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Dear Councillors,

I write to express serious concern regarding recent public exchanges relating to the Northern Midlands Council, including allegations of bullying, harassment and other harmful behaviours from council parties.

While I recognise Council has proactively undertaken a number of actions to improve the workplace environment, due to the ongoing nature of these interactions, their apparent severity and the potential adverse impacts on the wellbeing of council staff, elected representatives and the broader community, I believe that it is necessary to immediately resolve this unacceptable situation.

A failure by the Council to provide a safe workplace may constitute an offence under the Work Health and Safety (WHS) legislative framework, particularly where known and ultimately preventable risks such as psychosocial harm are not mitigated. Both councillors and staff also have individual responsibilities and obligations in this respect. Moreover, a poor workplace environment will ultimately impact on the effective good governance of council to the detriment of the community. For these reasons, it is vital that the Council maintains appropriate capability to address bullying, harassment and other harmful behaviours.

I am broadly aware that Council has already independently sought some advice in relation to these obligations and any appropriate control measures. However, given these measures do not appear to have alleviated the grievances and allegations of all relevant Council parties, I have determined to refer this matter to the WHS Regulator, WorkSafe Tasmania as the appropriate regulatory body for further independent inquiry. I expect WorkSafe Tasmania will be in touch with Council in due course.

Beyond the Council's WHS obligations, I reinforce that councillors, council employees, general managers and other persons concerned in council business must exercise their duties, powers and functions in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act). While I note that the interactions I have referred to are principally matters of conduct and therefore fall within the remit of Council itself, the Code of Conduct framework and the abovementioned WHS legislative framework, as Director of Local Government, I reserve a right to consider broader powers available to me under the Act if potential breaches are identified.

Finally, I will remind all councillors and staff to consider their role and standing within the community and the importance of maintaining appropriate standards of conduct and confidentiality in order to foster community confidence and maintain the reputation of the Council as a whole. In this respect, I also note that public exchanges that concern allegations or complaints raised with this office, the Code of Conduct panel or any other regulatory authority can have detrimental impacts on subsequent investigations and can undermine procedural fairness.

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I request that this letter be read out at the next Council meeting to inform the Northern Midlands community of my concerns and the fact that this issue has been referred to WorkSafe Tasmania for further inquiry.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Mogridge  
**A/Director of Local Government**

28 November 2023

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**Communities for Walkability - Evandale**

Timeline of project

<p>16 Nov 2020</p>	<p>Australian Urban Observatory, RMIT Centre for Urban Research, on behalf of Menzies Centre wrote to all Tasmanian councils re Communities for Walkability Project to determine the nature of walkability in Tasmania.</p> <p>Walkable destinations included convenience stores, petrol stations, news agencies, supermarkets.</p> <p>The project investigates walkability and physical activity in rural settings across 92 small towns across Tasmania. As there are a lack of tools for measuring this, this project intended to create a benchmark.</p> <p>Tools and methods included mapping and spatial analysis assessments, citizen science and an online, interactive walkability tool.</p> <p>The project’s investigative team includes professors, doctors, and researchers from various universities. The research project was funded by the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) with support from the Tasmanian Government, LGAT, Australian Prevention Partnership Centre, and UTAS.</p> <p>Provided a spreadsheet compilation of daily destinations in the communities, requesting councils to review and add anything missing. Local Governments that provided feedback in the data auditing were eligible to receive results once analysis was completed.</p>
<p>16 Nov 2020</p>	<p>Council responded to the request for feedback on the data and added to the list of services in our towns. Project organisers acknowledged receipt.</p>
<p>11 Jan 2023</p>	<p>Project organisers wrote to advise they had now started running the project in nine Tasmanian towns, and hoped to run it this year in Evandale.</p> <p>This would involve community members auditing their town to identify features that made it easier or harder to be active and walk from place to place.</p> <p>They seek one or two community members in Evandale who would be interested in becoming community champions for the project, and asked us for community groups or networks that may be interested.</p> <p>The role of community champions included an online training session, working with vulnerable people card (paid for by the organiser if not already have one), willingness to share local knowledge, use the online tools/checklists, take photos to show walkability examples, assist in recruitment to find around five ‘Citizen Scientists’, participate in/support a community workshop, participate in an interview. Total time commitment would be 11 – 16 hours spread over 6 months. Champions were offered benefits of: membership to the Australian Citizen Science Assoc, or \$80 gift voucher, or up to \$80 towards the cost of an appropriate advocacy or community development training course.</p> <p>Decided the volunteers at the Evandale Community Centre would be a good start, due to their knowledge of local community members. Forwarded the email request through to the Centre Coordinator.</p>
<p>Jan – May 2023</p>	<p>During this time the community champions and citizen scientists participate in the audit under the guidance of the project organisers. I do not know which community members participated as champions or citizen scientists. I did not attend any workshops or gatherings.</p> <p>I was copied into the following correspondence by the organisers, as their original Council contact.</p>
<p>17 May 2023</p>	<p>Project organisers hold zoom meeting with the Citizen Scientists and community champions to discuss and share.</p>
<p>27 June 2023</p>	<p>Organisers set up an in-person workshop at the Community Centre to share findings by the Citizen Scientists through the audit process and discuss.</p>
<p>5 Sept 2023</p>	<p>Project organiser sends through draft report for Evandale Walkability study, requesting feedback. Organiser had sent it to the volunteers. Shared this to Des, Maree, Gail, Lorraine W, Leigh.</p>

<p>20 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Final report sent through. Findings highlight key assets recognised by the community members as supporting walkability as well as areas of improvement. Report includes potential solutions, and lists three priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving general walking infrastructure: Maintaining current footpaths to ensure they are good quality and not impacted by overgrowth or uneven surface quality. Provision of general infrastructure such as pedestrian signage, lighting and seating was also discussed to enhance walkability.</li> <li>• Improving accessibility: Ensuring access to facilities and amenities (including footpaths and crossings) are suitable for members of all abilities was considered a priority. Many of the older historical buildings are inaccessible for people with wheelchairs or other mobility devices.</li> <li>• Improving connectivity: Improving connectivity between footpaths, infrastructure and amenities was considered a priority by the community members. This would support the creation of walking trails between key locations (such as the local parks and reserves) which community members considered important. Upgrading the surface of the tracks through Honeysuckle Banks was also suggested to increased use and enjoyment of the natural environment along the South Esk River.</li> </ul> <p>Report shared to Maree, Gail E, Lorraine W.</p>
<p>26 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Report shared to councillors.</p>



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## Communities for Walkability

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## Acknowledgment of Country

The University of Tasmania pays its respects to elders past and present and to the many Aboriginal people that did not make elder status and to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community that continues to care for Country.

We acknowledge the profound effect of climate change on this Country and seek to work alongside Tasmanian Aboriginal communities, with their deep wisdom and knowledge, to address climate change and its impacts.

The Palawa people belong to one of the world's oldest living cultures, continually resident on this Country for over 65,000 years. They have survived and adapted to significant climate changes over this time, such as sea-level rise and extreme rainfall variability, and as such embody thousands of generations of intimate place-based knowledge.

We acknowledge with deep respect that this knowledge represents a range of cultural

practices, wisdom, traditions, and ways of knowing the world that provide accurate and useful climate change information, observations, and solutions.

The University of Tasmania likewise recognises a history of truth that acknowledges the impacts of invasion and colonisation upon Aboriginal people, resulting in forcible removal from their lands.

Our island is deeply unique, with cities and towns surrounded by spectacular landscapes of bushland, waterways, mountain ranges, and beaches.

The University of Tasmania stands for a future that profoundly respects and acknowledges Aboriginal perspectives, culture, language, and history, and a continued effort to fight for Aboriginal justice and rights paving the way for a strong future.

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We would like to thank the Evandale community members involved in collecting data and information for the audits and those who attended the workshops to discuss the findings and provided feedback on the report. Your input has been invaluable and critical to the development of this report.

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# Executive Summary

The Communities for Walkability project aimed to identify features of Evandale that make it easier or harder for community members to be active and walk around their town ('walkability'). Evandale is located in the north of Tasmania and has a range of community facilities including an oval, parks and reserves and other services including a primary school, a medical clinic and pharmacy, a post office and general store, a tourist and information centre, churches, parks, a playground and cafes. Other facilities such as larger supermarkets, hospitals, additional medical services, recreational facilities and nature reserves are in nearby towns such as Launceston, Longford and Perth (between 7 to 18km away from Evandale). Evandale, a classified historic town, has a thriving arts scene and many popular festivals, markets and events.

This report summarises the information collected through spatial walkability assessments, audits (town wide, program/policy and street segments) and discussions at the community workshop. This report brings together the findings from the three project phases to provide a summary of the key issues impacting walkability in the area.



## Key Findings

In the spatial walkability assessment, Evandale's walkability was rated medium in comparison to the 92 towns in the study. The town has lower walkability to the west of High Street and on the edges of the town whereas the main town area is slightly more walkable. Most of the residential areas, recreational facilities and town amenities are located to the east of High Street.

The audits and workshop discussion suggest that Evandale has a range of assets that support walking and active recreation in the area. In the audit, all facilities and features in Evandale were rated as good/excellent and the geography of the Evandale was reported to be generally quite flat which enhanced walkability in the town. The proximity of Evandale to larger towns nearby (including to Tasmania's second largest city, Launceston, with a population of 71,980) provides access to additional facilities and recreational spaces that are used by Evandale residents. The Program and Policy assessment found some council programs or policies in the area; however, there was an absence of policy around requiring bikeways or walkways in new infrastructure projects or specific programs encouraging physical activity within Evandale. The street segment audits reported a good range of recreational facilities. Overall, footpath quality was rated as good/excellent in four of seven segments. Discussion at the workshop suggested this was not always the case.

## Priorities

Three priorities were identified as having potential to improve the walkability throughout Evandale. These priorities include:



# 1

### **Improving general walking infrastructure**

Maintaining current footpaths to ensure they are good quality and not impacted by overgrowth or uneven surface quality. Provision of general infrastructure such as pedestrian signage, lighting and seating was also discussed to enhance walkability.



# 2

### **Improving accessibility**

Ensuring access to facilities and amenities (including footpaths and crossings) are suitable for members of all abilities was considered a priority. Many of the older historical buildings are inaccessible for people with wheelchairs or other mobility devices.



# 3

### **Improving connectivity**

Improving connectivity between footpaths, infrastructure and amenities was considered a priority by the community members. This would support the creation of walking trails between key locations (such as the local parks and reserves) which community members considered important. Upgrading the surface of the tracks through Honeysuckle Banks was also suggested to increase use and enjoyment of the natural environment along the South Esk River.

## Potential Solutions

During the workshop, a range of solutions to address these priorities were identified to support walkability in Evandale. This included options such as improving the quality of footpaths and creating better connected footpaths. More specifically, solutions included:



Improving connectivity, focusing on linking the parks and reserves throughout Evandale.



Better maintenance of footpaths to ensure they are free from obstructions.



Improving paths along Honeysuckle Banks and ensuring they can withstand occasional flooding.



Implementing an accessibility policy to ensure all community members can access key amenities and facilities. This may need to consider the towns historic classification and associated building requirements.



Improving the general infrastructure around the town including more lighting, signage and picnic tables or chairs.

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# What is the Communities for Walkability Project?

Communities for Walkability is a citizen science project to identify environmental characteristics that influence walkability and physical activity in rural Tasmania. This is important because the environments where people live, learn, work, play and age influence health and physical activity. The project involved three key phases:

1. A spatial assessment of walkability
2. Audits of the town's walkability using a town wide assessment tool, policy and program assessment tool and street segment walkability audits
3. A community workshop



## Phase 1 — Spatial Walkability Assessments

To inform the selection of the 10 towns involved in the Communities for Walkability project, phase 1 involved conducting a spatial analysis of walkability for transport in 92 small rural towns across Tasmania with populations less than 6,000 people. This work was completed by project team members at RMIT University in Melbourne who are world-leaders in spatial assessments of walkability. They have developed the Australian Urban Observatory ([auo.org.au](http://auo.org.au)), which includes liveability and walkability assessments across the 21 largest cities in Australia, including nipaluna/Hobart and Launceston in Tasmania. Spatial walkability assessments use Geographic Information Systems to understand the walkability of an area based on three key components: daily destinations (something to walk to), street connectivity (a way to get there) and dwelling density (people to service the destinations and shops). These three factors were summed to produce a final walkability score for towns resulting in an overall walkability rating of high (top third of walkability scores), medium (middle third of walkability scores) or low walkability (bottom third of walkability scores).

It is also important to note that factors like footpaths, roundabouts or signalled pedestrian lights are not included in these spatial walkability assessments. Previous research suggests that these urban design factors have a big influence on the willingness of residents to walk for transport which has a direct effect on physical activity levels and overall health. However, most of this previous research has been conducted in big cities and less is known about how valuable spatial walkability assessments are for understanding walkability in smaller rural towns. Thus, while spatial map scores are suggestive of walkability, this study aims to better understand how applicable they are within a rural context.

## Phase 2 — Town Audits

Building on the spatial walkability assessments, the second phase involved a Citizen Science approach in 10 towns across Tasmania. Citizen science is valuable within health-related research projects for many reasons, including:

1. Gaining new perspectives on problems and solutions
2. Monitoring policy and program implementation
3. Obtaining difficult to access data
4. Mobilising support for action to improve health
5. Gathering locally relevant data to inform policy and practice

In each town, local leaders ('Community Champions') contributed to the project by identifying which parts ('segments') of the town to audit, recruiting 'Citizen Scientists' and completing town audits (including the town wide assessment and policy and programs assessment). Next, the Citizen Scientists completed street segment audits of the physical environment using the online walkability audit tool with the purpose of providing greater understanding of specific features within the town.

As part of the segment audits, community members took photos of town features that supported or hindered walkability. These images have been used throughout this report. It is important to note that the findings are general in nature as not all sections of the town have been audited. Instead, the findings highlight the broader features supporting and hindering walkability throughout the town.

