progressed next year.

J Bennett - Nil matters raised

M Rodrigues - Nil matters raised

H Davies - Nil matters raised

C Hurran - Ongoing project with street signs – where are we up to with them. Chair to contact Jonathon Galbraith.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 3.30 pm

Next meeting – **Tuesday 3rd November, Ross Community Sports Club commencing 11.15am.**

Jacobs Consulting Presentation

A project update and question and answer session was conducted by Jacobs Consulting personnel Catherine Searle (Lead Principal Consultant), Troy Prince (Project Manager), and Julian Koning (Design Lead For The Ross Section) regarding the Midland Highway safety upgrade.

Jacobs are Consultants to State Growth, and are conducting community consultation on their behalf for the Midland Highway final stage safety upgrade. The final stage project has been ongoing since middle of last year, including rounds with property owners along the Midland Highway. The design is yet to be finalised, today's presentation is a brief overview of what is currently being proposed.

Background – The Midland Highway upgrade is a 10 year action plan and is currently into its 5th year with an estimated completion date of 2024. The final stage includes Jericho to South of York Plains, Mona Vale Rd to Campbell Town and Campbell Town to Epping Forest, approximately 51 kms in total.

Currently the highway is 1-2 star, widening with centre lane dividing wire will improve to a 3 star safety rating. 5 star rating is the highest that can be achieved. Safety the main factor of the upgrade. Public road access from the sides of the highway will be kept. Left & right turn dedicated lanes to be kept. Heavy industry / farm access will be needed. Safety cuts down overtaking, so will be looking at putting in overtaking lanes and where the turn facilities will be. Roseneath, Auburn, Ashby and Chiswick Road to have access to highway, wire rope otherwise. Turning circles at Little Chiswick, Lewisham and south Campbell town.

Public consultation has led to feedback and to discussion with Government about the feedback. Lots of issues, devil is in the details. Another round of Public Consultation in February/March and will consult on the next iteration of the plan. Need to gain an understanding of how properties blend / interact with highways. Discussion with public re extra overtaking lanes which appears to be the most relevant submission along with the Chiswick Road intersection.

Q&A

- Have school bus operators consulted – yes & again, safety of children paramount re stopping on highway. The school bus is a nightmare particularly in winter exiting Chiswick Road to the Highway. Quite dangerous to pull out due to lack of visibility caused by fog. Trees can be dangerous and hinder sight.
- When was the last traffic count on the Midland Highway held – not able to be answered. State Growth has permanent counters near Mona Vale. Is it possible to provide a traffic count from the Mona Vale counters please? Last traffic count along Chiswick Road was approx 900 vehicles per day.
- Concern expressed about passing lanes. Looking at 2 lanes in each direction in future, but some confusion about this. Can the exact number of passing lanes between Mona Vale and Ross be confirmed please? Entrance to Ross is apparently safe sight distance – is this correct? Is it also feasible to retain the existing 4 lane overtaking section on the Campbell Town straight from Little Chiswick Gates to Young's Corner?
- Ashby Road, right & left hand turn lanes needed and a "speed up lane" as it is a 110 km zone. Will both these turns be included in the final design?
- The Chiswick Road intersection is of primary concern to a great number of Ross residents. Recently a B.Double at the entrance almost had a collision with another vehicle. Have you had discussion with heavy vehicle drivers, no, but in contact with Tasmanian Transport Association

truck industry. This intersection badly needs redesigning with the entrance moved more to the south to provide clearer line of sight and also needs to have a north bound speed up lane incorporated particularly necessary in winter due to fog etc. Are there any plans to redesign the intersection and incorporate a north bound speed up lane? Trees at the intersection have been raised before and the trees will be removed on the north western side to allow for widening on that side to save Tacky Bridge. Can the trees be removed to the south of the intersection to assist with the line of sight? This intersection may need to be a separate project in its own right as it appears to be very important?

- The Conara intersection has the same dangerous situation as the Chiswick Road intersection above. This intersection also needs a speed up lane. Nature of discussion with the Department, can this be part of the scope or does it need to be a separate safety issue? May need to be its own separate project?
- Federal budget tonight, extra money available will it make a difference to finality of project. Phased construction leading up to 2024.
- When can more detail be available on the website that the public can see when you zoom into? Next few weeks hopefully and will be in touch with affected landowners and plans updated to show progress to date.
- Do Jacobs have input into speed limits? Jacobs stated the need to maintain minimal disruption to long term driving and don't tend to recommend reduced speed limits. Improve line of sight and road instead is the preferable alternative.
- Distance of passing lanes are too short and make for aggressive driving. Need to be longer and need to look at increasing the distance. Climbing lanes are being looked at as optimal preference, as inclines slow heavy vehicle traffic and allow safer overtaking. The project is constrained by the brief the Department set. The main aim of the safety upgrade brief is the installation of the central wire barrier leading to improved safety.

The Chair thanked Jacobs for attending the RLDC meeting and stated that while a four lane highway from Launceston to Hobart would be the ultimate objective, any improvements made to the highway would be better than what we have now.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL
ON WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2020, COMMENCING AT 5.30PM**

- 1 **PRESENT:** Neil Tubb, Dennis Pettyfor, Doug Bester, Kevin Headlam, Len Langan, Tim Flanagan, Dee Alty
- 2 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Adams
- 3 **APOLOGIES:** Gary Catchlove-Owen, Bron Baker, Jo Clarke, Councillor Brooks

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - not applicable

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Nil declared

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOTION

The minutes of the meeting of the Longford Local District Committee held on September 2, 2020 to be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved: Dennis Pettyfor/Len Langan

CARRIED

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Volunteer district committee form. Concerns raised that this form goes above and beyond the role of volunteers. People should defer signing until the form is clarified.

6.2 Lighting on Pateena Road at the junction – being considered by Council. Members asked the role of this lighting – is there a report?

6.2 Pedestrian air dots. Council has reported they are not going to renew the dots.

- 6.3 Cyclist signage. The Department of State Growth had been consulted by Council and they have answered they do not believe there was any requirement for signage for cyclists.

7. PENDING BUSINESS ITEMS

- 7.1 Draft Planning Scheme Amendment 04/2020: Low Density Residential Zone, Southern Longford.

The Draft listed on Council Minutes September 21, shows a table outlining uses and developments within the low residential planning zone.

The Committee believes the discretionary with permit for residential and housing development should be excluded to protect the original purpose of the area for horse training purposes.

Council minutes had a map that explained what they proposed to do. This was discussed and the following motion put forward.

MOTION

“That this committee ask the Council what “discretionary” means in their table for the uses in the area marked by the boundary of Anstey Street/Brickendon Road/Wellington and Craycroft Streets? The committee believes this does not protect the area from general development with this discretionary clause.”

Moved: Len Langan/Dee Alty

CARRIED

- 7.2 Proposal for the Racecourse to be the home for the Magic Millions. The Council noted our support in a letter to the Chairman.
- 7.3 JBS Alternative Entrance – waiting for a decision from the Department of State Growth.
- 7.4 Flood Levee banking – it was suggested that with appropriate signage the levee could be used.

MOTION

“That Council investigates erecting appropriate signage so that the levee bank can be used for health and recreation”

Moved: Tim Flanagan/Kevin Headlam

CARRIED

- 7.5 CCTV – pending Council review with police.

- 7.6 Memorial hall – this has been an issue on our books since 2014. The proposals put forward almost on a yearly basis since then have been ignored. When is the committee going to be consulted?
- 7.7 MOU discussion, this Committee has put its comments to Council but have had no response as yet. (See 6.1)
- 7.8 Wellington and Marlborough Street intersection – being further discussed between Council and State Growth.
- 7.9 Tree lighting near Perth bypass – it was decided that this should be deferred until the Council had ownership of the land.
- 7.10 Vinnies clothing replacement shop and the Council was thanked for assisting.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Capeweed – who is responsible for nature strips is there a Council policy and is there any State funding for weed eradication.

