



**NORTHERN  
MIDLANDS  
COUNCIL**

# **MINUTES**

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, 20 MARCH 2023**



MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Northern Midlands Council held on 20 March 2023 at 5.00pm in person at the Council Chambers, 13 Smith Street, Longford

## **1 ATTENDANCE**

### **PRESENT**

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM, Deputy Mayor Janet Lambert, Cr Dick Adams OAM, Cr Alison Andrews AM, Cr Richard Archer, Cr Richard Goss (to 7.35pm), Cr Paul Terrett

### **In Attendance**

Mr Des Jennings - General Manager, Miss Maree Bricknell - Corporate Services Manager, Mr Leigh McCullagh - Works Manager, Mr Paul Godier - Senior Planner (to 7.07pm), Mrs Gail Eacher - Executive Assistant

### **APOLOGIES**

Cr Matthew Brooks, Cr Andrew McCullagh



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*Council RESOLVED to note the withdrawal of Agenda Item 15.2 - Audit Committee: Expressions of Interest - Membership.*



### 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners, and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather today and acknowledge Elders – past, present and emerging.

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### 4 DECLARATIONS OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST OF A COUNCILLOR OR CLOSE ASSOCIATE

#### MINUTE NO. 23/078

##### DECISION

Cr Terrett/Deputy Mayor Lambert

Council resolved to accept the following Declarations of Interest:

- Mayor Mary Knowles - Closed Council Item 2.3.2
- Councillor Richard Archer - Closed Council Item 4.1
- General Manager, Des Jennings - Closed Council Item 2.3.2

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

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

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil

As per the *Local Government Act 1993, Part 5 - Pecuniary Interests, section 48*:

- (1) *A councillor must not participate at any meeting of a council, council committee, special committee, controlling authority, single authority or joint authority in any discussion, nor vote on any matter, in respect of which the councillor–*
    - (a) *has an interest; or*
    - (b) *is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.*
  - (2) *A councillor must declare any interest that the councillor has in a matter before any discussion on that matter commences.*
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## 5 PROCEDURAL

### 5.1 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

#### 5.1.1 Confirmation Of Minutes: Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTE NO. 23/079

##### DECISION

Cr Adams/Cr Terrett

That the Open Council Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Northern Midlands Council held at the Council Chambers, Longford on Monday, 20 February 2023, be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Carried Unanimously

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Open Council Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Northern Midlands Council held at the Council Chambers, Longford on Monday, 20 February 2023, be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

### 5.2 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Knowles advised that the next Ordinary Council Meeting of the Northern Midlands Council would be held at 5.00pm on **Wednesday, 26 April 2023** in person only.



### 5.3 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The following notice of Motion/Motions have been received.

#### 5.3.1 Notice Of Motion: Reconciliation Action Plan

Responsible Officer: Des Jennings, General Manager

#### MINUTE NO. 23/080

##### DECISION

Cr Terrett/Deputy Mayor Lambert

That Council

- a) develop a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in consultation with Tasmanian Aboriginal groups, such as Reconciliation Tasmania and the local Tasmanian Aboriginals community; and
- b) provide a funding allocation in the Draft 2023/2024 Municipal Budget to prepare a Reconciliation Action Plan.

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

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

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council provide a funding allocation in the Draft 2023/2024 Municipal Budget to prepare a Reconciliation Action Plan.

Councillor Terrett has requested the below Notice of Motion be tabled at the 20 March 2023 Council Meeting.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

*That Council develop a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in consultation with Tasmanian Aboriginal groups, such as Reconciliation Tasmania and the local Tasmanian Aboriginals community.*

#### BACKGROUND

In November 2020 Council commenced flying the Aboriginal flag permanently outside the Council Chambers in Longford. The Mayor met with Reconciliation Tasmania in October 2019 and it was proposed that Council consider preparing a Reconciliation Action Plan. To date no RAP has been considered by Council.

Despite not having a RAP, Council has looked at adopting dual naming the Macquarie River/ Tinamirakuna and Campbell Town/ Pantukina has dual naming on its entry signs. Regrettably the signage to Perth still has the words "Settled in 1821" which is offensive to first nations people. The area has been settled for thousands of years by the Tasmanian Aboriginals, the Panninher Clan.

This highlights the importance in having a RAP and showing respect to first nations people in the Council area and throughout Tasmania.



#### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

Pursuant to the Local Government Act 1993 Section 63, the General Manager must ensure that Council receives advice from persons who have the necessary qualification or experience to give such advice, information or recommendation on the matter before Council.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council provide a funding allocation in the Draft 2023/2024 Municipal Budget to prepare a Reconciliation Action Plan.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil





## 6 COUNCIL COMMITTEES - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTE NO. 23/081

### DECISION

Cr Terrett/Cr Andrews

That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council Committees be received.