## Phase 3 — Community Workshops

Once each town had completed the audits and taken photos, a summary of the audit data was shared with community members at a community workshop. The workshop discussion enabled a greater understanding about the features impacting on walkability in the towns, identified priority areas for action and potential solutions. In each town, researchers facilitated a community workshop which was attended by Community Champion/s, Citizen Scientists and other interested community members.



### *Images.*

- ▲ Documents to aid discussion at the workshop
- ◀ (*opposite*) Citizen Scientist completing an audit segment using the online audit tool

# Introduction

Being active is good for our health – it can prevent us from getting diseases like heart disease, diabetes, breast and colon cancers, and osteoporosis. It is also great for managing our weight, blood pressure and cholesterol, and for keeping us mentally healthy and well. Research has shown that people living in rural parts of Australia are less active than those who live in urban areas. It is also known that rates of preventable health conditions such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes and high blood pressure tend to be higher in rural Australia than in urban Australia.

It is well known that walkable neighbourhoods provide health, environmental, social and economic benefits. A neighbourhood's walkability is the degree to which it has safe, designated areas for people to walk or bike to work, school, dining, shopping, medical services, recreation and entertainment. Walkable communities are easier to get around, they support everyday connections and foster a greater sense of community through increased informal and spontaneous social interactions. In cities, research shows that the physical environment where people live, work, study and play can affect physical activity levels.

However, there is minimal research showing what 'walkability' looks like in rural areas. Small towns and some rural council areas may have access to fewer resources to develop the infrastructure to support walkability and active lifestyles. This project was designed to help find out more about walkability in rural areas and what might be needed to support this.

Most of the research studies looking at walkability focus on cities and large towns and not much is known about how our environment helps or stops communities from being active in rural and regional areas.

The report includes quotes from people who attended the workshop or from comments they made using the online audit tool. Photos have been included to provide local examples of features that hindered or supported walkability. It is hoped the findings included here will support further discussions in the town as well as support local action to encourage walking in the area.

*Image.*

► *(opposite)* The paved footpath stops at the beginning of the Honeysuckle Banks tracks





## Overview of Evandale

This project explored walkability in Evandale, a classified historic town in the north of Tasmania in the Northern Midlands Council municipality. Evandale is approximately 20km south of Launceston and 7-15km west of nearby towns Longford and Perth. The town is a National Trust Certified Georgian Village and is home to 1058 people<sup>1</sup>. The area has a population density of around 1000 residents per square kilometre (compared to Inner Hobart which covers an area of 62.2 square kilometres and has a density of 1,356 residents per square kilometre).

Evandale has a range of community facilities, shops and services including a primary school, a medical clinic and pharmacy, a post office

and general store, a tourist and information centre, churches, parks, a playground and cafes. The town is located on a bend of the South Esk River with most of the town amenities to the east of High Street, primarily along Russell Street and Barclay Street which run parallel to each other. Evandale is a well-known arts centre with many popular events including the Glover Prize, National Penny Farthing Championship, Veranda Music Festival and the local Sunday markets.

Evandale residents describe the sense of community as a key drawcard for living in the town.

<sup>1</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2021





*Images.*

- ▲ Wide gravel paths along High Street
- ◀ *(opposite)* The National Penny Farthing Championships are held in Evandale.  
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Evandale is a wonderful village.

It's the people in Evandale that make it so special for us. We have found them to be so wonderfully warm and generous and kind.

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P1: Friendly, yes very friendly town.

P2: Very friendly.

P3: Incredibly supportive place.

Given the proximity of Evandale to Launceston, Longford and Perth, many residents use key facilities (such as supermarket or medical services) in these neighbouring towns. There was a perception by community members that the council was directing more funding to the Longford township than that of Evandale:

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It's a little community joke isn't it really? You go to Longford you always get the impression that it's almost pristine and they've planted things and they landscape things.

With a recent increase in urban development in Evandale, community members are passionate about keeping the village nature of the town.

# Findings From the Project

## Spatial walkability assessment findings

The spatial analysis completed in the first phase of the project examined the local neighbourhood attributes of street connectivity, dwelling density and an index of access to services of daily living. These three attributes were used to indicate overall walkability and then given a rank to represent its position in relation to the other 91 small towns in Tasmania. Each attribute, as well as the overall walkability score, is classified as low, medium or high walkability.

The spatial analysis resulted in the creation of a Spatial Map (Figure 1) that helps to show the walkability around Evandale. Overall, the spatial walkability assessment ranked Evandale as having medium walkability compared with the 91 other towns analysed in phase 1. The maps indicate that Evandale has medium walkability throughout with lower walkability (dark pink) to the east of High Street whereas the main town area is slightly more walkable (light pink). Most of the residential areas, recreational facilities and town amenities are located to the west of High Street in the light pink area.

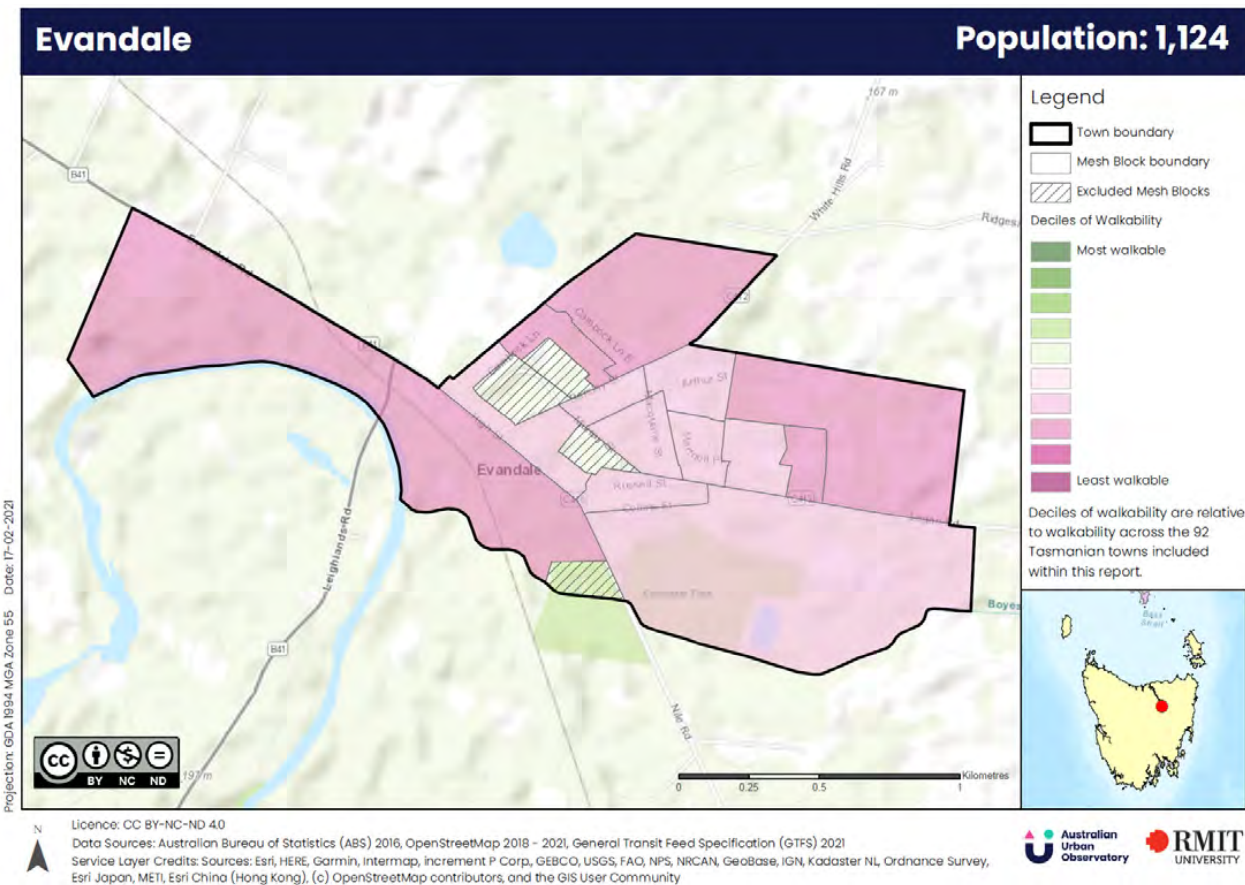


Figure 1. Evandale spatial map<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Spatial map data sources: ABS 2016, OpenStreetMap 2018-2021 and General Transit Feed Specification 2021.

## Audit and workshop findings

In Evandale, one Community Champion completed the town wide facilities and programs/policies audits that examined the features in the area that supported walking and physical activity. The Community Champion then selected the segments of the area to be audited by the Citizen Scientists between May and June 2023. Six Citizen Scientists conducted detailed walkability audits to examine specific segments of the area. While they walked a segment, Citizen Scientists used the audit tool to respond to questions about the segment including the presence of features such as paved footpaths, unpaved footpaths, crossing,

signage, roads, and other safety features. Citizen Scientists also took photos of key features that impacted on walkability in the segment.

Initial findings from the audits were presented to the community at the community workshop. The community workshop was held in Evandale on 27 June 2023 with seven community members present to discuss the findings. Following the workshop, this report was produced for the Evandale community. Community Champions and Citizen Scientists provided feedback on this report and can use the findings in the report to bring about change in their community.

*Image.*

▼ Residential cutting towards Russell Street from Pioneer Park



## Town wide and policy/ Program audit findings

The range of community facilities in Evandale was reflected in the town wide audit. The assessment captured the availability of amenities and physical features including: the Evandale Information and Community Centre, parks, playground, ovals and the trails along Honeysuckle Banks. In the audit, all facilities and features in Evandale were rated as good/excellent.



Parks/reserves are generally free of rubbish and used as walking thoroughfares especially by dog walkers throughout all times of the day.

In addition, the geography of the Evandale was reported to be generally quite flat which enhanced walkability in the town.

The town is very flat which is a positive incentive for all ages to comfortably walk throughout the village.

Given the proximity of the town to larger towns nearby (including Launceston, Longford and Perth), many other local facilities and recreational spaces were considered accessible to Evandale residents. This includes public swimming pools, parks and reserves located in Launceston (19km away) and supermarkets (8-20km away). While Evandale residents are able to access public transport (buses), these are somewhat limited and only connect the town to Perth and Launceston.

The town programs/policies audit examined the availability of health and physical activity related programs and/or policies in the area, including those run at the local school. The Program and Policy assessment found some council programs or policies in the area; however, it was recognised that the council does not have a policy requiring bikeways or walkways in new infrastructure projects or specific programs encouraging physical activity within Evandale. When contacted by the Community Champion, the Council advised that: “where possible, council endeavours to have these included”.

Facilities rated Good/Excellent	Facilities rated Fair/Poor	Facilities not present
Public park	None reported	Swimming beach
Public Toilet		Private gym
River		
Skate park		
Town recreational centre		
Playground		
Playing field (football/cricket oval)		
Indoor or outdoor courts (half size basketball court in Falls Park)		
Other facilities: Fitness equipment at Morven Park, Launceston Aquatic Centre, Lake Leake		

Table 1. Facilities in Evandale as captured in the town wide audit.

The audit did not capture the presence of a walk to school program or knowledge of public access to recreational facilities outside of school hours which may reflect a lack of awareness about these programs and policies amongst the general community.

### Street segment audits: Overview of facilities

Seven segments of Evandale were audited by six Citizen Scientists (Figure 2). This includes three Citizen Scientists who completed two segments each. The street segment audits revealed the following:

- All segments had paved footpaths present. Four segments had paved footpaths on both sides of the street and three segments had paved footpaths on one side of the street.
- The condition of paved footpaths was rated as poor/fair in three segments.

- Of the six segments with unpaved footpaths, the quality was rated as poor/fair in four segments.
- Traffic volume was reported as low in five segments, medium in one segment and high in one segment.
- All segments were considered easily walkable; however, three segments were not considered appropriate for an older person, someone with limited mobility or a pram. Only one segment was reported to be walkable for a child (aged 10 or below) to walk on their own.
- All segments were rated as aesthetically pleasing.

In general, Evandale community members felt they have access to a range of recreational facilities and spaces that were well maintained by the council and used by the local community.



Figure 3. Audited segments in Evandale



*Image.*

▲ A small park along Russell Street

### Features that support walking and being active (facilitators)

Community members described the town design, facilities, social and physical environment and topography in Evandale as highly conducive to walking.

It is completely flat with lovely wide footpaths.

“ It is an easy walk to shops, post office, restaurants, school, bus stop, hotels and the pharmacy.

Most of the town’s key facilities are located along Russell Street and High Street, and there are some pedestrian links between key locations. This includes good connections between Russell Street towards Barclay Street which links to Morven Park and the Evandale Primary School. Community members say that the centre of town has a short loop that many people walk.

Various local parks [are] all quite well maintained and paths which connect some of the local facilities.



We see a lot of people walking because they do a bit of a loop with their dogs and kids on little bikes and things like that, which is nice.

In addition, important open green spaces such as Honeysuckle Banks and Falls Park are within 1-2km walking distance from the town centre.

Community members felt the town had a lovely aesthetic environment and key recreational spaces were generally clean and usable. The surrounding natural environment and streetscapes enabled community members to

*Image.*

- ▶ Exercise equipment
- ▼ Some residential streets have wide footpaths, but this is not consistent throughout the town



enjoy the surrounding farmland and the historic houses and gardens.

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Many of the houses in Cambock Lane East and West back onto farmland [and are]...nice and tidy and green with cows grazing in the fields. There are some nice farm buildings also.

Beautiful gardens and trees, attractive gardens.

Area includes pleasant streetscapes and outlooks to scenic rural landscapes.

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Parks/reserves are generally free of rubbish and used as walking thoroughfares especially by dog walkers throughout all times of the day.

In general, footpaths were reported to be in good condition and all segments had some paved footpaths present.

Generally, the footpaths and walkways are in good condition and quite walkable. Where there is no footpath there is [a] grassy area, which when I did the study was well-mowed and firm underfoot.



Most footpaths have surfaces in good condition with little interruption re driveways.

The many popular community events held in the town throughout the year attract visitors as well as locals. It is suggested that these events and activities support and encourage locals and visitors to walk around.