MOTION

“That this committee asks if there is a Council policy for this sort of weed eradication and if so, it doesn’t seem to be working. Could they please advise.”

Moved: Tim Flanagan/Kevin Headlam **CARRIED**

- 8.2 Australia Day Nominations
Committee was advised that we could not put forward group nominations, only individuals could nominate people.
- 8.3 There was some discussion about fence heights in Longford. Is there a policy about front fences? Some of the fences seem over tall.

MOTION

“Could the Council please advise the committee on any policy.”

Moved: Tim Flanagan/Len Langan **CARRIED**

- 8.4 Businesses are reporting that they have run out of Longford tear off street maps and are asking for a reprint of the earlier tear off map.

MOTION

“That Council reproduce a simple tear off street map pad for distribution around Longford businesses and community groups.”

Moved: Dee Alty/Kevin Headlam

CARRIED

9 REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

- 9.1 Railway committee.
The committee is going ahead with a small celebration in 2021 and will continue to seek funds to restore the pillars.
- 9.2 Longford Legends. Moving forward, plaques holders are nearly ready, now awaiting date for plaque stands to be installed.
- 9.3 The meeting understood the Council was not hosting Christmas functions because of COVID19, but the Committee will still have a meal together after the December meeting.

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.49 pm and the next meeting will be 4th November, 2020.



**NORTHERN
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SERVICE AGREEMENT

with

**Northern Midlands Business Association
Inc**



Northern Midlands
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION INC.

SERVICE AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made the day of 2020

BETWEEN:

THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL
of 13 Smith Street, Longford in Tasmania
("the Council")

– and –

NORTHERN MIDLANDS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION INC
of
PO Box 118, Perth 7300
("the Association")

RECITALS

1. The Council has adopted a Business Unit structure for its operation which includes entering into Service Agreements with appropriate organisations throughout the Municipality.
2. The organisations are to perform a Council wide function which has a Council wide importance.
3. The Association and its activities comply with the Council's objectives.
4. The parties agree for their relationship to be specified in this Agreement.

OBJECTIVES OF ASSOCIATION

5. The objectives of the Association are specified in item 2 of the Schedule.
6. The Council acknowledged those objectives as being consistent with the Council's objectives in this area of activity of the Council.
7. The Association, although it is a separate entity from the Council, acknowledges that it shares with the Council the Council's general objectives in this area of activity of the Council.
8. The Association will advise the Council if, at any time, it proposes to significantly vary its objectives.

PERIOD OF AGREEMENT

9. This Agreement will commence on the date specified in item 3 of the Schedule and continue for the period specified in item 4 of the Schedule, subject to the terms of this Agreement.

AGREEMENT

10. Pursuant to the agreement between the parties as specified in this Agreement the Association will perform certain functions and activities ("the services") and the Council will provide assistance and financial resources ("financial assistance") to the Association.
11. The Council recognises the Association as the principal organisation in the Council area for the provision of the services.

STRUCTURE OF ASSOCIATION

12. The Association acknowledges that it is an Association registered pursuant to the ***Incorporation of Associations Act 1964*** and that it will at all times comply with the provisions of that Act and its Regulations.
13. The Association acknowledges that it has an effective operational Board.
14. The Association acknowledges that it is authorised to enter into this Agreement.
15. If the Association alters its Statement of Purposes or Rules in any significant manner it will advise the Council of these changes.
16. The parties acknowledge that the Association is a separate entity from the Council and that it will be responsible for its own organisation and conduct. It is not a Committee of the Council.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON ASSOCIATION

17. The Council will not formally appoint a Councillor or Staff Member to the Board of the Association.

SERVICES

18. The Association shall undertake such projects and provide such services as it assesses as being appropriate for the economic development of the Northern Midlands region and without in any way limiting the foregoing, the services to be provided by the Association will be set out in detail in the Business Plan of the Association. The Business Plan is to show how the Association is working to assist in achieving the goals of Council's Economic Development Framework (held as an Attachment). The Business Plan will include a detailed description (and where appropriate, analysis) of:
 - 18.1 The goals and strategies required to achieve the objectives of the Association.
 - 18.2 The budget of the operation of the Association.
 - 18.3 The annual survey of Northern Midlands businesses to gauge their level of satisfaction with the Association, with the survey to be developed in collaboration with Council .
 - 18.4 The Association's COVID-19 Safety Plan.
 - 18.5 Any other necessary and relevant matters.

19. The Business Plan will operate on two time frames:
 - 19.1 An annual Business Plan will be prepared for each 12 months ("the annual Business Plan").
 - 19.2 The Business Plans will be based on the financial years 1 July to 30 June.
 - 19.3 The annual Business Plan would usually be discussed and reviewed by the parties between the 1 and 30 April each year. Given the delays encountered due to the pandemic, this year the Business Plan will be reviewed by the parties between 1 and 31 October. This review will give consideration to:
 - 19.3.1 The assessment of the achievement or otherwise of the agreed outcomes in the current period.
 - 19.3.2 The assessment of the Association's performance in meeting its budget and its financial performance generally.
 - 19.3.3 An assessment of the programs proposed to be undertaken in the following year and the outcomes by which they will be measured.
 - 19.3.4 A review in light of the previous clause of the proposed financial budget for the Association.
 - 19.3.5 The outcome of this review will be documented and acknowledged by the parties.

REPORTING

20. The Association will provide Council with Board Meeting Minutes when they are prepared for each meeting
21. The Association will provide an Annual Report plus a six monthly update in sufficient detail to enable a proper review of the:
 - 21.1 Achievement by the Association of its strategies and goals
 - 21.2 Attainment of its nominated outcomes.
 - 21.3 Financial performance as against its Business Plans and generally.
22. These reports will be prepared in sufficient detail to enable the annual review to proceed in April each year without delay.
23. The Association will report to the Council any substantial variations in its annual Business Plan.
24. The Council may request the Association to provide to the Council any further information or documents relative to the Association's performance as is reasonable.
25. The Council will be provided with the annual audited financial statements of the Association.

FINANCIAL

26. The Council will consider in May each year over the period of the Business Plan, financial assistance to the Association.
27. The payments referred to in the previous clause are subject to:
- 27.1 The objectives of the Association remaining substantially the same as specified in item 2 of the Schedule or being altered in a manner approved of by the Council.
 - 27.2 The structure of the Association remaining substantially the same as at the date of this Agreement or being altered in a manner approved of by the Council.
 - 27.3 The Business Plan having been agreed upon by the parties.
 - 27.4 The annual Business Plan for the next year having been agreed upon by the parties.
 - 27.5 A satisfactory review of the outcomes of the Association's activities in the previous or current year.
 - 27.6 The Association using its best endeavours to attract external income and funding from State and Australian Governments and the Business Community.
28. The Council may provide additional funding to the Association during each year for its activities as may be agreed upon between the parties.
29. The Association will acknowledge Council's support on all correspondence and promotional materials.

AUDIT

30. The financial affairs of the Association will be fully and independently audited annually and a copy of the audited accounts provided to the Council.

PAYMENTS

31. Payments of financial assistance by the Council to the Association will be made as follows:
- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| Base Grant 2020-2021 | \$31,779 GST inclusive |
| Base Grant 2021-2023 | \$31,779 + Hobart CPI as of March each year |

LIABILITY

32. The Association will endeavour to ensure that its staff and subcontractors do not, represent itself or its activities or its staff as belonging to or being conducted on behalf of the Council.
33. The Association acknowledges that the Council is not liable or responsible for the activities of the Association or for its debts, liabilities, expenses, losses or deficiencies.

34. The Association acknowledges that this Agreement does not constitute a partnership agreement or a guarantee or indemnity of the Association or its activities by the Council.
35. The Association will ensure that it takes out appropriate insurance cover for its activities.