Carried Unanimously

Minutes of meetings of the following Committees are attached:

Date	Committee	Meeting
2 February 2023	Avoca, Royal George & Rossarden Local District Committee	Ordinary
7 February 2023	Perth Local District Committee	Ordinary
7 March 2023	Campbell Town Local District Forum	Ordinary
7 March 2023	Evandale Advisory Committee	Ordinary
7 March 2023	Ross Local District Committee	Ordinary
7 March 2023	Perth Local District Committee	Ordinary

Matters already considered by Council at previous meetings have been incorporated into **Information Item: Officer's Actions**.

In the attached minutes of Council Committees, recommendations of Committees are listed for Council's consideration in the Agenda Item 7 below.



## 7 COUNCIL COMMITTEES - RECOMMENDATIONS

### 7.1 CAMPBELL TOWN DISTRICT FORUM

At the ordinary meeting of the Campbell Town District Forum held on 7 March 2023 the following motion/s were recorded for Council's consideration:

#### TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - HEAVY HAULAGE:

##### MINUTE NO. 23/082

##### DECISION

Cr Terrett/Cr Adams

That Council notes the matters raised by Campbell Town District Forum and officers continue to monitor roads being utilised by heavy haulage.

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

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

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil

##### **Officer Recommendation:**

That Council notes the matters raised by Campbell Town District Forum and officers continue to monitor roads being utilised by heavy haulage.

##### **Committee Recommendation:**

That Council provide to the Campbell Town District Forum, a Traffic Management Plan for the intersections of West Street, Midlands Highway, Clare Street, Grant Street and North Street.

##### **Officer Comment:**

Although the Committee recommendation relates to construction which is occurring at Lot 3 Midland Highway Campbell Town, Committee members and residents have expressed concern about the traffic management of "heavy haulage" more generally and the impact that it is having on drivers as well as both West Street and West Street East:

1. During the construction of the Midlands Highway; and
2. During the construction of the proposed "Elders" store located at Lot 3 Midland Highway Campbell Town

Committee members advised they are personally affected by heavy haulage vehicles and that concerned residents have also raised this matter with them describing West Street as follows:

- The condition of this street has deteriorated significantly.
- The road surface is no longer intact.
- There are large, deep potholes, deep edges,
- Loose gravel and large mounds on this street making it dangerous for road users.
- Road users are travelling on the incorrect side to avoid damaged road sometimes in the path of oncoming traffic.

Council acknowledges that there is an increase in heavy haulage movements around Campbell Town due to the upgrades of the Midlands Highway and other developments, and that this will be ongoing for some time.

Council Officers have previously advised the Forum, that Council is aware of issues and is working with the contractors, in conjunction with State Growth, to maintain West Street to a condition that can then be sustainably monitored and maintained for the duration of the Midlands Highway upgrades and this was reiterated at the 7 March 2023 meeting.



## 7.2 PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

At the ordinary meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on 7 February 2023 the following motion/s were recorded for Council's consideration:

### TRAIN PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT:

**Advice provided – no decision required:**

The Committee have been advised that the equipment was ordered and a deposit paid on 20 July 2022, delivery of the equipment is awaited and will be installed when received; and the old equipment does not meet current specifications and will not be reused.

**Committee Recommendation:**

The committee requests updates on the purchase and installation of the new play equipment for the Train Park Playground.

Is the old equipment being retained and if not what will happen to this play equipment?

**Officer Comment:**

The Committee have been advised that delivery of that the equipment was ordered and a deposit paid on 20 July 2022, delivery of the equipment is awaited and will be installed when received; and the old equipment does not meet current specifications and will not be reused.

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### RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN:

**Advice provided – no decision required:**

The Committee were advised of the inclusion within this Agenda of a Notice of Motion put forward by Councillor Terrett which relates to the preparation of a Reconciliation Action Plan.

**Committee Recommendation:**

Could we please have an update on the Northern Midlands Council Reconciliation Action Plan. This was an issue raised 12 months ago. If this issue needs budget consideration could it please be included in the budget.

**Officer Comment:**

The Committee were advised of the inclusion within this Agenda of a Notice of Motion put forward by Councillor Terrett which relates to the preparation of a Reconciliation Action Plan.

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## 8 INFORMATION ITEMS

### MINUTE NO. 23/083

#### DECISION

Deputy Mayor Lambert/Cr Adams

That the Information Items be received.