You have a lot of people walking when the [National Penny Farthing Championship] is on and the Verandah Music Festival.



Every Sunday the market runs so it draws so many people into town. They might say, 'I'll go and explore', and a lot of them have got prams.

The Evandale Tourist and Information Centre is also a valuable community asset, for both local residents as well as tourists. The historical society associated with the centre has produced an historic town walking map that encourages people to walk around the town. Whilst this is primarily targeted towards tourists, community members feel it is a valuable resource for the community.



P1: The other people who walk Evandale is when they get handed a historic walk brochure. We'd go around...[and] you'd tick all the boxes of all the houses you've seen.

P2: There's a lot of reading on the little plaques and things.

Community members recognised that the council has made some improvements throughout the town, including fixing the camber of some footpaths and improving footpath linkages.

There used to be a concrete path in this little accessway off Cambock Lane towards the primary school, but it only went two-thirds of the way and then it just stopped, and it was mud until it joined the asphalt paths... Eventually [the council] concreted the rest of that path.

There are also some seating and picnic tables in some locations throughout town.



I really think – people walk here more than any other place I've ever lived, and especially dog walkers.

I'm interested in walking much more than I used to because I can walk to places here much more readily than previously.



There's [a picnic table] ...near the river on the left... and then there's...the little gazebo thing down underneath the oak trees near Macquarie Street. [Then] there's two [tables and chairs] near Pioneer Park I think.

*Image.*

► (opposite) The entrance to Honeysuckle Banks





## Features that make it difficult to walk and be active (barriers)

### Footpaths and trails

The segment audit data suggests that footpaths are generally of good quality throughout Evandale, however the discussion at the community workshop highlighted that some paths could be improved.

While the path along High Street is wide, in many other locations the narrow width of footpaths and roads created barriers for pedestrians. Some sections of footpaths in Collins Street created issues for pedestrians when combined with cars parked on footpaths.



#### Images.

- ▲ There are some rough gravel tracks that are difficult for pedestrians to navigate
- ◀ (opposite) Many of the historic buildings in Evandale are not accessible for all residents



Collins Street, essentially, it's a no go zone really because cars are parked both sides of the road, sometimes on the footpath as well, there are no sealed footpaths, and the quality of the gravel varies, the width varies.

As a result, pedestrians avoid particular routes or choose to walk on the road.

We choose to walk in areas that have broader pathways. The pathways on one side of Barclay Street vary substantially with some areas being very narrow and uneven - from Murray intersection to Macquarie Street is particularly difficult so we walk on the road with our golden retrievers.

A lot of folk will choose not to walk on the footpaths, they'll chose to walk on the road.

Path quality was also discussed as an issue for people walking at Honeysuckle Banks. The tracks at Honeysuckle Banks lie along the South Esk River which can be prone to flooding. The paths along Honeysuckle Banks are made of varying quality gravel and often have overgrowth alongside the track.



There is a walking [path] from High Street to river, but after footbridge needs widening and grass cut back along edges of current narrow track.

Once stepping off the foot and road bridge the track deteriorates remarkably.



Image.

- ▲ Narrow paths make it difficult for people with mobility devices to use footpaths

Some of those areas, especially in the dark, are really tricky.

“ In winter when it rains the walkway is slushy because it’s a bit bowed, and then if you get a frost after that it’s like a skating rink.

Community members also note that there are different types of footpaths throughout the town which is reflective of the differences in footpaths style over time.

“ Cambock Lane is a classic because there are literally five different surfaces used for the footpaths...depending on the era. Once upon a time all the paths...were gravel, and specifically ironstone. That was the...heritage footpath material.

Every five years they’d try a different thing. We’ve got exposed aggregate concrete, plain concrete, paving, other types of gravel. They did try some ironstone but with a seal on it to stop the stones moving around.

Whilst community members felt it is important to keep footpaths in a style that reflects the history of the town, there is also a need to ensure the footpaths are safe and suitable for all members of the community. Sometimes the footpath surface or poor maintenance posed safety issues.

Laneways that cut through from one street to another are soil/gravel and quite even but can be slippery when wet.

“ The residential crossovers vary in quality and can restrict access - especially if pushing a stroller or using a mobility scooter.

There are areas around Cambock [Street] where there’s that little section that’s all paved. That’s fairly lumpy, and the crossovers are quite severe. They’re good if you’re in a car, but they’re not really for walking.



And when it floods [Honeysuckle Banks is] all washed out, and then [it takes] forever to fix that up.

In addition, at some times of the year many of the oak trees drop acorns onto footpaths and roads which makes it difficult to walk.



The acorns cause a hazard. As a resident I rake the acorns off the path around Morven Park area where it intersects with the Tennis Club and Information Centre.

We elect not to walk our dogs in the area around the tennis club and in the Information Centre carpark because of the litter and acorns making it hazardous. Also, the section from the lane to the end of Barclay Street is very uneven also with acorns.

While community members acknowledge the council does complete regular street cleaning, this often does adequately address the acorns.

### Connectivity

In the segment audits, the Citizen Scientists reported most segments to be well-connected to other trails or locations in the town. However, the community workshop discussion suggested this was not an entirely accurate reflection of street connectivity. Discussions revealed that there were some areas where connectivity was limited which resulted in physical disconnections in the town. Currently, there is a paved footpath along High Street and Leighlands Road, however this ends after the pedestrian bridge crossing the South Esk River. There are no structured footpaths

*Image.*

- Gravel footpaths are present in some locations but sometimes will end abruptly

around Honeysuckle Banks so people must walk on rough informal paths or on the grass.



[The Council was] proactive... [by building the] pedestrian walkway onto the side of the bridge, but then again like so many other things it just goes to nothing. You get across the other side of the bridge and suddenly you're in the mud.

While community members acknowledge footpath quality is good throughout the town, some areas were not strongly linked. For example, there could be better links between the parks and reserves in town to create walking circuits such as between Pioneer Park and Morven Park.







### Traffic and cars

While traffic was reported to be generally low throughout Evandale, there were times where traffic volume increased dramatically. Road and traffic safety was a consideration around school pick up/drop off times and over the weekend due to the regular Sunday market.

The population of the village can double or triple on a Sunday.

Barclay Street is a very quiet street on most days at 2pm, however this changes at school start and finish times and at weekends when the park and oval are used by the community. Heavy traffic on Friday nights and Saturdays and Sundays.

The Sunday market also leads to increases in the number of vehicles parked on nearby streets.

Movement is restricted by the narrowness of the Street and the various cars parked both sides.

“ Sunday is Market Day in Evandale, and the Street is packed and essentially one-way.

In some locations, cars park on the side of footpaths creating obstacles and reducing visibility for pedestrians.

*Image.*

◀ (opposite) Some paths have designated pedestrian crossing areas, however, some are not in safe locations

Parked cars do present obstacles and can restrict visibility to pedestrians.

“ Two cars [parked] back here for a couple of days, and if two people want to walk with a dog you just cannot get past, you're out on the street.

While this increases during times of higher traffic, such as during the Sunday market, some residents also tend to park on nature strips and permanently block footpaths.

### Accessibility

Although the quality of walking paths and trails was generally reported to be well-maintained in the segment audits, it was acknowledged during the community workshop that this was a significant barrier for many individuals within the community. In the segment audits, three segments are not considered accessible for older people or people using a mobility device.

“ Quite walkable for able-bodied people with good eyesight but restricted for people with mobility issues or low vision.

Murray Street [is] not suitable for wheelchairs, mobility scooters, skateboards, prams, kids on bikes.

In addition, many of the older historical buildings in the town were not accessible for many people. As highlighted in the previous discussion, the lack of accessibility is exacerbated by cars parking on footpaths and the narrow width of footpaths.

Access to shops is very poor for people with limited mobility and many shops are not at all accessible for wheelchair or mobility scooter users.

Although sealed footpaths are in place the depth of residential crossovers are significant to the extent that strollers and mobility scooters use the road in preference.

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The narrow sections of footpaths may not be so easy for someone with limited mobility.

### Lighting

Whilst there is lighting along the main roads, residents felt that there could be additional lighting in key spaces to increase walking and other recreational activities at certain times of year.

Recently, an elderly lady...was on her mobility scooter...and she couldn't cross Russell Street wherever she normally crossed, because there was a car parked there, so she went up a bit further, and apparently the edge of the footpath, that actually collapsed and she got tipped out of it.

I elected to walk in daylight as lighting at night is poor if sports facilities/oval are not being used.

There are some areas that have gaps between footpaths and the road which creates hazards for people using a wheelchair as the wheels can get stuck. As a result, many people choose to avoid certain streets during busy periods or even choose to use the road.

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The lighting maybe, someone mentioned the lighting was poor.

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If I'm in my wheelchair I can do a little bit of a hop and skip, but if I was in an electric scooter my front wheel's probably going [to get stuck].

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If I was crossing Russell Street, I'd have to go down somebody's driveway cutout. But on High Street for example I have to be very careful... They hadn't considered the practicalities of someone having to cross over that little gap.

*Image.*

- ▶ (opposite) Many footpaths are narrow which makes it difficult for pedestrians to walk on. Instead, many residents will walk on the roads



# Priorities

During the community workshops, participants were asked which of the identified barriers they considered a priority for action. The key priorities were to improve general walking infrastructure, accessibility and connectivity throughout Evandale.



## Priority 1: Improving general walking infrastructure

Improving and erecting general infrastructure to support walking around Evandale was highlighted as a key priority. Ensuring footpaths and laneways are appropriately maintained, that there is suitable lighting, and improvements to the surface of some current tracks or trails was considered important. The addition of some picnic tables and seating was also discussed.



## Priority 2: Improving accessibility

Discussion suggested that there is a lack of safe and accessible spaces for all members of the community. In some cases, the older historical

buildings are inaccessible for people with wheelchairs or other mobility devices. Also, it was considered important to ensure footpaths and crossings are suitable for all community members.



## Priority 3: Improving connectivity

Improving connectivity was identified to enable the community members to easily walk around the community. In the main town area, improving connections to create walking circuits between key locations (such as the local parks and reserves) was important. In addition, upgrading the surface of the tracks through Honeysuckle Banks would lead to increased use and enjoyment of the natural environment along the South Esk River.

*Image.*

- ▶ (opposite) Pedestrian entry to Morven Park from Cambock Road



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## Possible Solutions

During the workshop participants were asked to consider possible ways to address the identified priorities. The following presents the solutions discussed by community members to address the key challenges in Evandale.



The next step would be going around and identifying specific opportunities and [working with] Council [to make improvements].

### Footpath connectivity

Community members said that improved footpath quality and better connections between paths could ensure there is a connected network of paths across the area.

It could be so much better if there [were] the proper connections... and decent path materials, consistency of surfaces.



You can provide so many more opportunities for people to make little circuits and things if things connect.

There is actually a dirt path that goes through an avenue of trees and connects over to Murray Street and there's a pipe laid in the drainage channel. Everything is there to create a path, but there's no path.

This includes links such as between Pioneer Park and the western side of Morven Park. Currently there is an existing laneway from Barclay Street to the western side of Morven Park with community members suggesting that this could be extended to connect to Pioneer Park. Other suggestions included exploring other connections to Honeysuckle Banks and access to the northern entrance of Morven Park.



[There is] a redundant easement that relates to when Evandale had its own train station...and my suggestion was to create a path [from High Street to Honeysuckle Banks] ...so that when you were going down to the river you had an alternative route. Anything that can make the walk more interesting by making a circuit rather than an out and back...is worth exploring.

In Morven Park there is a little gate at the end here, but there isn't really a proper access into Morven Park from Cambock Lane until you go right along in line with the school. [It would be good to have] some kind of path that connects past the light rail.

In addition, many feel improvements to connections between key locations would be preferable over building new paths in locations where paths may not be required.



P1: [There is] one new [footpath]... heading out of the village along White Hills Road. They've just put in a path next to the paddocks there...

P2: But it doesn't lead to anything.

P3: It doesn't need to be there.



I understand that there are pig farmers in Scottsdale who acorns would be perfect for, and that's why I thought maybe if I ask the school, senior students come up and bag the acorns then they could send them off to Scottsdale to the pig farmers.

Community members also discussed continuing the current aesthetic of footpaths to align with the town's heritage.



P1: I wouldn't be such a purist as to say have the ironstone gravel – loose is dreadful for [mobility devices] but...

P2: [footpaths should] be in the heritage [of the town].

Finally, the addition of structured footpaths around Honeysuckle Banks was also suggested to increase accessibility along the river and to ensure the paths can withstand potential flooding.

*Image.*

- ▲ Rough gravel paths create hazards for pedestrians
- ▶ Gravel on a footpath creates hazards for pedestrians

**Footpath maintenance**

Improved maintenance of footpaths and laneways could also ensure greater use and reduce safety issues.

There is a walking track from High Street to river but after footbridge needs widening and grass cut back along edges of current narrow track.

Additionally, community members discussed creative solutions to addressing the safety issues created by acorns.







A figure of eight loop [would be great] ...so you could even do the little loop and come back, or you could do the full figure eight or – it gives you multiple options of how you do it.

**Other solutions**

Suggestions of additional lighting, signage, tables and seating was also considered to improve walkability throughout Evandale.



P1: I think there's room for some additional...seating.

P2: Yeah, seating and picnic tables.

**Accessibility**

Community members also discussed the importance of accessibility programs and policies to ensure all members of the community could access spaces within the community.



All commercial premises in Evandale should be required to provide disabled access.

Currently, many of the shops and services in Evandale do not have disabled access, partly due to the historic nature of many buildings. Community members expressed the importance of improving accessibility throughout the town whilst also maintaining the historical character of the town. It will be important to examine current regulations and make improvements that balance accessibility needs alongside the history of the town.

Furthermore, in line with the previous discussion around footpaths, ensuring quality surfaces and maintained footpaths would also increase accessibility for people who use mobility devices.

Pioneer Park would benefit from the addition of additional seating, better developed landscaping and more connecting paths, e.g., from Murray St adjacent to the memorial rose garden.