PROBITY

36. The Association will ensure that its Board members and staff comply with proper standards of probity including not improperly or unfairly obtaining any financial or other advantages from their position or information at their disposal and not misusing such information.
37. The Association's Executive Officer and any Board members working on behalf of the Association within the community will complete Council's online Contractor Induction Program.

TERMINATION

38. This Agreement may be terminated by the Council in its discretion if:
 - 38.1 A Controller is appointed to any of the property of the Association.
 - 38.2 Any application is made or resolution is passed for the winding up of the Association.
 - 38.3 The Association is insolvent within the meaning of the Corporations Law.
 - 38.4 A meeting of the Association's creditors is called with a view to entering into an arrangement or compromise with creditors.
 - 38.5 The objectives of the Association being changed substantially from those specified in item 2 of the Schedule.
 - 38.6 The structure of the Association being changed substantially without the approval of the Council.
 - 38.7 The Association fails, for the want of a diligent effort, to substantially achieve the outcomes specified in its annual Business Plan.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

39. Any dispute between the parties to the terms of this Agreement or the performance of the parties pursuant to the Agreement will be resolved as follows:
 - 39.1 The parties will use their best endeavours to resolve the dispute by negotiations.
 - 39.2 If the negotiations are not successful either party may serve on the other a notice of dispute setting out the details of the dispute.
 - 39.3 The dispute will be arbitrated in accordance with the provisions of the **Commercial Arbitration Act 1986** and the parties are authorised to utilise legal representations for such arbitration if they so choose.

NOTICES

- 40. Any notices, demands or other communications between the parties for the purposes of the Agreement must be in writing and be addressed to the party at that party's address specified in the Agreement or any other address which that party may have substituted by written notice to the other.
- 41. In addition to any other legal method of service, such notice may be delivered personally or be sent by email or by prepaid post. In the case of prepaid post, the notice shall be presumed to have been received and takes effect four (4) days after posting if sent by mail to an address within the same State or seven (7) days after posting if posted to an address in another State.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands the day and year first hereinafter written.

THE COMMON SEAL of the NORTHERN)

MIDLANDS COUNCIL was hereunto affixed)

on the day of 2020 in the)

presence of:


_____)
 Mayor)
 _____)
 General Manager)


THE COMMON SEAL of the NORTHERN)

MIDLANDS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION INC)

was hereunto affixed on the 21st day of August)

2020 in the presence of:)


 _____)
 Chairman)


 _____)
 Executive Officer)



SCHEDULE

Item 1 Northern Midlands Business Association Inc of

Postal Address:
PO Box 118
Perth Tas 7300
Email Address:
contactus@nmba.asn.au

Item 2 **Objectives of the Association**

The purposes for which the incorporated association is established are:

- (a) To identify economic development opportunities in Northern Midlands and environs.
- (b) To initiate and co-ordinate local community input on the directions and priorities for local economic development.
- (c) To promote and market local economic development.
- (d) To strengthen and diversify the economic base of Northern Midlands and environs.
- (e) To undertake any other activities that may assist in the development of Northern Midlands and environs.

Item 3 **Date of Commencement of Agreement**

The 1st day of July 2020

Item 4 **Period of Agreement**

Until 30th day of June 2023

Item 5 **Services to be undertaken by the Northern Midlands Business Association on behalf of the Northern Midlands Council:**

Nil at the time of negotiation of the Agreement



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CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT

1. PARTIES

Northern Midlands Council, 13 Smith Street Longford TAS 7301
ABN 70 695 934 223
(‘Council’)

Northern Midlands Business Association, P.O. Box 118 Perth TAS 7300
ABN 47 433 857 215
(‘Contractor’)

2. THE PROJECT

The project will enable the Contractor to extend hours of service provision in response to increased demand from local businesses for support, communication and information during the coronavirus pandemic.

3. TASKS

The Contractor key tasks are to:

- Provide at least weekly email bulletins that condense information received from all levels of government and agencies, and prioritises the information most relevant to Northern Midlands businesses
- Create and maintain the currency of a special coronavirus page on the NMBA website as a means of responding to enquiries and requests for support from Northern Midlands businesses
- Develop and implement a range of programs to support Northern Midlands businesses during the coronavirus pandemic
- Participate in weekly Ministerial teleconferences with the state’s chambers of commerce to provide input to the development of initiatives and programs to support businesses during the coronavirus pandemic, and to provide advice on the progress of the initiatives and programs from the perspective of Northern Midlands businesses.

4. TIME FRAME

The Agreement starts 1 April 2020 and ends 30 June 2020.

5. OUTCOME

The Contractor will provide Council with a report of progress against each of the key tasks at the midway of the agreement: 8 May 2020, and at the completion of the agreement: by 3 July 2020.

6. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The agreed fee for the consultancy is \$ 7,000 + GST

Council will make three payments.


Payment 1: upon signing of Agreement \$ 2,330 + GST

Payment 2: upon receipt of midway report \$ 2,330 + GST

Payment 3: upon receipt of final report \$ 2,340 + GST

The Contractor will submit a tax invoice to activate each payment.

7. CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT SIGNATORIES



IAN GONNION, CHAIR
NORTHERN MIDLANDS BUSINESS ASSN

7 April 2020

DATE

DES JENNINGS, GENERAL MANAGER
NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

DATE



P.O. Box 118 Perth Tasmania 7300
Email: contactus@nmba.asn.au

8 May 2020

Des Jennings
General Manager
Northern Midlands Council
Smith Street
LONGFORD TASMANIA 7301

Dear Des,

This letter is to provide the first of three reports to Northern Midlands Council on NMBA fulfillment of the Consultancy Agreement signed on 7 April 2020, to support local businesses relating to the Coronavirus.

Activities to provide this support to today's date, are:

1/ Produce and distribute four separate electronic information bulletins received by more than 600 businesses, on:

- "Northern Midlands information on government support and stimulus packages"
- "Updated Northern Midlands business access for Covid-19 support and stimulus packages"
- "Buy Local, safety and updated support programs"
- "Guide to preparing for business recovery"

2/ Participation and written submissions representing Northern Midlands on the weekly Tasmanian Chamber Alliance teleconferences

3/ Participation and written submissions to the Minister and Advisors on the fortnightly Ministerial Coronavirus business support teleworkshops

4/ Submission of a proposal, adopted by the Tasmanian government, for a specific regional business support fund

5/ Collating and distributing wide-ranging information, policies and updates from Local, State, and Federal Government, received on a continual basis

6/ Referring local businesses to the specific information or support resources they need to address their particular needs and issues

7/ Setup and coordinate NMBA Board of Management remote operation and Board meetings via videoconferencing

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9/ Meetings and written proposal relating to NMC digital online business support initiative

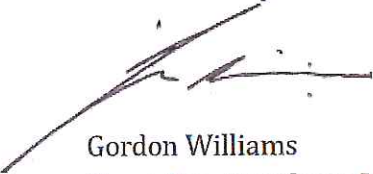
10/ Input to community support and homeless strategy

11/ Input to Brand Tasmania 'buy something Tasmanian' initiative

12/ Participation in Sustainable Economic Growth in Regional Australia (SEGRA) teleconferences on Covid-19 business support strategy

The Northern Midlands Business Association again thanks Northern Midlands Council for this additional support during the Coronavirus period.

Yours sincerely



Gordon Williams

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12 May 2020

Des Jennings
General Manager
Northern Midlands Council
Smith Street
LONGFORD TASMANIA 7301

Dear Des,

This letter is to provide the first of three reports to Northern Midlands Council on NMBA fulfillment of the Consultancy Agreement signed on 7 April 2020, to support local businesses relating to the Coronavirus.

