

AVOCA, ROYAL GEORGE & ROSSARDEN LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE AVOCA COMMUNITY CENTRE (ASH CENTRE), ARTHUR STREET, AVOCA ON THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2023 AT 12.30PM

1 ATTENDANCE

Shirley Freeman, Helen Reynolds, Helen Richardson, Leesa Rundell, Vicki Burn, Carol Wearing

In Attendance: Gail Eacher (Secretary)

APOLOGIES

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM, Jane Mitchell,

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

H Reynolds/H Richardson

That the minutes of the meeting of the Avoca, Royal George and Rossarden Local District Committee held on Thursday, 25 May 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

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

In accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a member of a Special Committee must not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in respect to which the member:

- a) has an interest; or
- b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

A member has an interest in a matter if the matter was decided in a particular manner, receive or have an expectation of receiving or likely to receive a pecuniary benefit or pecuniary detriment.

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Tasmania Police

Tasmania Police invited to attend either the August or November meeting. Tasmania Police to attend November meeting. A full complement of ARGR LDC members is preferred if Tas Police are to attend.

4.2 Budget

2023/2024 Municipal Budget

List submitted to Council, following items submitted for consideration in Council's 2023/2024 budget:

- Additional large bins (replacements) Falmouth Street, outside old Post Office and outside of 23 Falmouth Street.
- Additional seating in 2023/2024 (as identified in the decision relating to the 2022/2023 seating plan).
- Additional outdoor exercise equipment at Boucher Park.

The 2023/2024 Capital Works Program circulated for information.

It should be noted that the additional seating in Avoca is to be considered in Street Furniture Budget.

The Committee endorsed the seating plan (subject the location suitable to allow installation) at 2 February 2023 meeting as follows:

1. Falmouth Street, outside of old Post Office
2. Falmouth Street, northern side between Arthur Street and "Billy Bag"
3. Falmouth Street, southern side between Gray and Churchill Streets
4. Churchill Street, western side between Falmouth Street and St Paul's Place
5. St Paul's Place, southern side between Churchill and Gray Streets
6. Arthur Street, western side between Falmouth Street and St Paul's Place

2024/2025 Municipal Budget

Seat at front of the Memorial Hall (preliminary request sent to Works department), if not possible, to be included in the 2024/2025 Budget request.

4.3 Memorial Hall / Community Centre

- Repairs to female toilet block required.

- Noted – Ash Centre Childcare is operating and is to be retained.

5 ASSOCIATION REPORTS

5.1 AMIC

*AMIC and the Hall Committee combining to hold a fundraiser at the Hall.

5.2 Rossarden Landcare Group

No report.

5.3 Memorial Hall/Other

*AMIC and the Hall Committee combining to hold a fundraiser at the Hall.

6 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Next Meeting

Agreed, the next meeting of the ARGR LDC is to be held a week prior to the end of month, being Thursday, 23 November.

6.2 Avoca Primary School Building

26 April 2023 Council Meeting minute circulated and noted.

6.3 Southern LDC Christmas Function

To be held 22 November at the Ross Hotel.

6.4 Recognition of Local Legends

The Committee discussed a project to recognise local legends of Avoca with plaques, being deceased persons who have had a positive impact on the local community, e.g. Avoca Angels. Consideration to be given to the establishment of a legends walk (similar to Longford) at Boucher Park. Research, etc. to be undertaken by the Committee members. The ARGR LDC to make application for Council funding and, together with other Committees, to fundraise and contribute to the project.

C Wearing/L Rundell

That Council approve the Avoca, Royal George and Rossarden Local District Committee project to recognise the significant contribution of local persons who have had a positive impact on the local community, e.g. Avoca Angels.

Carried unanimously

6.5 Darts Committee

The Committee participate in a regional darts program between September and December each year. The group wish to host some events in the Supper Room at the Memorial Hall, however, are concerned regarding the cost of providing their own insurance and seek advice in relation to hall hire and insurance required. Requested that Council provide some brief information for potential hirers on what insurances are required and whether insurance is available through Council for activities.

6.6 Recycling vs Garbage

The Committee have requested that regular flyers/information be provided to householders about what is and isn't recyclable. Noted that readership of the NM Courier is limited in the area.

6.7 Fire Season

Committee raised concerns regarding the forthcoming fire season and public space / property maintenance.

7 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 1.15pm. The next meeting to be held on 23 November 2023, at the Avoca Community Centre (Ash Centre), Arthur Street, Avoca at 12.30pm.