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

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

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil

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### 8.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS HELD SINCE THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING

Responsible Officer: Des Jennings, General Manager

The General Manager advised that the following workshops/ meetings had been held:

Date Held	Purpose of Workshop
27 February 2023	<b>Special Council Workshop</b> Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Northern Midlands</li><li>Longford Main Street Upgrade</li><li>Perth Main Street Upgrade</li></ul>
6 March 2023	<b>Council Workshop</b> Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commonwealth Bank of Australia</li><li>Scouts Tasmania</li><li>Solar Farm Proposal</li><li>Northern Midlands Business Association</li></ul> Discussion
20 March 2023	<b>Council Workshop</b> Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Council Meeting Agenda items</li></ul> <b>Council Meeting</b>

### 8.2 MAYOR'S ACTIVITIES ATTENDED & PLANNED

Mayor's Activities Attended & Planned for the period 21<sup>st</sup> February to 20 March 2023 are as follows:

Date	Activity
23 Feb 2023	Attended AFL in Tasmania breakfast with Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania (TICT) and the Premier, Launceston
23 Feb 2023	Attended meeting with Shane O'Hare, Launceston Airport
23 Feb 2023	Attended online Australia Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) meeting re Code of Conduct, Longford
24 Feb 2023	Launched Tasmanian Municipal Bowls Championships, Longford Bowls Club
24 Feb 2023	Attended meeting with Country Wide Airport Hydrogen project, Longford
24 Feb 2023	Attended meeting with Huon Valley Mayor and General Manager, Longford
26 Feb 2023	Attended Animal Remembrance Service, Campbell Town
27 Feb 2023	Attended meeting with Helping Hand, Longford
27 Feb 2023	Attended NMC Workshop
1 Mar 2023	Attended Fire Brigade meeting, Rossarden
6 Mar 2023	Attended International Women's Day event, Launceston



Date	Activity
6 Mar 2023	Attended NMC Workshop
8 Mar 2023	Attended Campbell Town Hospital Board meeting, Campbell Town
10 Mar 2023	Attended Honour Roll of Women Induction, Launceston
10 Mar 2023	Attended Motorama Cocktail Evening, Woolmers
11 Mar 2023	Attended Motorama event, Woolmers
14 Mar 2023	Attended Management meeting, Longford
16 Mar 2023	Attended Mayor's Professional Development and dinner, Launceston
17 Mar 2023	Attended Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) General Meeting, Launceston
18 Mar 2023	Officiated at the Opening of the Bishopsbourne History Panel, Bishopsbourne
19 Mar 2023	Planned to attend Harmony Week event, Launceston
20 Mar 2023	Planned to attend online Hobart Women's Shelter meeting, Longford
20 Mar 2023	Planned to attend Council Workshop and Council Meeting, Longford
	Attended to email, phone, and mail enquiries

### 8.3 GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITIES

General Manager's Activities Attended & Planned for the period 21 February to 20 March 2023 are as follows:

Meetings were attended either in-person, or via electronic means (on-line or via conference call).

Date	Activity
21/02/2023	Meeting with proponents re EV Charging facility
23/02/2023	Launceston airport facility tour
24/02/2023	Countrywide - Renewable Hydrogen Project Update
28/02/2023	Met with Northern Tasmania Development Corp re Regional Economic Development Strategy
02/03/2023	Met with SES Regional Manager North
06/03/2023	Attended NTDC Strategic Planning Workshop
06/03/2023	Attended NTDC Board Meeting
07/03/2023	Met with State Grants Commission – 2023 Hearings
09/03/2023	Met with proponent re development proposal
09/03/2023	Met with ratepayer re complaint
10/03/2023	Attended Longford Motorama Cocktail Party 17/03/2023
17/03/2023	Attended LGAT General Meeting
20/03/2023	Attended Council Workshop and Meeting

### 8.4 PETITIONS

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

In accordance with the Vision, Mission and Values of Council as identified in the *Council's Strategic Plan 2021-2027* and the *Local Government Act 1993*, S57-S60, provision is made for Council to receive petitions tabled at the Council Meeting.

#### OFFICER'S COMMENT

In relation to the receipt of petitions, the following provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Part 6 - Petitions, polls and public meetings, S57 and S58, should be noted:

##### Section 57. Petitions

[Section 57 Substituted by No. 8 of 2005, s. 46, Applied:01 Jul 2005]

(1) A person may lodge a petition with a council by presenting it to a councillor or the general manager.