Activities to provide this support to today's date, are:

1/ Produce and distribute four separate electronic information bulletins received by more than 600 businesses, on:

- "Northern Midlands information on government support and stimulus packages"
- "Updated Northern Midlands business access for Covid-19 support and stimulus packages"
- "Buy Local, safety and updated support programs"
- "Guide to preparing for business recovery"

2/ Participation and written submissions representing Northern Midlands on the weekly Tasmanian Chamber Alliance teleconferences

3/ Participation and written submissions to the Minister and Advisors on the fortnightly Ministerial Coronavirus business support teleworkshops

4/ Submission of a proposal, adopted by the Tasmanian government, for a specific regional business support fund

5/ Collating and distributing wide-ranging information, policies and updates from Local, State, and Federal Government, received on a continual basis

6/ Referring local businesses to the specific information or support resources they need to address their particular needs and issues

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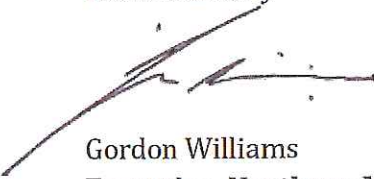
12/ Participation in Sustainable Economic Growth in Regional Australia (SEGRA) teleconferences on Covid-19 business support strategy

Current Activity:

As this is a 3-month program, current and upcoming activity includes continuation of the regular bulletins, a special Covid recovery section on the NMBA website, and working with Alison Andrews on a funded recovery edition of the Courier, following on from the Call a Local campaign that NMBA initiated via Board member Dennis Betts. There is also a project to reach out to all businesses to ask them what they specifically need to help them in Covid-19 recovery and compliance.

The Northern Midlands Business Association again thanks Northern Midlands Council for this additional support during the Coronavirus period.

Yours sincerely



Gordon Williams
Executive, Northern Midlands Business Association

Agenda item 2.3 NORTHERN MIDLANDS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION PANDEMIC SUPPORT PACKAGE

NMBA Comments:

In April, 2020, NMBA wrote to Council advising that it did not have sufficient funds to deliver much-needed business support relating to Covid 19, on top of its existing activities.

NMBA followed up with a proposal indicating the types of activities it could foresee at the time to assist businesses during the pandemic.

In response, Council approved and developed a consultancy agreement with NMBA to provide additional support of \$2330 per month for an initial 3 months, with the potential option to extend by an additional 3 months.

NMBA's comment is that it has delivered much more in terms of Covid 19 business recovery activities than indicated in its initial request for support, with clear and measurable benefits for local businesses, and so there should be no question of NMBA underperforming or any reasonable justification of having the existing support funding discontinued.

Evidence countering the claim of non-performance, is provided in the following extract and status updates of some of these NMBA activities, with several weeks of activity still remaining in the current support period:

<p>14/4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up by phone & email Karen Rees Dept State Growth chamber funding grant • Respond email Senator Chandler • Respond phone & email Rebecca White MP • Check enews recipients x 6 stakeholders
<p>15/4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend teleconference with Minister Courtney • Write and submit Chamber grant funding application
<p>17/4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond & add to database, email from Tasmanian Tourism stakeholders • Receive & respond email from Mary Knowles • Receive & respond NBNC Co email • Follow up, NM Courier Call a Local
<p>21/4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register, attend & email followup national Covid rural recovery webinar • Phone & email followup Karen Rees, chamber grant funding • Register, write user instructions, and setup Zoom for Board videoconferencing
<p>22/4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide one on one Zoom test and assistance to Board members • Follow up email NM Courier Call a Local • Consult Simon Clark re NMBA qualifying for JobKeeper • Attend National Regional Recovery teleconference

23/4

- Follow up email, Karen Rees, chamber grant funding & update Board & NM Courier
- Email, Covid web issues, ATO
- Email, prompting NM Council to respond to LCAT Covid programs
- Email, suggestions for changes to TCCI letter to Premier
- Email Lobbying TCCI CEO on NMBA Releasing the Brakes report & Covid recovery & advise Chair and Council

24/4

- Attend onsite meeting re Shop Tasmania Covid proposal
- Write NM Council Digital Empowerment white paper

28/8

- Email response re Digital Empowerment

29/4

- Additional written input to proposed TCCI letter to Premier & email brief to Board
- Respond phone call Rebecca White MP on Covid legislation & email report to Board
- Attend TCCI Covid teleconference
- Finalise and NMBA as signatory, TCCI letter to Premier
- Contact TCCI suggestion cancellation of letter to Premier

30/4

- Email proposal first ideas of Covid recovery registration & support and industry task force

1/5

- Write update & followup NMC digital support funding
- Respond Brand Tasmania buy local program

8/5

- Produce NMBA Covid activity for NMC and Board
- Prepare and send enews to members

11/5

- Report to Board on state and council special funding applications
- Execute state government funding deed
- Obtain and respond government Road to Recovery plan
- Attend Minister's teleconference

12/5

- Letter response, offer of support from Senator Chandler
- Written & verbal update to NMC on NMBA Covid requested by Ian
- Meeting, kick off recovery feature in NM Courier

14/5

- Written reply & update to Mary Knowles re NMBA Covid recovery activities x 2
- Complete development, content and launch NMBA website 3 step recovery section. Finalise arrangements with Van Diemen Project, setup processes and web registration system, produce enews to promote, update report to Board, advise & lobby government stakeholders
- Action Covid recovery process for Richard Duncan Fencing

15/5

- Respond NMBA weekly collaboration meeting with NMC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond NM Courier on recovery feature • Respond NMC re feedback on Covid enews • Quality check on Covid recovery services from Van Diemen Project • Action Covid recovery process for Wildes Antiques • Action Covid recovery process for Annie's Takeaway
<p>18/5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to Board on NM Courier NMBA recovery feature and follow up • Report and communication to Board and NMC on Covid recovery process • Action Covid recovery process for D & I Heath trading as Ivy on Glenelg • Action Covid recovery process for Agribusiness Tasmania • Follow up Des re Council pandemic meetings & NMBA participation • Phone meeting NM Courier • Prepare and send enews to members
<p>19/5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief and options paper for Board re NM Courier NMBA features
<p>20/5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Covid recovery process for Just Imagine Youth Drama School • Action Covid recovery process for Lake Leather • Advise Board via email on grant and funding amounts • Action Covid recovery process for Health Revival Longford
<p>21/5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive email and respond with lobbying Dept State Growth
<p>24/5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written brief to NM Courier on NMBA feature & advise Board
<p>26/5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Covid areas of NMBA website • Prepare and send enews to members • Action Covid recovery process for Man O Ross Hotel • Action Covid recovery process for Des Chugg Tyres • Action Covid recovery process for Tasmanian Wool Centre • Action Covid recovery process for Avoca Berrie Delights [The Cow Shed Avoca] • Follow up Des NMC re NMBA involvement in Pandemic recovery • Action Covid recovery process for Nicole Hastings Photography

Data Acquisition and Management Project:

In addition to the above, in this same period, NMBA has secured senior UTAS student resources to conduct a comprehensive data gathering exercise on all Northern Midlands businesses, which will make general, as well as Covid communications, more targeted and universal and also provide a valuable database for NMBA which will be shared with Council. This will resolve a long-standing issue faced by NMBA and Council and which is currently the top item on the NMBA strategy.

Most Recent NMBA Covid Activity Update:

The most recent update on this NMBA activity was included in the following email report:

2 June updates and statistics on NMBA website Covid 3-step recovery

1/ FYI, NMBA has just published a 2 June 2020 update to its 3-step Covid recovery website content.

The last update was 28 May.

The new update includes the following:

- Shifting the emphasis of safety plans from “must” to “should” based on new (somewhat confusing) policy from WorkSafe Tasmania
- A new service of covid safety visits from Worksafe Tasmania
- Access to free printable posters, floor markers, etc for businesses making their premises Covid safety compliant
- Advice on how to find the many events, webinars, and individual information for specific industries such as tourism and retail. It would be impossible, overwhelming, and confusing for us to send bulletins with all the detail on every activity, online event, and news update from every organisation, so we are listing the best sources of these for each business to go to the ones most appropriate to them

The NMBA 3 step Covid recovery webpage has had 270 **unique visitors** since Mid-May. We need to do more to get the word out, so anything you can do would be hugely valuable.