Additional signage could align with the historical society map and point out key walking circuits throughout the town. At the workshop, newer community members were unaware of some of the public laneways or residential cuttings. Signage could ensure all residents are aware of paths and walking loops throughout town.

I'm just thinking there's a dog park down further, but there's probably not a sign at the beginning of one of those cut through laneways to say, 'This way.' There's a sign when you get there, but a lot of people are unaware that that's there.

Finally, community members recognise the town is undergoing some residential development. In addition to maintaining the nature of the town as a historic village, community members also felt it was important for new developments to include paths that link to existing paths and maintain or include green spaces.

*Image.*

◀ (opposite) There are informal tracks through Honeysuckle Banks

## Conclusion

Evandale is a classified historic town in the north of Tasmania with a range of community facilities that support walking and other physical activities. The town's flat topography along with the contained nature of the residential areas and town services helps to create a walkable environment. The town centre is in close proximity for most residents and there are some good walking circuits throughout Evandale. In addition, Honeysuckle Banks and Morven Park are key open green spaces for engaging in walking and other physical activities. The audits completed by the Community Champions and Citizen Scientists highlight the valuable assets in Evandale as well as areas that could be improved.

The audit process and workshop identified features in Evandale considered a priority to increase walkability and physical activity participation in the area. Community members felt that the key priorities were:

- Improving connectivity focusing on creating linkages between parks, reserves and other community amenities throughout Evandale.
- Ensuring footpaths are well-maintained, particularly areas with unsafe surfaces. Exploring opportunities to develop footpaths around Honeysuckle Banks was also considered important.
- Increasing footpaths and buildings are accessible for all members of the community.
- Improving the general infrastructure around the town, including lighting, signage and seating.

A range of possible solutions were discussed to address these priorities including maintaining footpath surface, developing footpaths in key locations, implementing accessibility policies and infrastructure measures including seating, signage and lighting.

### *Images.*

- ▲ *(opposite)* There are footpaths along both sides of Russell Street
- ▼ *(opposite)* A historic carriage along Russell Street highlights Evandale's history





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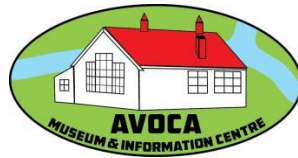
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## Avoca Museum and Information Centre

Old School Building, AVOCA, TASMANIA, 7213

# Minutes

## Annual General Meeting

9:30 am Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Avoca Museum and Information Centre

The AGM followed a committee meeting.

**Everybody welcome.**

Welcome

### 1. Apologies

Carol Wearing, Helen Richardson, Lisa Hobson, Mary Knowles

Present

Jane Mitchell, Lesley Collins, Angie Gee, Justin Fahey, Frank O'Connor, Prue O'Connor.

### 2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM held on 23 March 2021

Moved Angie Gee                      Seconded Frank O'Connor

That the minutes as circulated are a true record.

Carried

### 3. The Presidents Report

Visitor numbers were up on last year. The Anzac Day service was well attended with by about 62 people. The music provide by the local band "Prairie Oysters" was very much appreciated. A Northern Midlands Visitor Centre meeting was held at the Museum and a Working Bee held to clean up the park for Anzac Day.

### 4. The Treasurers Report.

The audited treasurers report as presented is attached.

Cash flow will need to be watched.

Donations received were                      \$698.30

Aurora Account                                      \$835.00

Museum Expenses \$1,100.00

Maintenance \$112.00

The community ADF Maintenance Funds held by AMIC \$603.46

Moved by Angie Gee. Seconded Jane Mitchell

That the audited financial report as presented by the treasurer be accepted  
Carried.

5. Appointment of Auditors

a. Current auditor: Maree Bricknell Northern Midlands Council

Moved by Angie Gee, Seconded by Justin Fahey

That Maree Bricknell be appointed Auditor for the next twelve months.

Carried

6. Correspondence

Nil

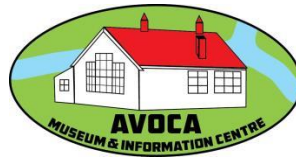
7. Election of Office Bearers

Position Nominee	Nominated	Seconded			
President: Helen Reynolds	Justin Fahey	Angie Gee	Elected		
Vice-President: Justin Fahey	Prue O'Connor	Jane Mitchell	Elected		
Secretary: Prue O'Connor	Justin Fahey	Jane Mitchell	Elected		
Treasurer: Angie Gee	Prue O'Connor	Justin Fahey	Elected		
Public Officer: Angie Gee	Prue O'Connor	Justin Fahey	Elected		
Council Representative Mary Knowles	Prue O'Connor	Frank O'Connor	Elected		
Committee: Jane Mitchell Helen Richardson Lisa Hobson Frank O'Connor Carol Wearing	Resolved		Elected		

8. General Business

Nil

Close of meeting 10:19 am



## Avoca Museum and Information Centre

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### *AMIC Committee Meeting held at the Avoca Museum at 10:00AM on Thursday 11th May 2023. Minutes of Committee Meeting*

1. Present.  
Jane Mitchell, Lesley Collins, Angie Gee, Justin Fahey, Frank O'Connor, Prue O'Connor.
2. Apologies  
Carol Wearing, Helen Richardson, Lisa Hobson, Mary Knowles
3. Approval of the Minutes of the
  - a. Committee Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
Motion accepting the minutes of the above meeting.  
Moved Frank O'Connor                      Seconded Angie Gee  
That the minutes as circulated are a true record.  
Carried  
Business Arising – Action list.

ACTION LIST from the Committee Meeting held 08/11/2022			
	Action / Date entered	Description	Action required from 11/5/2023
a	Memories of Avoca by Ernest GH Foster	Angie to arrange a cover and print some copies to be sold for \$2.50 each. 31/03/2022 Typing is complete. 8/11/22 Angie and Prue will complete this. Sale price to be reviewed	Ongoing Still not completed. Angie and Lesley are adding photos.
b	BBQ Map	24/8/21 Progressing Map being organised. Police station needs to be removed. Photos of the Avoca area are required. Angie to organise.	Angie has three photos but still needs two more.
c	Volunteers	Volunteer inductions to be done online. Ongoing	Completed
d	Mathinna folders	5/1/21 Scanning has been completed. Helen will provide a USB stick for the information to be sent to Fingal	Completed

e	Cemeteries	<p>Shirley Freeman and Prue are progressing this.</p> <p>Lesley has volunteered to do the typing.</p> <p>Council have done the drone footage to be put together.</p> <p>The Catholic cemetery has been cleared. Prue to talk to Phil Bravo about mapping the Catholic Cemetery Mary to follow up on drone picture.</p> <p>The Anglican Church is doing a plan of the Anglican Cemetery. Jeanette has a copy of the Church records.</p>	ongoing
f	Cricket Club Memorabilia	<p>Lance is making cabinets for the Memorabilia and putting them in the dining room area.</p> <p>A letter from the Football Club Life Members – Trevor Williams, Nigel Stagg and John Freeman.</p> <p>A Museum donation is to be signed by the Hotel Licence (Fiona &amp; Lance) 6/1/21 Prue will organise donation forms</p>	Completed
g	Old Gaol	<p>31/3/22 Still to be cleaned Otherwise completed. 8/11/22 The trees have been cleaned up but the fence has not been moved.</p>	Ongoing
h	Information plaques Made by Panoramic Signs	<p>Information plaques around the town need replacing. We will try to find funding for this.</p> <p>New plaques need placing on the old police cells and Carols house which was the original Post Office</p> <p>Robsons house to be added.</p> <p>Plaques are needed for Cricket pitch roller and the St Thomas's Pews at the hotel.</p> <p>28/8/21 - Lesley to investigate funding upgrade / replacement.</p> <p>31/3/22 Rectory to be added. Information on Pitchford's house is needed. Mary Suggested adding a plaque for the cricket roller and pews when we seek funding.</p>	<p>Boucher Park to be added to the list.</p> <p>History of the park and the Memorial Trees.</p>



i	Maps	23/3/21 District maps are required for the Information Centre. 24/8/21 Fingal Neighbourhood house is upgrading the maps. We need to get some when completed.	Completed
j	AED Defibrillator raffle	31/3/22 Ongoing fundraising to be organised later. Shop AED to be put outside. Rossarden organizing their own AED. Angie to price a weatherproof box for an AED at Royal George 8/11/22 Further investigation required. Angie.	Completed
k	First Aid Kit	Our First Aid Kit is out of date and Helen Reynolds will enquire about replacing the contents.	Completed
l	Filing System	Training 28 May 10:00am. Bring lunch. 8/11/22 Prue to organise a new date	Ongoing
m	Council Budget 31/03/22	Helen Reynolds made a request for a playground swing suitable for small children.	Completed
n	The Freeman Family History 31/03/22	The Freeman Family History to be printed for the Museum. 8/11/22 Prue to organise	Completed Shirley Freeman would like a copy.
o	Fire Extinguishers 11/5/23		Angie will enquire about who is responsible to check them
p	Fundraiser 11/5/23		October 7 or 14 Music Night  A meeting to be organised by Lesley to make arrangements.

#### 4. Finance

##### Treasurers Report

See attached.

- a. Motion accepting the Treasurers Report
- b. A new laminator and guillotine to be purchased.

Moved Justin Fahey

Seconded Jane Mitchell

Carried

5. Correspondence

a. Inward

Richard Goodwin – Phone number to be changed, Angie to organise.

b. Outward

Letter to My State, re AMIC looking chair for the Royal George Progress association AED maintenance fund. AMIC has already assumed responsibility for the Avoca AED maintenance fund.

Letter to Carol Wearing authorising her as a representative of AMIC to seek donations a raise money to cover the ANZAC Day event.

6. Garden.

7. General Business.

- a. Fundraiser Lesley to further investigate a fund-raising function.

Close

**Financial Report**  
**1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> April 2023**

**Balance at 1/1/2023** **\$1866.47**

**Income**

Donations 440.40

**\$ 440.40**

**Expenses**

Bank fees 2.00

Copier 55.37

Telstra 100.00

Hydro \* 218.55

Pest Control 350.00

**\$568.58**

**Balance 31<sup>st</sup> April 2023** **\$1580.95**

Fixed term **\$11,384.47**

ANZAC Day expenses (Petty Cash) **\$75.00**

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**Petty Cash**

Petty Cash balance on 1/1/23 **93.25**

ANZAC expenses Carol Waring 75.00

Stamps 6.00

Top up from donations 81.75

Balance on 31/4/23 **100.00**

## Morven Park Management & Development Association Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting of the Morven Park Management Committee held at the Morven Park Clubrooms on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**Meeting opened at:** 7.06pm

Present:	Chairman	David Houghton
	Vice Chairman	Ian Pease
	Treasurer	John Hughes - 7.30pm
	Secretary	Rhonda Whitmore
	Evandale Skate Park	Ian Pease
	Evandale Village Fair	
	Evandale Football Club	
	Evandale Cricket Club	Ricky Wells, Chris Ross - 7.30pm
	Evandale Light Rail	David Swann
	Evandale Tennis Club	John Hughes
	Morven Park Grounds	Brendon Crosswell
	Northern Midlands Council	Councillor Paul Terrett

Apologies: Carol Potter

Discussion regarding funding for oval upgrade guest Nigel Baker not held as Nigel was an apology at the last minute. Nigel is happy to meet at the next meeting or at an agreed time with Committee delegation.

**Minutes of previous General Meeting** held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to be read and confirmed.

Moved: Brendon Crosswell    Seconded: Ian Pease    **CARRIED**

### **Business Arising from 11<sup>th</sup> October meeting:**

1. Removal of bushes along Barclay St – weeds, blackberries and ivy still present. No advice yet re new hedge planting. **Update – as of 14<sup>th</sup> November about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the bushes and scrub have been removed.**
2. Temporary wire mesh in front of bushes along Barclay St boundary – CC to install when time permits.
3. Still awaiting NMC advice re bollards around old dump point – not a MPMC problem.
4. Kitchen door to be re-hung to open outwards – Council to arrange new door with half glass and install.
5. SAFE checks and First Aid Kit – **awaiting advice from Victoria Veldhuizen.**

### **Correspondence:**

In: Email from Victoria Veldhuizen re FAKs and council representatives  
Email from Victoria Veldhuizen re council representatives advising that Richard Goss is no longer at MPMC representative to council.  
Email response from Damien Wilson re kitchen door maintenance request

Out: Email to VV advising there is no Council FAK, nor ever has been at Morven Park.  
Maintenance request for kitchen door to be re-hung opening outwards.

**Financial Report:** \$10753.09 with \$2995.01 to be banked

**City Mission agreement on WiFi supply was subject to CPI, but does not appear to have been applied – Council to advise. David to contact Victoria Veldhuizen and Maree Bricknell.**

Moved: John Hughes    Seconded: Chris Ross    **CARRIED**

### **User Groups:**

Cricket: No female team this season – new coach needed; 4 teams overall; juniors playing Wednesday evenings.  
Football: Women and juniors stated training; men started around 22/11

Tennis: NTR  
Skate Park: No major issues although some vehicle had driven up and over the high part of the Park.  
Primary School: NR  
Light Rail: Monthly payment being set up; open day looking to January 2024 long weekend.  
Village Fair: NR  
Grounds: Excellent condition with only 1 area not taking after topdressing. Irrigator has been borrowed from Longford ground as arranged by Council.  
NMCouncil: NTR

**General Business:**

1. Damien Wilson has advised of additional security camera availability – request another 3 especially with one mounted on roof of shed near the Skate Park. David to contact Damien.
2. Gun Safe to be installed in store room off bar area for security of valuable items.
3. Request Council to supply additional signage regarding dog ownership responsibilities and also no dog access allowed to oval itself – David to contact Council.