An enews highlighting these updates and the NMBA Covid recovery feature in last week's Courier will be in another enews going out today or tomorrow.

2/ One-on-one business recovery and safety sessions. We now have 20 businesses who have registered who are now receiving free, expert, one-on-one consulting on Covid safety and how to recover their businesses. Feedback on the professionalism and quality of the service has been excellent, but I will be contacting all businesses to make sure they are happy with the service.

These local businesses are:

- Longford Riverside Caravan Park (confirmed plan complete)
- RL & LG Young Agricultural Services
- Brickendon Estate
- Poatina Chalet
- The Tiers Tea Lounge
- Dancezone
- Ben Lomond Snow Sports
- Nicole Hastings Photography
- Avoca Berrie Delights [The Cow Shed Avoca]

- Tasmanian Wool Centre
 - Des Chugg Tyres
 - Man O Ross Hotel
 - Health Revival Longford
 - Lake Leather
 - Just Imagine Youth Drama School
 - Agribusiness Tasmania
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 - Annie's Takeaway
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 - Duncan Fencing
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9 October 2020

Des Jennings
General Manager
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Dear Des,

This letter is to request consideration of the second of two amounts of NMBA Covid-related funding outlined in the approved proposal to Council on 1 April 2020 please.

The first of these blocks of funding provided by Council allowed NMBA to conduct a program of Covid-related business support and communications to Northern Midlands businesses, which would not have been possible otherwise. The proposal involved a \$7000 payment approved by the NMC Executive, with an additional \$7000 which would require approval at a Council meeting.

NMBA has provided several reports to Council on its use of these funds, which are summarised in the attached excerpt from the new NMBA Annual Report.

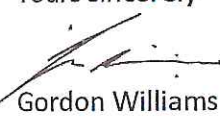
NMBA special Covid-related funds received from Council and also from the Tasmanian Government have been fully expended, and NMBA has needed to wind down its pandemic-related communications and support programs to businesses.

However, the volume of incoming information on safety, grants, and other programs has continued, as has the need to manage this information, provide support, coordinate safety visits to businesses, and continue the communication and education activities.

As a result, NMBA would like to request please that the second amount of \$7000 outlined in the April 1 proposal, be submitted to Council for consideration.

The Board of NMBA would like to thank Northern Midlands Council for its support to date in allowing the Association to continue its usual activities while also providing valuable Covid-related communications and assistance to our business community.

Yours sincerely


Gordon Williams
Executive

NMBA Covid 19 Response - Enablement & Influence

The Northern Midlands Business Association Board was quick to foresee the impact of Covid 19 and first discussed the issue and programs to assist the business community at its March 2020 meeting.

This was quickly followed by engagement with Council and State Government, development of programs, procurement of additional funding, and engaging with industry and government stakeholders to propose and lobby for local business support.

NMBA proposed a state government grant to help the Association deliver assistance programs, which was not only approved but expanded to all Tasmanian regional chambers of commerce

NMBA also proposed & received Council funding to allow NMBA to dedicate additional time over 3 months for Covid business support while continuing the Association's existing programs.

NMBA gained inclusion at the table of weekly state-wide Covid response TCCI meetings, regular Ministerial Meetings, and local business/government round tables.

A range of innovative support programs from these organisations were either supported or initiative by this involvement by NMBA.

NMBA Covid 19 Response - Media

In March 2020, NMBA initiated and supported the "Call a Local" Courier newspaper series, followed up by a feature promoting the NMBA 3-Step program for Covid safety and recovery.



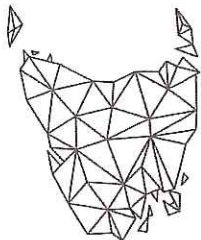
NMBA Covid 19 Response – Communication Bulletins

NMBA compiled more than 1700 government and other Covid updates it received into 15 separate Covid bulletins, each to more than 700 recipients



NMBA Covid 19 Response – Personalised Support

NMBA negotiated and coordinated with government-funded consulting firms *The Van Diemen Project* & *The Project Lab* to deliver free individual Covid safety plan and recovery advice to nearly 50 local businesses.

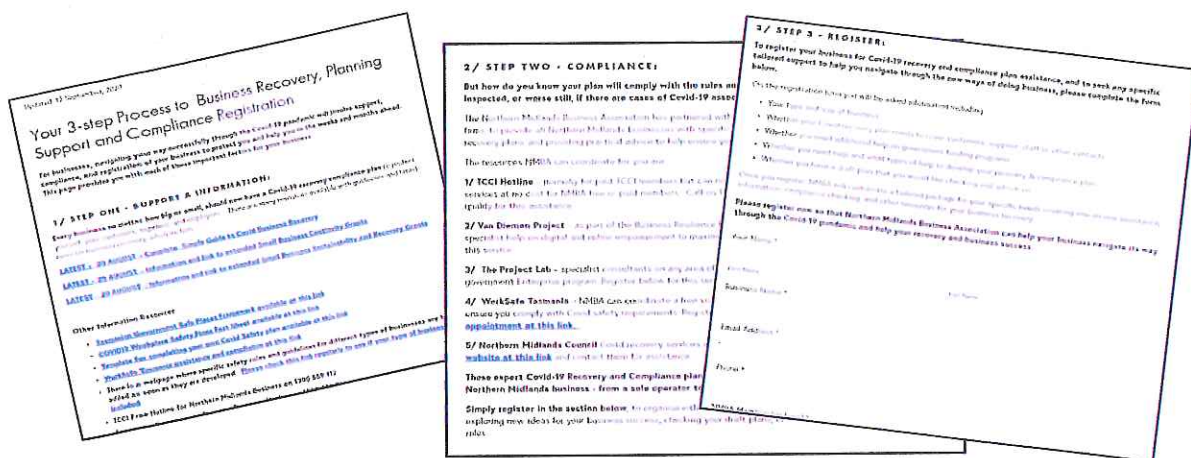


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NMBA Covid 19 Response – Comprehensive Business Recovery Program

NMBA built and maintained a Covid recovery area on its website, with a 3-step process for businesses to get information, register for programs, and book individual specialist advice.



13 December 2019

The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

Climate Change – Proper Acknowledgement and Emergency Action

Established in 1911, the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) is the representative body of Local Government in Tasmania, incorporated under the *Local Government Act 1993*. With membership comprising all 29 Tasmanian councils, the core purpose¹ of the Association is to:

- Protect and represent the interest and rights of Councils in Tasmania;
- Promote an efficient and effective system of Local Government in Tasmania; and
- Provide services to Members, Councillors and employees of Councils.

In turn, our members' functions² are to:

- Provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community;
- Represent and promote the interests of the community;
- Provide for the peace, order and good government of the municipal area.

LGAT executes its role to support Tasmanian councils' functions within our communities.

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) holds four General Meetings every year to formulate and ratify the policy of LGAT and sector positions on important issues. I write to you seeking your support in addressing and advancing a motion passed at the

¹ Section 328: <https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1993-095#GS328@EN>

² Section 20: <https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1993-095#GS20@EN>

Local Government Association of Tasmania's (LGAT) July 2019 General Meeting. The motion reads as follows:

That the LGAT call upon the Federal and Tasmanian State Governments and Parliaments urging them to:

- a) Acknowledge the urgency created by climate change that requires immediate and collaborative action across all tiers of government;*
- b) Acknowledge that the world climate crisis is an issue of social and environmental injustice and, to a great extent, the burden of the frontline impacts of climate change fall on low income communities, vulnerable groups and future generations; and*
- c) Facilitate emergency action to address the climate crisis, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet or exceed targets in the Paris Agreement.*

The motion originates from Huon Valley Council (ratified by a majority), a beautiful rural council at the gateway to Australia's Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area where communities there bore the brunt of the January 2019 bushfires. A copy of the complete motion with background commentary is attached.

The motion was one of two separate and independent motions at the July 2019 General Meeting that both relate to the rapidly growing view within communities of a sense of emergency arising from climate-related impacts and the urgent need for meaningful action. The other motion originated from Devonport City Council, an urban council and in many ways very different to Huon Valley Council and not directly impacted by the bushfire events of January 2019, highlighting several important factors for your consideration:

1. How very different communities are increasingly viewing the series of bushfire, flood and coastal hazards events experienced as a collective set of related events and a pattern of evidence;
2. How these patterns and communities' experiences with hazard events are increasingly validating for them the climatic patterns predicted by a vast body of local and global scientific evidence; and
3. How even communities removed from direct impacts of climate-related events care deeply for the welfare of not just their own local communities, but of their neighbours and the welfare of all Australians. This empathy is explicit in part (b) of the motion.

Devonport City Council's motion was withdrawn only because it was felt it was dealt with sufficiently by Huon Valley Council's motion.

We note that the motion does not call for any official declaration of a climate emergency, despite it clearly recognising the “urgency”, that there is a “climate crisis” and the need for “emergency action”. Please understand the important meaning behind this, it is not an objection to any official declaration of a climate emergency but a deliberate intention to avoid what some see as a distracting political statement and to instead focus on meaningful action to support communities feeling the brunt of climate-related hazard events. Nevertheless, an official declaration of a climate emergency (or similar) by your government would be consistent with this motion and demonstrate your government’s commitment in spirit to Tasmania’s councils and local communities.

At the heart of this motion, supported by our membership, are three things:

1. The need for acknowledgement of the issue in terms that are consistent with the science and the lived experiences of communities;
2. The desire to both understand those most vulnerable to the impacts of a changing climate and to stand together in attempts to address it;
3. The urgent concern of Tasmanian communities to focus on meaningful collaborative action, particularly in terms of mitigation, addressing what is seen as the root cause of climate-related intensification of hazards, being greenhouse gases.

In addressing this motion, it is important to understand that many communities and individuals feel an acute and often constant sense of vulnerability to climate-related impacts and that these impacts have the potential to devastate their properties, livelihoods and even their lives. The unprecedented spread of bushfires across Australia in the last two months and the devastation they have caused communities only serves to reinforce this anxiety.

Prime Minister, we are aware of your government’s commendable actions and initiatives in addressing climate change and while repeating them here is still useful, this motion clearly seeks more. It seeks a genuine response to acknowledge the scope of the problem and commitment to stand together with local communities to address it. This Local Government motion does not seek your action alone but identifies itself as active participants in creating collaborative action across all tiers of government.

Therefore, in addressing this Tasmanian Local Government motion, could you please provide your advice to the following:

1. How do you see the Australian Government role in working with Tasmanian councils and the Tasmanian State Government to facilitate meaningful mitigation action on climate change?
2. In what ways is your government advocating to the governments of other nations to properly acknowledge the way local communities are experiencing climate-

related hazard intensification and to facilitate urgent and meaningful action to resolve our contribution to the problem?

3. How do you personally and your government intend to respond to the call of this motion for clear acknowledgement of a world climate crisis (or emergency), its extent and nature, the urgency of response, and the particular vulnerability of low income individuals and future generations to the impacts of insufficient action?

Independent from this motion, our national peak body, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), in its submissions to your government's budgets³ is calling for what is essentially the same thing, collaboration with your government to create meaningful local action that responds to our changing climate. These submissions seek:

- Investment in a Local Government Climate Change Partnership Fund of \$200 million over four years
- Funding for a targeted disaster mitigation program at a level of \$200 million per annum for four years

These national programs would support councils' work across the country in both mitigation and adaptation, assisting their communities with their local responses to climate change and defending communities from the impacts of natural disasters.

Prime Minister, it is clear that Local Government wants to collaborate with your government in creating a legacy of responsible economic behaviour and land stewardship so that the communities we work in and create for the future are stable and resilient to climatic variation. LGAT has also written to the Premier of Tasmania to invite the same collaboration across all three levels of government.

We appreciate your assistance to address our members concerns and look forward to both your response and working collaboratively in addressing this issue.

Yours sincerely



Dr Katrena Stephenson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Enclosure - Extract of LGAT General Meeting Minutes, July 2019

³ See: <https://alga.asn.au/submission-to-the-2019-20-federal-budget/>

14.2 Climate Change

Huon Valley Council/City of Hobart

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- c) Facilitate emergency action to address the climate crisis, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet or exceed targets in the Paris Agreement.

Carried

Background Comment

There is concern from young people within Tasmania in relation to the impacts of climate change as is now occurring and for the future. These impacts are wide reaching including environmental, social and economic impacts.

The recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report: Global Warming of 1.5°C, concluded that urgent action needs to be taken to prevent global temperatures exceeding 1.5°C.

Tasmania and particularly the Huon Valley is increasingly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, particularly sea level rise, bushfires, floods and drought.

There is a strong feeling that climate change is not being addressed by Governments in a collaborative and effective manner.

The Federal and State Governments have the potential for the greatest influence on climate change related matters and yet they do not provide adequate resources and direction to addressing climate change impacts and often pass down responsibility to Local Government and local communities to find their own solution.

LGAT Comment

LGAT has had one historical motion carried specifically relating to climate change:

November 2010 – Seeking strengthening of the State-wide Partnership Agreement on Climate Change

Tasmanian communities are increasingly feeling the effects of extreme weather events, resulting in severe bushfires in 2013, 2016 and 2019, severe flooding in 2016 and 2018 and, ongoing coastal erosion. Each instance cannot casually be correlated to altered climate but taken together they form a pattern in people's minds that match the climatic patterns predicted by a large body of global scientific investigation.

The number of positive initiatives undertaken by the Government is acknowledged (as detailed in the Tasmanian Government comment below) however, members should be aware that the 2019-20 State Budget Papers indicate an end to State Government funding for its Climate Action 21: Tasmania's Climate Change Action Plan 2017-2021 from the end of the 2021 financial year (only two years away) resulting in a significant reduction in forecast funding from that period onwards. This coincides with the end of the Action Plan however, funding has not been forecast or allocated for a replacement plan or what continuation past the point might look like.

Table 9.1: Key Deliverables Statement

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
	Budget	Forward Estimate	Forward Estimate	Forward Estimate
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Bushfire Recovery	1 560	....	....	....
Climate Action 21: Tasmania's Climate Change Action Plan 2017-2021	750	750	....	....

Tasmanian Government Agency Comment

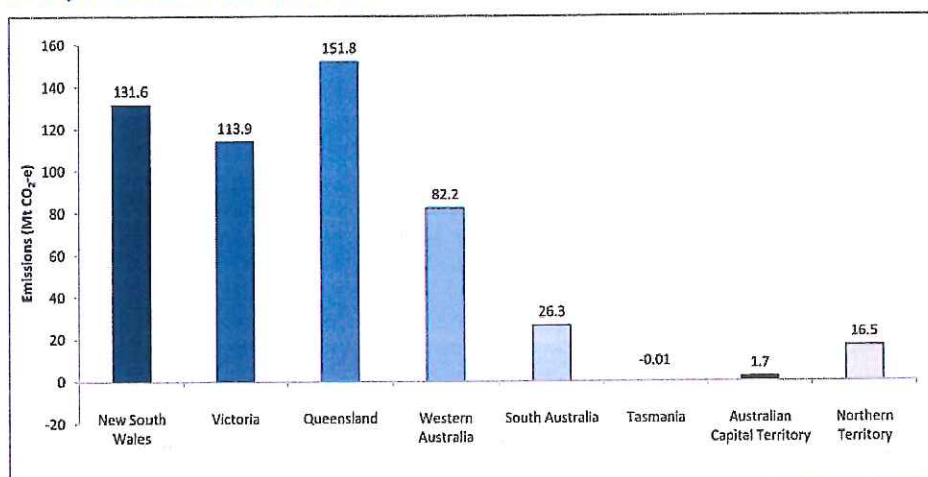
The *Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008* (the Act) sets the Tasmanian Government's legislative framework for action on climate change.