**Meeting Closed: 8.00pm**

**Next Meeting: 6.00pm with Nigel Baker prior to BBQ with Cricket Club – Note date change to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

## ROSS COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB INC.

## MINUTES

DATE: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
 TIME: 4.15 pm  
 LOCATION: Ross Community Sports Club

## ATTENDEES

Ricky Hebbard	Sally Langridge	Julie Smith	Michael Smith
Karen Donlon	Marcus Rodrigues	Dennis Rule	Tim Dyer

## APOLOGIES

Jeanette Draper	Keith Draper	Sue Kay	Owen Kay
Candy Hurren	Molly Jones		

## IN ATTENDANCE

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## ITEMS

NO.	ITEM	ACTION
1.	<b>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARATION</b>	
	Nil declared	No Further Action
2.	<b>CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	
	2.1 Moved by Dennis Rule and seconded by Tim Dyer that the Minutes of the meeting of 11 October 2023 be accepted.	No Further Action
3.	<b>BUSINESS ARISING</b>	
	3.1 Proposed format of financial statements/reports. <i>Michael Smith reported that there had been no movement on this since last meeting, so matter is ongoing</i>	Ongoing
	3.2 Proposed solar installation. <i>Sally Langridge advised that she is still to contact Damien from NMC to ascertain whether there may be any possible building issues with the installation proposed.</i>	Ongoing
	3.3 Veterans Cricket matters. <i>Michael Smith advised that a letter was drafted and sent to Veterans Cricket on 12 October 2023 outlining charges for this coming season.</i> <i>There was some discussion regarding the condition of our outside toilets following a comment made to a Committee member by a Club member. The comment was that the outside toilet was not fit for purpose. The discussion confirmed that the outside toilet was always cleaned and stocked appropriately prior to every use with the only possible issue being the cement entrance which will be pressure cleaned at the next working bee.</i>	No Further Action
	3.4 Working With Vulnerable People and Children training. <i>Sally Langridge reported that some members were having difficulty registering for this due to their inability to supply the required documents. Sally will attempt to assist them with this.</i>	Ongoing
	3.5 Veterans Cricket proposal for removal of trees. <i>Michael Smith advised that a letter is still to be drafted to inform Veterans Cricket of the decision taken at the meeting of 11 October that the trees would not be removed.</i>	Ongoing
	3.6 Purchase of outdoor exercise equipment. <i>No further update was available for this but as it is underway and awaiting Council action, it was decided to remove from the Agenda.</i>	No Further Action

	<p>3.7 Swimming Pool Memorandum Of Understanding.  <i>Sally Langridge advised that the MOU for the swimming pool had been received from Council and this was discussed with no concerns raised except that the document had "Cressy Swimming Pool Committee" instead of the "Ross Swimming Pool Committee".</i>  <i>It was agreed to sign the MOU and return it to Council.</i></p>	<p>No Further Action</p>
	<p>3.8 Centrelink Volunteer Registration.  <i>Michael Smith reported that we had received confirmation that the Club's application to become a voluntary work organisation had been approved by Services Australia via email dated 24/10/23. This means we will be able to accept job seeker volunteers to assist with undertaking activities at the Club that are either currently being performed by Club volunteers or are being paid for.</i>  <i>Julie Smith will register with Volunteering Tasmania and post a vacancy for this.</i></p>	<p>No Further Action</p>
	<p>3.9 NMC/Veterans Cricket Licence Agreement  <i>Michael Smith advised that the General Manager of NMC had responded to the Committee's letter of 13 October regarding the licence agreement with Veterans Cricket. The letter was read to the Committee, and some discussion ensued including that in future additional care should be taken prior to signing documents to ensure the Committee is aware of possible implications for the Club.</i>  <i>It was then agreed to close out this issue.</i></p>	<p>No Further Action</p>
	<p>3.10 Rendering of the Wall (front of Clubhouse)  <i>Sally Langridge advised that she was still to speak with Damien Wilson NMC regarding additional rendering to the front wall of the Clubhouse. It was suggested that the Club would assist with any cost associated with this.</i></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<p>3.11 Repainting Change Rooms  <i>Painting of timber in the change room to freshen them up was raised at our last meeting but to date no plans/actions have been decided. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.</i></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>FINANCIAL REPORTS</b></p> <p>4.1 Moved by Tim Dyer and seconded by Julie Smith that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and that accounts be passed for payment.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Inwards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commonwealth Bank 01/10/23 – Merchant Tax Invoice.</li> <li>• Veterans Cricket 10/10/23 – Email re: Hire fees.</li> <li>• Veterans Cricket 12/10/23 – Email re: Hire fees and working bee.</li> <li>• Northern Midlands Council 13/10/23 – Email re: Swimming Pool MOU.</li> <li>• Veterans Cricket 13/10/23 – Email re: Response to request for advance notice.</li> <li>• Healthcorp 13/10/23 – Email re: Defib error codes and reset.</li> <li>• Healthcorp 16/10/23 – Email re: Confirmation of order AED pads.</li> <li>• Healthcorp 16/10/23 – Email re: Confirmation of payment.</li> <li>• Dakin Refrigeration 17/10/23 – Email re: Invoice for fridge \$3,740.00.</li> <li>• Veterans Cricket 18/10/23 – Email re: Possible cancellation and bank details.</li> <li>• Veteran Car Club of Aust 18/10/23 – Email re: Reduced hire fee.</li> <li>• Northern Midlands Council 23/10/23 – Email re: Reminder for Management Committee meeting minutes.</li> <li>• Services Australia 24/10/23 – Email re: Approval for application to become a voluntary work organisation.</li> <li>• Northern Midlands Council 24/10/23 – Email re: Response to letter re Veterans Cricket licence agreement.</li> <li>• Veterans Cricket 26/10/23 – Email re: Hire of change rooms.</li> <li>• Veterans Cricket 30/10/23 – Email re: Hire of change rooms.</li> <li>• Veterans Cricket 02/11/23 – Email re: Protective covers for shelter.</li> <li>• Various emails re facility hire.</li> </ul> <p><b>5.2 Outgoing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various emails re facility hire.</li> <li>• Northern Midlands Council 03/10/23 – Email re: Key register.</li> <li>• Veterans Cricket 13/10/23 – Letter re: Hire fees.</li> <li>• Veterans Cricket 13/10/23 – Email re: Request to book prior to use of grounds.</li> <li>• Jane Howlett MLC 15/10/23 – Email re: Request for funding assistance.</li> <li>• Northern Midlands Council 15/10/23 – Letter re: Veterans Cricket licence agreement.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veterans Cricket 19/10/23 – Email re: Request to book prior to use of grounds.</li> <li>• Veterans Cricket 19/10/23 – Email re: Bank details.</li> <li>• Veterans Cricket 26/10/23 – Email re: Hire of change rooms.</li> <li>• Veterans Cricket 29/10/23 – Email re: Booking conflict and hire fee forgiven.</li> </ul>	
	5.3 Veterans Cricket loan of the Clubs covers for the outside shelter was raised by Michael Smith to ensure that these would be returned to the Club at the end of the season.	
	5.3 Moved by Sally Langridge and seconded by Dennis Rule that all inward Correspondence be received, and that outward Correspondence be approved.	
6.	<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	
	6.1 Booking Report <i>Julie Smith reported on bookings including that the Garden Club booking for the kitchen and meeting with Bar was all OK to go. It was also suggested whether the kitchen should be hired separately, and it was agreed that the kitchen would not be hired separately, i.e. for a commercial purpose by a third party.</i>	No Further Action
	6.2 Marcus Rodrigues advised that he had been asked by a couple of people about the Club bar being opened on a Sunday afternoon. Again after some little discussion it was agreed that as this had been tried a couple of times previously and was unsuccessful, that at this time it would not be done.	No Further Action
	6.3 Tim Dyer asked about our previous decision from an earlier meeting to donate an amount of \$1,000 to Veterans Cricket and to review whether the Club donated an additional \$1,000 that they originally requested. It was agreed that at this time there would be no further donation.	No Further Action
	6.4 Dennis Rule reminded that the next Trivia Night would be held on the 18 November.	No Further Action
	6.5 Sally Langridge reported that the catered BBQ for Trefusis would be on Friday 24 November, also that the blinds for the kitchen were expected to be installed very soon. Sally also indicated that the Club photocopier needed replacing and she will investigate and advise the Committee. Sally also requested that a working bee be organised to ensure the swimming pool was ready to go and proposed a date of 20 November for this, and also a working bee for the Club on 27 November.	No Further Action
	6.6 Karen Donlon asked that we investigate the cost of the Club eftpos terminal and whether we should either instigate a minimum transaction for electronic payments and/or impose a card surcharge similar to most other businesses. This will be reviewed and reported at next meeting.	Ongoing
	6.7 Julie Smith requested that an amount of \$400 be donated to the Childrens Christmas Tree to be held at the Club. This was moved by Sally Langridge and seconded by Marcus Rodrigues with unanimous agreement from the Committee.	No Further Action
	6.8 Sally Langridge requested that an amount of \$1,000 be donated to the Holman Link car at the hospital. This was moved by Tim Dyer and seconded by Dennis Rule with unanimous agreement from the Committee.	No Further Action
7.	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	
	7.1 The date of the next meeting is to be advised at a later time.	
8.	<b>MEETING CLOSURE</b>	
	8.1 The Chair announced the meeting closed at 5.25 pm.	





### Meeting minutes

#### Committee meeting

<b>Date:</b>	13/11/23
<b>Time:</b>	1830
<b>Place:</b>	Stacey and Damien Wilson Residence
<b>Chair:</b>	Maurita Taylor
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Sarah Greig

<b>Attendees:</b>	Maurita Taylor, Donna Seadon, Brenda Jones, Sarah Greig, Damien Wilson, Leah Shaw, Kristyn Green, Stacey Wilson,
<b>Apologies:</b>	Michelle Hogarth, Haylee Kavanagh, Richard Goss, Anna Goss

#### Item

#### Description

<b>1.1</b>	<b>Declaration of Interests</b>		
	<i>Who / Conflict of Interest Disclosed / Note</i> Damien Wilson – Employee of NMC		
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting</b>		
	Minutes of previous meeting read		
	<i>Proposed resolution: That the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 be accepted with the above changes.</i>		
	<b>Moved:</b> Leah Shaw	<b>Seconded:</b> Damien Wilson	
	<b>Decision:</b> <span style="background-color: yellow;">Passed</span> /Not passed		
<b>2</b>	<b>Review of Actions from Previous Meeting</b>		
	<b>Action / Resolution</b>	<b>Who</b>	
	<b>Status</b>		
	System to be installed for Lifeguards signing in and out	SG to develop a sign in sheet for all workers at the pool - Volunteers and Lifeguards	Completed
	Allocated Lifeguard Hours	SG and MT to draft email requesting an increase of 50 hours per season	Completed
	Lap Swimming funding request	Sarah Greig	Ongoing

Step at kiosk	Works Request to be sent to council	Completed and step installed
Shade around seating – Main Street Wall	NMC	Ongoing
Shade over playground – funding request Mark Shelton office	Sarah Greig to draft letter and send to council for approval prior to sending off	Ongoing
NMC Lifeguard invoice 2022-2023 season	Richard Goss Sarah Greig to email council re the error with the lifeguards employed	Ongoing
Income received for 2022-2023 season – emailed to L. Hall	Stacey Wilson	Completed
Request for new Till at entrance. Move till draw to window and remove old cash register	Stacey Wilson	Ongoing
Jade Nichols to be invoiced for swimming lessons	Sarah Greig	Sent – awaiting payment
Special Project Assistance application for a new pool cleaner	Damien Wilson \$4500 received, To purchase new creepy	Ongoing
Budget forecast for upcoming season to include Expected income from past experience Expected expense from past experience	Stacey Wilson	Ongoing
Volunteer Hours – can council / lifeguards help by cleaning bathrooms	Richard Goss Sarah Greig to email Leslie Hall regarding arranging a cleaning service to the pool, toilets daily (unless we have been closed prior to the clean) Clarify if \$40 includes cleaning products, if it does, we wish to use ours first and is there the potential for a reduction in fees until such time as we run out.	Ongoing Moved: Stacey Wilson Seconded: Maurita Taylor
NMC and CWMSA agreement prior to the opening of the season incorporating charges etc		Ongoing
Induction session for lifeguards	Richard Goss	Ongoing
Lighting to illuminate decals	NMC works request	Completed
Lifeguard Rostering	Richard Goss	Remove

	Additional opportunities to utilise the pool facility in off season – shower hire, yoga		Remove

<b>3</b>	<b>Acceptance of new members</b>		
	New Member/s:		
	<i>Proposed resolution: That the new member/s listed above be accepted.</i>		
	<b>Moved:</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>	
	<b>Decision: Passed/Not passed</b>		

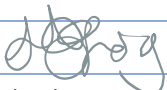
<b>4</b>	<b>Treasurer’s report</b>		
	Current bank balance – \$29725.79		
	<b>Incoming accounts:</b>		
	\$13000 lifeguard hours - In dispute		
	\$175 Food Licence		
	\$1397.26 GST		
\$350.75 Bins			
<b>Invoices raised:</b>			
Invoices raised – 23005 Jade Nichols \$330			
<i>Proposed resolution: That the treasurer’s report be accepted, and outstanding bills paid</i>			
<b>Moved:</b> Sarah Greig		<b>Seconded:</b> Kristyn Green	
<b>Decision: Passed/Not passed</b>			

<b>5</b>	<b>General Business</b>		
	<b>Business</b>		<b>Action/Status</b>
	<b>5.1 Items for Decision</b>		
	<b>5.1.1</b> Memorandum of understanding between NMC and CWMSP		
	<b>5.1.2</b> Staffing of bookings and kiosk when pool opens		To keep discussing

	<b>5.2 Items for Discussion</b>	
	<b>5.3 Items for Noting / Information</b>	
	<b>5.3.1</b> Book lifeguard requirements with Leslie as per information on calendar for upcoming bookings	
	<b>5.4 Late or Urgent Business</b>	
	5.4.1 Leah asked to put a memorial at the pool for Maurice Seadon. Discussion about recognising all past members who are no longer here and placing a plaque on the wall, in addition to planting a bush/tree	Ongoing
	5.4.2 Cleaning time at the pool Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 2pm	
	5.4.3 Stacey to arrange credit cards and Telstra with Maurita and Donna	
	5.4.4 Sarah Greig asked if it would be easier to staff the kiosk if we volunteer for a day rather than a few hours at a time.	

<b>6</b>	<b>Upcoming Events</b>
	<p><b>Upcoming events:</b>  <b>CDHS SWSP Week 1: 27/11/23 – 1/12/23 – no guard</b>  <b>Cressy War Memorial Swimming Pool Opening for season 2/12/23</b>  <b>CDHS SWSP Week 2: 4/12/23 – 8/12/23 – no guard</b>  <b>12/12/23 – CDHS Novelty Carnival 0930-1400 – 1 guard</b>  <b>14/12/23 – CDHS 3-6 and 7-8 SRC and Primary House Captains 1100-1300 – No guard</b>  <b>18/12/23 Prospect High School: 1100-1400 – 1 guard</b>  <b>19/12/23 Bracknell Primary School: 1000-1500 TBC – No reply to email</b>  <b>20/12/23 Cressy District High School Primary sector: 0930-1400 – 3 guard</b>  <b>21/12/23 Cressy District High School High sector: 0930-1330 – 1 guard</b></p>

<b>7</b>	<b>Next meeting</b>						
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<b>Date:</b>	TBA						
<b>Place:</b>	TBA						

<b>8</b>	<b>Meeting close</b> <b>20:45</b>
<b>Minute taker:</b>	Sarah Greig
<b>Signed:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	13/11/23

**EVANDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND MEMORIAL HALL  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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Minutes of General Meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Chairperson: John Lewis

Meeting opened: 1.00 pm.

1. Present: Paul Terrett (NMC) Geoff Divall & Jackie Divall, Brett Goldsworthy, Frank Halliwell, Kath & Barry Wenn, Barry & Maria Lawson, Judy Heazlewood, Leslie Sopher. Sue Axton, Gillian Atherton.
  
2. Apologies: Fay Krushka, Earnie Long.
  
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting: were taken as read and confirmed. Sue Axton/Geoff Divall. Carried.
  
4. Centre Report/Correspondence:
  - Tourist numbers down slightly from last month: October 2022/2023- Visitors 400/316, Others 350/312. Totals 700/628 . The library is well used.
  - Geoff asked members to stack chairs in the corners of the large meeting room (preferably away from the sun) to give more room for the Yoga group.
  
5. Community Hall Report:
  - Another good month for the hall. Already taking bookings for next year.
  - Old stage has been sold, giving extra space. The Horticultural Society missed the stage as they had used it for tiered displays.
  - A wedding booked and also Makers' Markets.
  - Security cameras installed by the NMC are working.

**6. Financial Report:**

- Sue Axton presented the Financial Report.

EVANDALE COMMUNITY 31st October 2023			
<b>BANK BALANCE</b>	31.10.23		<b>\$15,212.40</b>
Add interest	1.10.23		\$5.23
Add deposits		Cash Deposit	\$737.00
	28.10.23	Memoral Hill Transfer	\$530.00
	31.10.23	Zeller	\$ 1,086.70
			<b>\$2,358.93</b>
Less Direct Debit	9.10.23	Link	\$36.30
	9.10.23	Flick -Centre & Hall	\$57.31
	9.10.23	Owen Hughes - Books	\$ 96.00
	26.10.23	G & J Lennox - Cards	\$39.90
	26.10.23	Rappaw - Prints	\$65.20
	26.0.23	Cherie Goninon - Art Sale	\$200.00
	26.10.23	Aurora Centre	\$630.97
	26.10.23	Telstra	\$132.31
	26.10.23	History Society	\$174.00
	26.10.23	Debit Card Transfer	\$500.00
			<b>\$ 1,931.99</b>
<b>BANK BALANCE</b>	31.10.23		<b>\$ 15,639.34</b>
Available Balance	31.10.23		<b>\$15,639.34</b>
Debit Card	31.10.23		548.24

**7. Gift Shop:**

- New stock of Tasmanian tea-towels, Christmas cards and books have been purchased.

It was moved that the reports be received Frank Halliwell/Barry Lawson. Carried.

**8. General Business:**

- A reminder that Evelyne Vadasz is organising a secondhand book stall at the Village Fair in February and will need volunteers to help. Geoff Divall has booked a stall and tables from the Centre will be used. Sue Axton offered the use of a gazebo.
- If the heat pump is required it is still programmed to turn off at 3.00pm.
- The dishwasher has a new sign to indicate when in use.
- The humidifier is working again. If it is too full and heavy for a volunteer to empty it can be left to the following day. Now it has been in use for a while it is not so important to record the data. (amount of water and humidity etc.)
- There are no History Room keys left at the Centre anymore. Only three History Society members have keys now. All enquiries need to fill in a form which is located near the door.

The meeting closed at 1.45pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 11am.



## LONGFORD RAILWAY SESQUICENTARY COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Longford Railway Sesquicentary  
Committee held 28 June 2023 at Council Chambers, Smith  
St, Longford Commencing at 3.35pm

**1. Attendance**

Councillor Dick Adams OAM (Chair), Nigel Burch, John Stebbings, Rod Cuthbert, Rhys Prestige General Manager for Asset Management

**In attendance**

Lorraine Wyatt, Executive & Communications Officer (Minute taker)

**2. Apologies**

Nil

**3. Minutes of the last meeting 10 May 2023 to be confirmed.**

*Moved Nigel Burch, seconded John Stebbings*

*That the minutes of the meeting held 28 June 2023 be confirmed, subject to it being noted that Members held a minute silence in memory of Len Langan, who died last year. Len (originally from England) who commenced the historical research of the Longford Railway.*

**CARRIED**

**4. Business arising:**

**4.1 Model Railway Exhibition**

Was held on 22 and 23 July 2023 and was well received with a gold coin donation being the entry fee. The costs of the hall hire and testing and tagging (paid by the committee) was \$518.18. Refer to the financial report for more information.

**4.2 Rail Bridge Update - Columns Manufacture/Installation by Penguin Composites.**

Rhys Prestige General Manager for Asset Management from TasRail, provided an update to the committee regarding the quote for manufacture/installation of the pillars.

An updated (verbal) quote for the manufacture of two (2) pillars only as per the attached drawing) was \$106,000. The construction of the foundation and installation of the pillars is estimated to be \$100,000 with the total costs being \$206,000. This does not include fencing or the construction of a viewing platform and interpretation panels.

The Committee has presently received \$50,000 from the State Government and \$50,000 has been pledged from TasRail, leaving the project short of \$106,00 to manufacture and install the columns.

Tas Rail is still in discussion with Penguin Composites regarding a timeframe however this project is time critical to ensure costs associated with it are maintained and do not increase beyond reach.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved John Stebbing, seconded Nigel Church*

*That the Longford Railway Sesquicentary Committee request the Council, in discussion with Tas Rail, provide funds to allow this project to be finalised.*

**CARRIED**

Committee members also discussed the colour of the pillars and it was determined that they should be cream.

**5. Financial report**

There were no changes to the financial statement to report.

**6. Close of meeting, decision on next meeting.**

The Chairman everyone for their attendance and declared closed at 4.25pm.

**Next meeting: To be determined.**



## Minutes of Cressy local District Committee Meeting held 29 November 2023

### **1. ATTENDANCE**

Present: Angela Jenkins, Maurita Taylor, Helen Williams, Anne Green, Peter Goss, Richard Goss, Andy Byard, Daniel Rowbottom,

Apologies: Katie Lamprey, Helen Howard.

### **2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS.**

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 declarations were received.

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF LAST MEETING MINUTES**

#### **COMMITTEE DECISION**

*Moved Angela Jenkins, seconded Helen Howard.*

*That the Minutes of the Cressy Local District Committee Meeting held 27 September 2023 meeting be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

**CARRIED**

### **4. BUSINESS ARISING:**

- Dump point, Waiting on completion.
- Signage on pool fence, Maurita has advised the members of the Pool committee of our request to have the sign mounted on top of the fence and to be double sided and include the words SOLAR HEATED. Waiting on their feedback. The CLDC has also asked to see the sign layout before installation.
- Cressy District High School not commenced.: Ongoing,
- Review of Local District Committees: Awaiting on all other committees to respond.
- Reduced speed limit on main rd thru Cressy, Council placed an article in the Examiner newspaper as we asked, to highlight the poor responses from State growth. Ongoing.
- Street Library: Andy Byard in contact with Longford Men's Shed to discuss them building this for us, and price. It was suggested that it may be sited near the Anzac memorial.: Ongoing.
- Street Banners: Discussion on getting some made up ourselves. Richard to get some pricing from council. Ideas for the banners were: Fishing, Pool, Sheep, harvesting crops.
- Water Tower: Waiting of feedback. Ongoing.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

Policy Update. Unreasonable conduct Policy for council staff to follow. Ongoing  
Customer Service Charter for council staff to follow. Ongoing.

Meeting dates for future CLDC meetings.

2024: January the 17<sup>th</sup>,  
March 27<sup>th</sup>,  
May 29<sup>th</sup>,  
July 31<sup>st</sup>,  
September 25<sup>th</sup>,  
November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Note, January's date back 1 week to accommodate all members.

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- 1- Committee asked to see the Pool sign draft and to confirm location before its installed.
- 2- Public BBQ has been installed in the covered area it the rec ground, very appreciated by the committee and local townsfolk.
- 3- Committee to ask council to consider installing a fixed table and chairs to this area, and if possible, for a toilet key to be available on request, for users?
- 4- Richard reported to the committee that the Tas Sheepdog Trials group are seeking a permanent home for this group events and has asked the CLDC if they could use the Rec ground. Discussion was initially positive; however, the committee need to check with other ground users to ensure it will not impede current usage. Ongoing.
- 5- Cressy pool to open this weekend.
- 6- Committee are seeking progress on the Macquarie St day area. The CLDC query the need for a footpath on Macquarie, given the additional traffic the day area will generate.
- 7- The Cressy LDC will write to the Cressy Bowls and community centre to commend them on their initiative to have the buildings wall painted with a mural. The CLDC would like the council to do the same.
- 8- Motion:

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved Maurita Taylor, seconded Anne Green*

*To write to council requesting that that consider installing a fixed table and seat in the garden area adjacent to the new mural on the Cressy Bowls and Community club wall.*

**CARRIED.**

**7. CLOSURE AND NEXT MEETING**

Meeting closed at 8.01 pm

**Report to the Tasmanian Planning Commission Under  
Section 40K of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act*  
1993**



**NORTHERN  
MIDLANDS  
COUNCIL**

**Subject:** Draft amendment 10/2023 of the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule for a site specific qualification to add General Retail and Hire "if for market and directly associated with the Evandale Market" as a Discretionary Use in the General Residential Zone, if on part of Folio of the Register 141412/1 at 16A Logan Road (previously known as 35 or 36 Collins Street) (Folio of the Register 141412/1), Evandale

**Date:** 30 November 2023

**File no:** 13/026/007/174 (Ref no: PLN-23-0164)

Council published an exhibition notice in relation to the draft amendment in accordance with section 40G of the Act on 28 October 2023 and 11 November 2023. The exhibition period ended 28 November 2023.

Section 40K of the Act requires the planning authority to provide the Commission with a report in relation to the draft amendment within 35 days after the end of the exhibition period.

The report is to contain–

***(a) a copy of each representation made under Section 40J in relation to the draft amendment before the end of the exhibition period in relation to the draft amendment, or, if no such representations were made before the end of the exhibition period, a statement to that effect; and***

One representation (attached), from Ms. D Heald, was received during the public exhibition period.

***(b) a copy of each representation, made under section 40J in relation to the draft amendment after the end of the exhibition period in relation to the draft amendment, that the planning authority, in its discretion, includes in the report; and***

No representations were made after the end of the exhibition period.

***(c) a statement of the planning authority's opinion as to the merit of each representation included under paragraph (a) or (b) in the report, including, in particular, as to –***

***(i) whether the planning authority is of the opinion that the draft amendment ought to be modified to take into account the representation; and***

Statement: The representation raises issues that are relevant to a future planning application for use and development of the site, as discussed later in this report.

***(ii) the effect on the draft amendment, and the LPS to which it relates, as a whole, of implementing the recommendation; and***

Statement: The issues raised in the representation do not impact on the draft amendment, or compliance with the LPS criteria.

***(d) a statement as to whether it is satisfied that the draft amendment of an LPS meets the LPS criteria; and***

Statement: The Planning Authority is satisfied that the draft amendment meets the Local Provisions Schedule criteria in accordance with section 34(2) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, as per the original assessment and certification as its meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (minute reference 23/0367).

***(e) any recommendations in relation to the draft amendment that the planning authority thinks fit.***

The Northern Midlands Council recommends that the Tasmanian Planning Commission give its final approval to the Draft Amendment.

**Representations**

A copy of the representation is attached.

**Statement of the planning authority's opinion as to the merit of each representation****Representation 1**

A summary of the issues raised within the representation and officer response is provided below:

<b>Representation issue</b>	<b>Response</b>
Exact meaning and guidelines are required for long term planning laws [that?]* are not disregarded covertly [covertly?]*. *assumed corrections	The scope and limitations (use and spatial) are clearly outlined within the application documents.
Can the business name Evandale Market be used on any other buildings or land in addition to Falls Park, NOT just the falls park area for the market.	The business name 'Evandale Market', may be used as the business operator sees fit, subject to relevant Planning Scheme requirements, such as compliance with the Signs Code.
Reason for concern, is the long-term change of venue with the new land holding and proposed building being used for the same purpose or other business in years to come.	The scope of the draft amendment is for a site specific qualification to allow 'General retail and hire with the qualification "If for a market and directly associated with the Evandale market," limited to the area of CT141412/1 outlined in the proposal. The area subject to the SSQ is approximately 1800m2 and would be insufficient to accommodate the existing market on the SSQ site alone. Use of an alternative site external to Falls Park for the Evandale Market would be subject to further Planning Approval.
Any permit should have conditions to exclude such occurring nor be linked to the Falls Park marketplace lease.	A future application for use or development of the land will be required if the proposed draft amendment is approved.
Does the "discretion and use" revert back to general residential land - the landowner / Mr Woof is no longer the lessee of Fall Park for Sunday market.	The SSQ applies to the subject site and is not linked to the lease of the adjacent Falls Park to the market operator. The SSQ does not preclude the subject site from being used for other uses available within the General Residential in the future.
Are the usage hours to be identical to the current Falls Park Market use? 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Sundays?	Hours of use may be considered/restricted as part of a future application for use or development of the site.
Please advise the size, construction and the purpose of the proposed new building.	No building is proposed as part of this application – a future planning application for use or development of the site would be required.
Will the discretionary use clause be reviewed regularly.	If approved, any future changes to the wording of the SSQ would be subject to a further Planning Scheme amendment.
If this is changed to market related practises, does such any permit expire at the termination or	Given the wording of the site specific qualification "If for a market and directly associated with the Evandale market", a future permit for use of the site could condition such

expiration of lease on Falls Park?	matters.
Will it revert back to residential or can it be used for another business?	The SSQ does not preclude the subject site from being used for other uses available within the General Residential in the future.
Will the council have the power to ensure all regulations guidelines and standards are enforced?	Council has enforcement powers under the <i>Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993</i> .
What will happen about all previous conditions and work that has been ignored or not attended to previously? That is council imposed conditions orders and community concerns.	Such matters are not relevant to the consideration of the proposed draft amendment and may be pursued separately.