Following the most recent independent review of the Act, completed by Jacobs Australia in 2016, the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Tasmanian Climate Change Office is currently leading a project to amend the Act.

Amendments to the Act are scheduled to be tabled in Parliament this year. The proposed amendments include setting a new greenhouse gas emissions target for Tasmania in line with international agreements.

It is important to note that Tasmania's total contribution to national carbon emissions is the lowest of any state or territory and, according to the *State and Territory Greenhouse Gas Inventories 2016*, represented a net negative contribution of -0.01 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions (see Figure 1, below).

Figure 1: State and Territory total emissions (including those from Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry), Financial Year 2016, (Mt CO₂-e)



Note: The NSW inventory includes ACT emissions from the *stationary energy* sector.

Climate Action 21: Tasmania's Climate Change Action Plan 2017-2021 (Climate Action 21) sets the Tasmanian Government's policy framework for action on climate change through to 2021. It reflects the Government's commitment to addressing the critical issue of climate change and articulates how Tasmania will play its role in the global response to climate change.

Through the implementation of Climate Action 21, the Tasmanian Government has worked closely with councils on a number of key projects in relation to electric vehicles, risk management, and coastal issues.

Key initiatives being delivered by the Tasmanian Government to reduce the State's greenhouse gas emissions include:

- \$850,000 for PowerSmart Homes, a program aimed at helping low income households reduce their energy costs through support and education, energy efficiency audits and low cost upgrades;
- \$150,000 for PowerSmart Businesses, a program to provide assistance to businesses to improve energy efficiency;
- \$450,000 to commence the rollout of a statewide electric vehicle charging network by offering grant funding to install both fast and destination electric vehicle charging stations; and
- The Smarter Fleets Program to work with councils, State Government departments, and heavy vehicle fleets for improved electric vehicle preparedness and fleet efficiency.

Additionally, the Tasmanian Government:

- Has committed to becoming 100 per cent self-sufficient in renewable energy generation by 2022 and has facilitated major windfarm developments to help achieve this;

- Will invest up to \$30 million to take the first phase of Battery of the Nation to investment stage by 2022;
- With support from the Australian Government, will invest \$56 million to the development of the second interconnector between Tasmania and the mainland;
- Has delivered the \$40 million Tasmanian Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme to provide no-interest loans for households and small businesses to purchase energy efficient equipment and appliances;
- Continues to support vulnerable customers through Aurora Energy's 'Your Energy Support' and 'No Interest Loan Scheme' programs, which help customers manage their energy bills through tailored payment plans and access to energy efficient products;
- Delivered a Climate Change Health Roundtable (April 2019) with experts and policy makers to identify policies, programs and research in climate change and health, specific to the Tasmanian context;
- Is undertaking research to help the Tasmanian Government, Local Government, industry and communities build their capacity to prepare for and respond to coincident (also known as multi-hazard) extreme events;
- Is supporting local councils to understand and actively assess climate risks to ensure they make decisions in the best interests of their community; and
- Is working with coastal managers across Local and State Government to identify key issues in coastal hazards management for existing settlements and values.

The Tasmanian Government will continue to work collaboratively with councils, communities and all stakeholders to further reduce the State's greenhouse gas emissions, grow a climate-ready economy and build climate resilient communities across Tasmania.

14.3 Single Use Plastics/Waste Strategy

Huon Valley Council/Central Coast Council

That the Local Government Association of Tasmania lobbies the State Government to complete a state-wide Waste Strategy that includes Policy and Legislation that will phase out single use plastics across the State and support the establishment of regional composting facilities.

Carried

Background Comment

The issue of single use plastics is under active discussion within the Tasmanian community.

The Hobart City Council has recently announced a by-law proposing to ban single use plastics within the Hobart City. The By-law will not though apply to any other Council area.

13 December 2019

The Hon Will Hodgman MP
Premier
Parliament House
HOBART 7000

Dear Premier

Climate Change – Proper Acknowledgement and Emergency Action

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- c) Facilitate emergency action to address the climate crisis, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet or exceed targets in the Paris Agreement.*

The motion originates from Huon Valley Council (ratified by a majority), whose communities bore the brunt of the January 2019 bushfires. A copy of the complete motion with background commentary is attached.

The motion was one of two separate and independent motions at the July 2019 General Meeting that both relate to the rapidly growing view within communities of a sense of emergency arising from climate-related impacts and the urgent need for meaningful action. The other motion originated from Devonport City Council, in many ways a very different council to Huon Valley Council and not directly impacted by the bushfire events of January 2019. This highlights several important factors for your consideration:

1. Very different communities are increasingly viewing the series of bushfire, flood and coastal hazards events experienced as a collective set of related events and a pattern of evidence;

2. Communities' experiences with hazard events are increasingly validating for them the climatic patterns predicted by a vast body of local and global scientific evidence; and
3. Even communities removed from direct impacts of climate-related events care deeply for the welfare of not just their own local communities, but of their neighbours and the welfare of all Australians. This empathy is explicit in part (b) of the motion.

Devonport City Council's motion was withdrawn only because it was felt it was dealt with sufficiently by Huon Valley Council's motion.

We note that the motion does not call for any official declaration of a climate emergency, despite it clearly recognising the "urgency", that there is a "climate crisis" and the need for "emergency action". Please understand the important meaning behind this, it is not an objection to any official declaration of a climate emergency but a deliberate intention to avoid what some see as a distracting political statement and, to instead focus on meaningful action to support communities feeling the brunt of climate-related hazard events. However, an official declaration of a climate emergency (or similar) by your government would be consistent with this motion and demonstrate your Government's commitment in spirit to Tasmania's councils and local communities.

At the heart of this motion, supported by our membership, are three things:

1. The need for acknowledgement of the issue in terms that are consistent with the science and the lived experiences of communities;
2. The desire to both understand those most vulnerable to the impacts of a changing climate and to stand together in attempts to address it; and
3. The urgent concern of Tasmanian communities to focus on meaningful collaborative action, particularly in terms of mitigation addressing what is seen as the root cause of climate-related intensification of hazards, being greenhouse gases.

In addressing this motion, it is important to understand that many communities and individuals feel an acute and often constant sense of vulnerability to climate-related impacts and that these impacts have the potential to devastate their properties, livelihoods and even their lives. The unprecedented spread of bushfires across Australia in the last two months and the devastation it has caused communities only serves to reinforce this anxiety.

Premier, we are well aware of your government's commendable actions and initiatives in addressing climate change, and while repeating them here is still useful, this motion clearly seeks more. It seeks a genuine response to acknowledge the scope of the problem and commitment to stand together with local communities to address it. This Local

Government motion does not seek your action alone but identifies councils as active participants in creating collaborative action across all tiers of government.

Therefore, in addressing this Tasmanian Local Government motion, could you please provide your advice to the following:

1. What role do you see for the Tasmanian Government in working with Tasmanian councils and the Australian Government to facilitate meaningful mitigation action on climate change?
2. In what ways is your Government advocating to the Australian Government to properly acknowledge the way local communities are experiencing climate-related hazard intensification and facilitate urgent and meaningful action to resolve our contribution to the problem?
3. How do you intend to respond to the call of this motion for clear acknowledgement of a world climate crisis (or emergency), its extent and nature, the urgency of response, and the particular vulnerability of low income individuals and future generations to the impacts of insufficient action?

Premier, it is clear that Local Government wants to collaborate with you in creating a legacy of responsible economic behaviour and land stewardship so that the communities we work in and create for the future are stable and resilient to climatic variation. LGAT has also written to the Prime Minister to invite the same collaboration across all three levels of government.

We appreciate your assistance to address our members concerns and look forward to both your response and working collaboratively in addressing this issue.