The representation does not raise any issues that require modification to the draft amendment. The issues raised in the representation also do not impact on the draft amendment, or compliance with the LPS criteria.

The Northern Midlands Council recommends that the Tasmanian Planning Commission give its final approval to the Draft Amendment and does not request modification to the draft amendment.

#### **Attachments**

1. Representation
2. Report to Council, inclusive of Council's minute from **16.10.2023** (minute reference 23/0367)

Dear Northern Midlands Council Planning Department

Draft Amendment 10/2023, PLN 23-064

The residential land owned by Mr Peter Woof - discretionary use, "General Retail and Hire" if for market and directly associated with the Evandale Market.

I have a number of concerns and representations in relation to this application.

Exact meaning and guidelines are required for long term planning laws are not disregarded covertly.

Can the business name Evandale Market be used on any other buildings or land in addition to Falls Park, NOT just the falls park area for the market.

Reason for concern, is the long term change of venue with the new land holding and proposed building being used for the same purpose or other business in years to come.

Any permit should have conditions to exclude such occurring nor be linked to the Falls Park marketplace lease.

Does the "discretion and use" revert back to general residential land - the land owner / Mr Woof is no longer the leasee of Fall Park for Sunday market.

Are the usage hours to be identical to the current Falls Park Market use? 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Sundays?

Please advise the size, construction and the purpose of the proposed new building.

Will the discretionary use clause be reviewed regularly.

If this is changed to market related practises, does such any permit expire at the termination or expiration of lease on Falls Park?

Will it revert back to residential or can it be used for another business?

Will the council have the power to ensure all regulations guidelines and standards are enforced?

What will happen about all previous conditions and work that has been ignored or not attended to previously? That is council imposed conditions orders and community concerns.

Dianne Heald



## 11 PLANNING REPORTS

### 11.1 DRAFT AMENDMENT 10/2023 TO THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE: COLLINS STREET, EVANDALE (141412/1)

File: PLN-23-0164  
Responsible Officer: Des Jennings, General Manager  
Report prepared by: Erin Miles, Project Officer

#### MINUTE NO. 23/0367

#### DECISION

Cr Terrett/Cr Goss

1. That, under section 38(2)(a) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council as planning authority, decide to agree to the amendment to 'insert a Site-Specific Qualification (SSQ) to the existing Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule NOR-Site-specific Qualifications table, to allow General retail and hire with the qualification "If for a market and directly associated with the Evandale market" as a Discretionary use for 36 Collins Street, Evandale' and prepare draft amendment 10/2023 of the Local Provisions Schedule as below.

And

2. That, under section 40F(2)(a) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council as planning authority, certify draft amendment 10/2023 of the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule as meeting the LPS criteria.

#### Draft Amendment 10/2023 of the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule:

A. Amend clause NOR-Site-specific Qualifications by inserting the following:

Ref No.	Site Reference	Folio of the register	Description (modification, substitution or addition)	Relevant clause in the State Planning Provisions
NOR-8.3	36 Collins Street, Evandale	141412/1	An additional Discretionary Use Class for this site is: General retail and hire with the qualification "If for a market and directly associated with the Evandale market".	General Residential Zone – clause 8.2 Use Table

B. Amend the planning scheme maps to show a site-specific qualification on 36 Collins Street, Evandale (folio of the Register 141412/1).

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

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

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil

#### RECOMMENDATION

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And

2. That, under section 40F(2)(a) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council as planning authority,

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B. Amend the planning scheme maps to show a site-specific qualification on 36 Collins Street, Evandale (folio of the Register 141412/1).

## 1 INTRODUCTION

This report:

- Assesses a draft amendment of the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule to insert a Site-Specific Qualification (SSQ) to the existing Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule NOR-Site-specific Qualifications table, to allow General retail and hire with the qualification "If for a market and directly associated with the Evandale market" as a Discretionary use for 36 Collins Street, Evandale.

The applicant advises that:

The purpose of the proposed draft amendment is to enable consideration of a development application for construction of a new building associated with the Evandale Market. The building would be used to house indoor market stalls to expand the existing Sunday market. The intention is to expand the market offerings and meet demand for additional undercover market stalls, as these are less impacted by poor weather.

The proposed use and development would not be possible under the Scheme without the proposed draft scheme amendment.

## 2 BACKGROUND

**Applicant:**

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**Zone:**

8.0 General Residential

**Classification under the Scheme:**

Planning scheme amendment.

**Decision Date:**

Decision whether or not to agree to the amendment must be made by 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**Owner:**

Peter Hickson Woof

**Codes/Specific Areas Plans:**

C13.0 Bushfire-Prone Areas, C16.0 Safeguarding of Airports - Obstacle Limitation Area, C2.0 Parking and Sustainable Transport, C9.0 Attenuation

**Existing Use:**

Vacant

**Recommendation:**

That Council as planning authority agree to, and certify, the draft amendment.





**Planning Instrument:**

*Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Northern Midlands*

**Preliminary Discussion:**

The applicant has held preliminary discussions with council officers on this proposal.

**3 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

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

**37. Request for amendment of LPSs**

- (1) A person may request a planning authority to amend an LPS that applies to the municipal area of the planning authority.
- (2) A request under subsection (1) is to be in a form approved by the planning authority or, if a form has been approved by the Commission, is to be in that form.
- (3) A request under subsection (1) by a person to a planning authority to amend the zoning or use or development of one or more parcels of land specified in an LPS must, if the person is not the owner, or the sole owner, of the land –
  - (a) be signed by each owner of the land; or
  - (b) be accompanied by the written permission of each owner of the land to the making of the request.

**38. Decision in relation to request**

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

**4 ASSESSMENT**

**4.1 Proposal**

The application requests an amendment to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule as follows:

*To insert a Site-Specific Qualification (SSQ) to the existing Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule NOR-Site-specific Qualifications table, to allow General Retail and Hire with the qualification "If for a market and directly associated with the Evandale market" as a Discretionary use for 36 Collins Street, Evandale.*

*The following would be added to the NOR-Site-specific Qualifications table:*

***NOR-Site-specific Qualifications table***

Ref No.	Site Reference	Folio of the register	Description (modification, substitution or addition)	Relevant clause in the State Planning Provisions
NOR-8.3	36 Collins Street, Evandale	141412/1	An additional Discretionary Use Class for this site is: General retail and hire with the qualification "If for a market and directly associated with the Evandale market".	General Residential Zone – clause 8.2 Use Table

**4.2 Zone and Land Use**

The land is in the General Residential Zone. The site is currently vacant, other than a small shed.



#### 4.3 Subject Site and Locality

The author of this report conducted a site visit on 5th September 2023. The land has a total area of 8375m<sup>2</sup>, however, only a 1800m<sup>2</sup> portion is proposed to be impacted by the Site Specific Qualification. The site is mostly vacant, with the exception of a shed and vegetation and is relatively level, except for the very eastern side adjacent to the carpark, which gently slopes to the east.

*Figure 1 - Photograph of subject site looking south*



*Figure 2 - Photograph of subject site looking south east*





*Figure 3 - Photograph of subject site looking west along walkway from market carpark to Falls Park*



*Figure 4 - Photograph of Falls Park market area looking toward subject site*





Figure 5 – Aerial photograph of area



#### 4.4 Permit/Site History

- An application for a dwelling on the site was received in 2018 but expired awaiting further information prior to a decision being made.
- PLN-21-0071 – Dwelling, garage and shed (within attenuation distance of Evandale Sewage Treatment Plant, removal of vegetation) at 35 Collins Street, Evandale (access over 18 Logan Road)

#### 4.5 Notice to agencies and State authorities

If Council as planning authority certifies the draft amendment, before exhibiting the draft amendment of an LPS, Section 40FA of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act requires the planning authority to notify:

*(a) the relevant agencies; and*

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

#### TasNetworks

TasNetworks advised on 28/09/2023 that:

Based on the information provided, the development is not likely to adversely affect TasNetworks' operations.

It is recommended that the customer or their electrician contact TasNetworks on 1300 137008 if they have any questions regarding any upgrades they may require to their electricity supply due to this development.

#### TasWater

TasWater advised on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 that it does not object to the draft amendment and has no formal comments in relation to the matter and does not require to be notified of, nor attend any subsequent hearings.

#### Planning Policy Unit - Department of State Growth

The application was referred to the Planning Policy Unit on 19 September 2023. As of writing, a response has not been received.



### **Council's Works and Infrastructure Department**

Council's Works and Infrastructure Department advised on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 of no comment to make.

### **Heritage Advisor, David Denman**

The site is not within the Evandale Heritage Precinct and does not require referral to Council's Heritage Advisor.

### **4.6 Notice of exhibition in relation to the draft amendment**

Section 40G of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act requires:

- (1) A planning authority, as soon as practicable after providing to the Commission a copy of a draft amendment of an LPS, must ensure an exhibition notice in relation to the draft amendment of an LPS is published in accordance with this section.*
- (2) The exhibition notice is to be published once before, and once within 14 days after, the first day of the exhibition period, in a newspaper that is published in Tasmania and circulates generally in the area to which the draft amendment of an LPS relates.*
- (3) The exhibition notice is to –*
  - (a) specify the period that is to be the exhibition period in relation to the draft amendment of the LPS; and*
  - (b) specify that the draft amendment of the LPS is or will be –*
    - (i) available for viewing by the public, during the exhibition period, at premises, that are offices of the planning authority, specified in the notice; and*
    - (ii) available for viewing and downloading by the public, during the exhibition period, at an electronic address specified in the exhibition notice; and*
  - (c) contain an invitation to all persons and bodies to, within the exhibition period, make to the planning authority a representation in relation to the draft amendment of the LPS by submitting the representation to –*
    - (i) the premises specified in the notice in accordance with paragraph (b)(i) ; or*
    - (ii) an electronic address specified in the notice.*
- (4) The exhibition period, in relation to a draft amendment of an LPS, is to be a period of 28 days –*
  - (a) beginning on the day on which the draft amendment of the LPS begins to be available for viewing by the public at exhibition premises in accordance with section 40H ; and*
  - (b) excluding any days on which the exhibition premises are closed during normal business hours.*

Any representations received during the exhibition period will be considered by the Council as planning authority for reporting on to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

### **4.7 Assessment Against LPS Criteria**

*34(2) The LPS criteria to be met by a relevant planning instrument are that the instrument –*

#### ***(a) contains all the provisions that the SPPs specify must be contained in an LPS***

The proposed rezoning has no impact on provisions required to be contained in an LPS.

#### ***(b) is in accordance with section 32***

Under section 32:

- (3) An LPS may, if permitted to do so by the SPPs, include*
  - (a) a particular purpose zone...*
  - (b) a specific area plan, being a plan consisting of –*
    - (i) a map or overlay that delineates a particular area of land; and*
    - (ii) the provisions that are to apply to that land in addition to, in modification of, or in substitution for, a provision, or provisions, of the SPPs.*
  - (c) a site-specific qualification, being a provision, or provisions, in relation to a particular area of land, that modify, are in substitution for, or are in addition to, a provision, or provisions, of the SPPs.*
- (4) An LPS may only include a provision referred to in subsection (3) in relation to an area of land if –*
  - (a) a use or development to which the provision relates is of significant social, economic or environmental benefit to the State, a region or a municipal area; or*
  - (b) the area of land has particular environmental, economic, social or spatial qualities that require provisions, that are unique to the area of land, to apply to the land in substitution for, or in addition to, or modification of, the provisions of the SPPs.*



The General Residential Zone applies to the subject site. The draft amendment seeks to insert a site-specific qualification. As advised in the application:

The purpose of the proposed draft amendment is to enable consideration of a development application for construction of a new building associated with the Evandale Market [currently located adjacent to the site]. The building would be used to house indoor market stalls to expand the existing Sunday market. The intention is to expand the market offerings and meet demand for additional undercover market stalls, as these are less impacted by poor weather.

The spatial qualities of the site relate to its proximity to the existing Evandale Market and demonstrate the draft amendment is in accordance with section 32.

***(c) furthers the objectives set out in Schedule 1***

***Schedule 1, Part 1 – Objectives of the Resource Management and Planning System of Tasmania***

*a) to promote the sustainable development of natural and physical resources and the maintenance of ecological processes and genetic diversity*

The site is a General Residential zoned lot, surrounded by a range of urban uses. The area impacted by the proposed Site Specific Qualification is mostly cleared and contains limited natural resources. Any future development of the site is likely to have minimal impact on the maintenance of ecological processes and genetic diversity.

*b) to provide for the fair, orderly and sustainable use and development of air, land and water*

The amendment process gives due consideration to these matters and the subject site does not contain any particular natural or cultural values that require special consideration. The draft amendment presents a logical expansion of the market site and forms a natural linkage between the established market car park, walkway and Falls Park market area, without impacting on existing retail and service provisions within the town. The proposal is consistent with this objective.