Yours sincerely



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

cc The Hon. Peter Gutwein MP, Minister for the Environment, Parks & Heritage
Enc Extract of LGAT General Meeting Minutes, July 2019

14.2 Climate Change

Huon Valley Council/City of Hobart

That the LGAT call upon the Federal and Tasmanian State Governments and Parliaments urging them to:

- a) Acknowledge the urgency created by climate change that requires immediate and collaborative action across all tiers of government;
- b) Acknowledge that the world climate crisis is an issue of social and environmental injustice and, to a great extent, the burden of the frontline impacts of climate change fall on low income communities vulnerable groups and future generations; and
- c) Facilitate emergency action to address the climate crisis, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet or exceed targets in the Paris Agreement.

Carried

Background Comment

There is concern from young people within Tasmania in relation to the impacts of climate change as is now occurring and for the future. These impacts are wide reaching including environmental, social and economic impacts.

The recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report: Global Warming of 1.5°C, concluded that urgent action needs to be taken to prevent global temperatures exceeding 1.5°C.

Tasmania and particularly the Huon Valley is increasingly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, particularly sea level rise, bushfires, floods and drought.

There is a strong feeling that climate change is not being addressed by Governments in a collaborative and effective manner.

The Federal and State Governments have the potential for the greatest influence on climate change related matters and yet they do not provide adequate resources and direction to addressing climate change impacts and often pass down responsibility to Local Government and local communities to find their own solution.

LGAT Comment

LGAT has had one historical motion carried specifically relating to climate change:

November 2010 – Seeking strengthening of the State-wide Partnership Agreement on Climate Change

Tasmanian communities are increasingly feeling the effects of extreme weather events, resulting in severe bushfires in 2013, 2016 and 2019, severe flooding in 2016 and 2018 and, ongoing coastal erosion. Each instance cannot casually be correlated to altered climate but taken together they form a pattern in people's minds that match the climatic patterns predicted by a large body of global scientific investigation.

The number of positive initiatives undertaken by the Government is acknowledged (as detailed in the Tasmanian Government comment below) however, members should be aware that the 2019-20 State Budget Papers indicate an end to State Government funding for its Climate Action 21: Tasmania's Climate Change Action Plan 2017-2021 from the end of the 2021 financial year (only two years away) resulting in a significant reduction in forecast funding from that period onwards. This coincides with the end of the Action Plan however, funding has not been forecast or allocated for a replacement plan or what continuation past the point might look like.

Table 9.1: Key Deliverables Statement

	2019-20 Budget	2020-21 Forward Estimate	2021-22 Forward Estimate	2022-23 Forward Estimate
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Bushfire Recovery	1 560	....	....	....
Climate Action 21: Tasmania's Climate Change Action Plan 2017-2021	750	750	....	....

Tasmanian Government Agency Comment

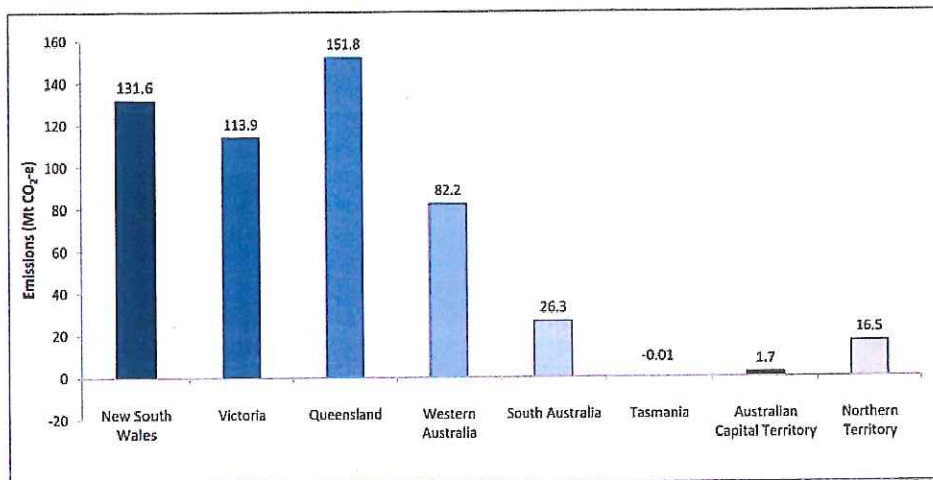
The *Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008* (the Act) sets the Tasmanian Government's legislative framework for action on climate change.

Following the most recent independent review of the Act, completed by Jacobs Australia in 2016, the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Tasmanian Climate Change Office is currently leading a project to amend the Act.

Amendments to the Act are scheduled to be tabled in Parliament this year. The proposed amendments include setting a new greenhouse gas emissions target for Tasmania in line with international agreements.

It is important to note that Tasmania's total contribution to national carbon emissions is the lowest of any state or territory and, according to the *State and Territory Greenhouse Gas Inventories 2016*, represented a net negative contribution of -0.01 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions (see Figure 1, below).

Figure 1: State and Territory total emissions (including those from Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry), Financial Year 2016, (Mt CO₂-e)



Note: The NSW inventory includes ACT emissions from the *stationary energy* sector.

Climate Action 21: Tasmania's Climate Change Action Plan 2017-2021 (Climate Action 21) sets the Tasmanian Government's policy framework for action on climate change through to 2021. It reflects the Government's commitment to addressing the critical issue of climate change and articulates how Tasmania will play its role in the global response to climate change.

Through the implementation of Climate Action 21, the Tasmanian Government has worked closely with councils on a number of key projects in relation to electric vehicles, risk management, and coastal issues.

Key initiatives being delivered by the Tasmanian Government to reduce the State's greenhouse gas emissions include:

- \$850,000 for PowerSmart Homes, a program aimed at helping low income households reduce their energy costs through support and education, energy efficiency audits and low cost upgrades;
- \$150,000 for PowerSmart Businesses, a program to provide assistance to businesses to improve energy efficiency;
- \$450,000 to commence the rollout of a statewide electric vehicle charging network by offering grant funding to install both fast and destination electric vehicle charging stations; and
- The Smarter Fleets Program to work with councils, State Government departments, and heavy vehicle fleets for improved electric vehicle preparedness and fleet efficiency.

Additionally, the Tasmanian Government:

- Has committed to becoming 100 per cent self-sufficient in renewable energy generation by 2022 and has facilitated major windfarm developments to help achieve this;

- Will invest up to \$30 million to take the first phase of Battery of the Nation to investment stage by 2022;
- With support from the Australian Government, will invest \$56 million to the development of the second interconnector between Tasmania and the mainland;
- Has delivered the \$40 million Tasmanian Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme to provide no-interest loans for households and small businesses to purchase energy efficient equipment and appliances;
- Continues to support vulnerable customers through Aurora Energy's 'Your Energy Support' and 'No Interest Loan Scheme' programs, which help customers manage their energy bills through tailored payment plans and access to energy efficient products;
- Delivered a Climate Change Health Roundtable (April 2019) with experts and policy makers to identify policies, programs and research in climate change and health, specific to the Tasmanian context;
- Is undertaking research to help the Tasmanian Government, Local Government, industry and communities build their capacity to prepare for and respond to coincident (also known as multi-hazard) extreme events;
- Is supporting local councils to understand and actively assess climate risks to ensure they make decisions in the best interests of their community; and
- Is working with coastal managers across Local and State Government to identify key issues in coastal hazards management for existing settlements and values.

The Tasmanian Government will continue to work collaboratively with councils, communities and all stakeholders to further reduce the State's greenhouse gas emissions, grow a climate-ready economy and build climate resilient communities across Tasmania.

14.3 Single Use Plastics/Waste Strategy

Huon Valley Council/Central Coast Council

That the Local Government Association of Tasmania lobbies the State Government to complete a state-wide Waste Strategy that includes Policy and Legislation that will phase out single use plastics across the State and support the establishment of regional composting facilities.

Carried

Background Comment

The issue of single use plastics is under active discussion within the Tasmanian community.

The Hobart City Council has recently announced a by-law proposing to ban single use plastics within the Hobart City. The By-law will not though apply to any other Council area.