*c) to encourage public involvement in resource management and planning*

If the draft amendment is certified by the planning authority, it will be placed on public notification in accordance with the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act, allowing for representations to the draft amendment to be submitted.

*d) to facilitate economic development in accordance with the objectives set out in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)*

The draft amendment seeks to allow for an extension of the existing Evandale Market onto adjoining land and facilitate additional undercover area for stallholders, ameliorating the impact of adverse weather. The market is a key economic driver for the township and facilitates economic development across a range of local businesses.

*e) to promote the sharing of responsibility for resource management and planning between the different spheres of Government, the community and industry in the State.*

Notice of the draft amendment has been given to relevant agencies and State authorities.

***Schedule 1, Part 2 – Objectives of the Planning Process Established by this Act***

*a) to require sound strategic planning and co-ordinated action by State and local government*

The draft amendment is consistent with the Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy that identifies Evandale as a satellite suburb, described as providing an extensive urban area independent of the Greater Launceston Urban Area with key local retail, commercial, and community service functions. The amendment does not seek to change the underlying zone but will allow for strategic development of the site given its location in relation to the established market site and adjoining car park. The site is already constrained for residential use, given the lack of road frontage, limited services and siting within an Attenuation area of the Evandale Wastewater Treatment Plant, but presents an opportunity to further promote a key local attraction to the township that is integral to the town's identity, being the Evandale Market.



*b) to establish a system of planning instruments to be the principal way of setting objectives, policies and controls for the use, development and protection of land*

Consistent with that system, the planning authority determines whether to prepare the draft amendment and approve the application for planning permit.

*c) to ensure that the effects on the environment are considered and provide for explicit consideration of social and economic effects when decisions are made about the use and development of land*

Given the urban location and semi-developed (cleared) nature of the site, the proposed draft amendment is unlikely to have any significant impact on environmental values of the site.

As noted in the application, the future use and development that will be facilitated by the proposed draft amendment for an expansion of the Evandale Market, will have a net community benefit from an economic and social perspective. The market has been operating consistently since approximately 1975, and runs every Sunday, in all weather. Visitor numbers to the market each week average 3000 people (up to 5000 at peak times) along with approximately 150 stallholders (Examiner, 2017). Providing all weather facilities is important in providing security for stallholders and subsequent patronage to the market and other retail outlets within the town.

*d) to require land use and development planning and policy to be easily integrated with environmental, social, economic, conservation and resource management policies at State, regional and municipal levels*

The proposed amendment is consistent with relevant local, regional and state policies, as discussed later in this report.

*e) to provide for the consolidation of approvals for land use or development and related matters, and to co-ordinate planning approvals with related approvals*

The proposed planning scheme amendment is requested under section 37(1) of the Act.

*f) to promote the health and wellbeing of all Tasmanians and visitors to Tasmania by ensuring a pleasant, efficient and safe environment for working, living and recreation*

The proposal allows for a use that is consistent with this objective, given the established and popular nature of the Evandale market with both locals and visitors to the town.

*g) to conserve those buildings, areas or other places which are of scientific, aesthetic, architectural or historical interest, or otherwise of special cultural value*

The subject site is not an area or place of scientific, aesthetic, architectural or historical interest.

*h) to protect public infrastructure and other assets and enable the orderly provision and co-ordination of public utilities and other facilities for the benefit of the community*

The draft amendment will not have a negative impact on public infrastructure. The site has limited access to existing services.

*i) to provide a planning framework which fully considers land capability.*

LIST Map shows that the site was excluded from the study area of the land potentially suitable for agriculture zone and is not subject to the State Policy on the Protection of Agricultural Land.

***(d) is consistent with each State policy***

**State Policy on the Protection of Agricultural Land 2009**



LIST Map shows that the site was excluded from the study area of the land potentially suitable for agriculture zone. The draft amendment does not impact on the State Policy on the Protection of Agricultural Land.

#### **Tasmanian State Coastal Policy 1996**

The subject site is not in a coastal zone and the Coastal Policy does not apply.

#### **State Policy on Water Quality Management 1997**

Although not currently connected, the site has access to the existing reticulated stormwater and sewerage services and capacity to dispose of on-site subject to further assessment. The draft amendment is consistent with this State policy.

#### **National Environmental Protection Measures (NEPMs)**

In accordance with the State Policies and Projects Act 1993, a NEMP is taken to be a State Policy. The following NEMPs are therefore State policies:

- Air Toxics*
- Ambient Air Quality*
- Assessment of Site Contamination*
- Diesel Vehicle Emissions*
- Movement of Controlled Waste between States and Territories*
- National Pollutant Inventory*
- Used Packaging Materials*

None of the NEPMs apply to the subject site and proposed amendment.

#### ***(da) satisfies the relevant criteria in relation to the TPPs***

There are no TPPs currently in effect; therefore, it is considered this criteria is met.

#### ***(e) as far as practicable, is consistent with the regional land use strategy, if any, for the regional area in which is situated the land to which the relevant planning instrument relates***

The subject site is identified as being within the Urban Growth Area land use category of the Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (NTRLUS). Urban Growth Areas comprise land within the developed urban settlement or in areas intended for urban development as identified in a Priority Consolidation Area, Supporting Consolidation Area or Growth Corridor shown in the Regional Framework Plan Map. Map D.3 identifies the site as being within a supporting consolidation area, defined as follows:

#### Supporting Consolidation Areas

- Comprising land in established suburbs which is separate from *Priority Consolidation Areas* as shown in the Regional Framework Plan Maps D.1, D.2 and D.3;
- Support reliable and effective transportation and reduce vehicle dependency;
- Physically connect new urban settlements to existing communities wherever possible, or otherwise provide new development with direct transport linkages to established urban areas;
- Promote cohesive communities;
- Support a wide range of services and facilities;
- Support access to existing or planned activity centres; and





- Comprise a suitable and complementary mix of land uses to support the *Regional Settlement Hierarchy* and the *Regional Activity Centre Hierarchy*.

Evandale is classified as a Satellite Settlement within the Regional Settlement Hierarchy and as a Neighborhood or Town Centre in the Regional Activity Centre Hierarchy. The proposal is consistent with the Key Activity Centre Network Strategies detailed at section E.3.3 of the NTRLUS and the associated Specific Policies and Actions, as further detailed in the Planning Submission report.

The draft amendment is consistent with the Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy.

***(f) has regard to the strategic plan, prepared under section 66 of the Local Government Act 1993, that applies in relation to the land to which the relevant planning instrument relates***

The current strategic plan for the Northern Midlands is the Northern Midlands Council Strategic Plan 2021-2027. The plan focusses on the unique elements of the Northern Midlands, an enviable place to live, work and play. The Plan is based upon four key priorities:

- Lead: Serve with honesty, integrity, innovation and pride
- Progress: Economic health and wealth – grow and prosper
- People: Cultural and society – a vibrant future that respects the past
- Place: Nurture our heritage environment

Each priority is supported by four strategic outcomes that describe what the Council aims to achieve, and that are consistent with its vision.

Actions and projects to achieve these outcomes will be included in the Council's Annual Plan. Performance measures will be included in the Annual Plan to enable the Council to track its progress against each of the strategic outcomes.

***(g) as far as practicable, is consistent with and co-ordinated with any LPSs that apply to municipal areas that are adjacent to the municipal area to which the relevant planning instrument relates***

While the site is not in close proximity to another municipal area, the draft amendment's consistency with the RLUS ensures a similar consistency and co-ordination with the LPSs of adjacent municipal areas.

***(h) has regard to the safety requirements set out in the standards prescribed under the Gas Safety Act 2019***

The site is not in the vicinity of the Tasmanian Gas Pipeline.

## 5 ASSESSMENT OF PLANNING APPLICATION

A permit application is not proposed under section 40T of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act*; therefore, assessment against the zone and NOR-S5.0 Evandale Specific Area Plan is not relevant. A summary of the relevant Code provisions is provided below.

CODES	
E1.0 Signs Code	N/a – no development proposed. Future development of the site will be subject to the Signs Code if signage is proposed.
E2.0 Parking and Sustainable Transport Code	Code applies to all use and development. Future use and development of the site will be subject to the provisions of the Code.
E3.0 Road and Railway Assets Code	Code applies to use and development specified in clause C3.2.1. Future use and development of the site may be subject to the provisions of the Code.
E4.0 Electricity Transmission Infrastructure Protection Code	N/a



E.5.0	Telecommunications Code	N/a
E6.0	Local Historic Heritage Code	N/a
E7.0	Natural Assets Code	N/a
E8.0	Scenic Protection Code	N/a
E9.0	Attenuation Code	The site is within the Attenuation Distance of the Tasmanian Gun Club on Nile Road and the Evandale sewerage lagoons. Future use and development will need to consider the requirements of the code, however, the use proposed by draft amendment will not be subject to the application of the Code under clause C9.2.1.
E10.0	Coastal Erosion Hazard Code	N/a
E11.0	Coastal Inundation Hazard Code	N/a
E12.0	Flood-Prone Areas Hazard Code	N/a
E13.0	Bushfire-Prone Areas Code	The site is mapped as Bushfire Prone and future use and development of the site will be subject to the provisions of the Code.
E14.0	Potentially Contaminated Land Code	N/a
E15.0	Landslip Hazard Code	N/a
E16.0	Safeguarding of Airports Code	The subject site is within the Airport obstacle limitation area with 211m AHD. Future use and development of the site will be subject to the provisions of the Code.

#### PARTICULAR PURPOSE ZONES

NOR-P1.0	Particular Purpose Zone – Campbell Town Service Station	Not applicable
NOR-P2.0	Particular Purpose Zone – Epping Forest	Not applicable

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

7.1	Changes to an Existing Non-conforming Use	Not applicable
7.2	Development for Existing Discretionary Uses	Not applicable
7.3	Adjustment of a Boundary	Not applicable
7.4	Change of Use of a Place listed on the Tasmanian Heritage Register or a Local Heritage Place	Not applicable
7.5	Change of Use from an existing lawful use to another use in the same use class	Not applicable
7.6	Access and Provision of Infrastructure Across Land in Another Zone	Not applicable
7.7	Buildings Projecting onto Land in a Different Zone	Not applicable
7.8	Port and Shipping in Proclaimed Wharf Areas	Not applicable
7.9	Demolition	Not applicable
7.10	Development Not Required to be Categorised into a Use Class	Not applicable
7.11	Use or Development Seaward of the Municipal District	Not applicable
7.12	Sheds on Vacant Sites	Not applicable

## 6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS TO COUNCIL

Assessing planning scheme amendments is within budget allocations.



## 7 OPTIONS

### Decision in relation to request

The planning authority can:

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

### Preparation of draft amendment

If the planning authority decides to agree to the amendment, it must prepare a draft amendment. A draft amendment has been prepared as shown in the recommendation of this report.

### Certification of draft amendment

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

## 8 DISCUSSION

As discussed in this report, the draft amendment is in accordance with the LPS criteria. It is recommended that the planning authority certify the draft amendment. The draft amendment will then be placed on public exhibition and any representations received considered by the planning authority before providing a report on the representations to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

## 9 ATTACHMENTS

1. NMC - Planning Application Form 03-07-23 [11.1.1 - 1 page]
2. TPC owner consent form completed [11.1.2 - 2 pages]
3. Folio plan [11.1.3 - 1 page]
4. 23.163 - Final Planning Submission - Evandale Market [11.1.4 - 30 pages]
5. SPAN [11.1.5 - 1 page]
6. Response W& I No comment [11.1.6 - 1 page]
7. Tas Networks Response to referral [11.1.7 - 1 page]

MEMORIAL to an Indenture of C O N V E Y A N C E made the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1973 B E T W E E N CONNORVILLE STATION .....  
PTY. LTD., a Company registered under the Provisions of the Companies Act in Tasmania whose registered office is situate at Number 19.....  
 Brisbane Street Launceston in Tasmania v. of the one part and CONNORVILLE STATES PTY. LTD., a Company registered under the Provisions ...  
 of the Companies Act in Tasmania whose registered office is situate at Number 19 Brisbane Street Launceston aforesaid of the other part

WITNESSES: To the affixing of the COMMON SEAL of CONNORVILLE STATION PTY. LTD.

*J. D. O'Connell* Director  
*R. H. Kelly* Secretary

NATURE AND OBJECT :- The now Memorialising Indenture RECITES at the time of his death therein and hereinafter recited RODERIC GORDON O'CONNOR of Connorville Lake River near Cressy in Tasmania was seized of or otherwise well entitled to an estate in fee simple of ..... inheritance in possession free from encumbrances of and in the lands and hereditaments known as "Connorville" and of which the lands and hereditaments therein and hereinafter described form part AND RECITES under the terms and provisions of the Will and Codicil of the said Roderic Gordon O' Connor both made and executed on the 2nd day of February 1939 and the 29th day of March 1939 respectively the said lands and hereditaments known as "Connorville" (of which the lands and hereditaments therein and hereinafter described form part) were (inter alia) together with the live stock and dead stock thereon devised and bequeathed upon trust during the lifetime of May Lee ..... O' Connor his wife to work carry on and manage the same and upon her death Upon Trust for his son Roderic O' Connor absolutely upon him attaining the age of 25 years AND RECITES on the 9th day of June 1939 the said Roderic Gordon O' Connor died without altering his said Will and First Codicil thereto as therein and hereinafter recited AND RECITES the said Will was proved and Probate thereof granted ON the 20th day of March 1940 and Registered No. 38/1066 AND RECITES on the 5th day of June 1952 the said Roderic O' Connor attained the age of 25 years AND RECITES on the 23rd day of January 1967 the said May Lee O' Connor died AND RECITES by an Indenture dated the 21st day of December 1967 and registered the 6th day of February 1968 Number 39/8140 William John Savigny and Claude Freeman the then Trustees of the estate of the said Roderic Gordon O' Connor at the request of Roderic O' Connor appointed Connorville Station Pty. Ltd to be a trustee of the Will and estate of the said Roderic Gordon O' Connor and conveyed the said lands and hereditaments (of which the lands and hereditaments therein and hereinafter described form part) to Connorville Station Pty. Ltd., in fee simple upon

*J. D. O'Connell*  
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