(2) A person lodging a petition is to ensure that the petition contains –

- (a) a clear and concise statement identifying the subject matter and the action requested; and
- (b) in the case of a paper petition, a heading on each page indicating the subject matter; and
- (c) in the case of a paper petition, a brief statement on each page of the subject matter and the action requested; and
- (d) a statement specifying the number of signatories; and



- (e) at the end of the petition –
- (i) in the case of a paper petition, the full name, address and signature of the person lodging the petition; and
  - (ii) in the case of an electronic petition, the full name and address of the person lodging the petition and a statement by that person certifying that the statement of the subject matter and the action requested, as set out at the beginning of the petition, has not been changed.

(3) In this section –

**electronic petition** means a petition where the petition is created and circulated electronically and the signatories have added their details by electronic means;

**paper petition** means a petition where the petition is created on paper which is then circulated and to which the signatories have added their details directly onto the paper;

**petition** means a paper petition or electronic petition;

**signatory** means –

- (a) in the case of a paper petition, a person who has added his or her details to the paper petition and signed the petition; and
- (b) in the case of an electronic petition, a person who has added his or her details to the electronic petition.

**58. Tabling petition**

(1) A councillor who has been presented with a petition is to –

- (a) . . . . .
- (b) forward it to the general manager within 7 days after receiving it.

(2) A general manager who has been presented with a petition or receives a petition under subsection (1)(b) is to table the petition at the next ordinary meeting of the council.

(3) A petition is not to be tabled if –

- (a) it does not comply with section 57; or
- (b) it is defamatory; or
- (c) any action it proposes is unlawful.

(4) The general manager is to advise the lodger of a petition that is not tabled the reason for not tabling it within 21 days after lodgement.

## PETITIONS

No petitions received.

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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## 8.5 CONFERENCES & SEMINARS: REPORT ON ATTENDANCE BY COUNCIL DELEGATES

No reports relating to attendance at Conferences and Seminars have been received.

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## 8.6 132 & 337 CERTIFICATES ISSUED

In relation to the issue of 132 and 337 certificates, the following provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Section 132 and Section 337, should be noted:

**S132. Certificate of liabilities**

(1) A person referred to in [subsection \(2\)](#) may apply to the general manager for a certificate stating–

- (a) the amount of any liability for rates, whether due or not on the land and outstanding interest or penalty payable in relation to the land;
- (b) any amount received on account of rates that is held in credit against future liabilities for rates in relation to the land; and
- (c) the amount of any charge on the land recoverable by the council.

**S337. Council land information certificate**

- (1) A person may apply in writing to the general manager for a certificate in respect of information relating to land specified and clearly identified in the application.
- (2) The general manager, on receipt of an application made in accordance with [subsection \(1\)](#), is to issue a certificate in the prescribed form with answers to prescribed questions that are attached to the certificate.
- (3) A certificate under [subsection \(2\)](#) relates only to information that the council has on record as at the date of issue of the certificate.
- (4) A prescribed fee is payable in respect of the issue of a certificate.
- (5) The general manager, on request, may provide in or with the certificate any other information or document relating to the land that the general manager considers relevant.
- (6) A council does not incur any liability in respect of any information provided in good faith from sources external to the council.
- (7) A person, with the consent of the occupier or owner of specified land, may request in writing to the general manager that an inspection be carried out of that land to obtain supplementary information relevant to that land.
- (8) If the general manager agrees to a request under [subsection \(5\)](#) or [\(7\)](#), the general manager may impose any reasonable charges and costs incurred.
- (9) In this section –  
**land** includes –



- (a) any buildings and other structures permanently fixed to land; and
- (b) land covered with water; and
- (c) water covering land; and
- (d) any estate, interest, easement, privilege or right in or over land.

	No. of Certificates Issued 2022/2023 year												Total 2022/2023 YTD	Total 2021/2022
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June		
132	77	77	69	78	62	69	56	58					546	995
337	47	35	43	26	36	43	29	25					284	530

## 8.7 ANIMAL CONTROL

Prepared by: Martin Maddox, Accountant, and  
Kirsty Loader, Animal Control Officer

Item	Income/Issues 2021/2022		Income/Issues for Feb 2023		Income/Issues 2022/2023	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Dogs Registered	4,272	109,997	32	919	4,126	104,087
Dogs Impounded	30	4,302	6	431	26	1,363
Euthanised	1		1		1	
Re-claimed	25		4		21	
Re-homed/Dogs Home	4		1		3	
New Kennel Applications	19	1,368			6	445
Renewed Kennel Licences	83	3,652			83	3,818
Infringement Notices (paid in full)	28	5,142	3	905	16	3,634
Legal Action						
Livestock Impounded						
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>124,461</b>		<b>2,255</b>		<b>113,347</b>

### Audits:

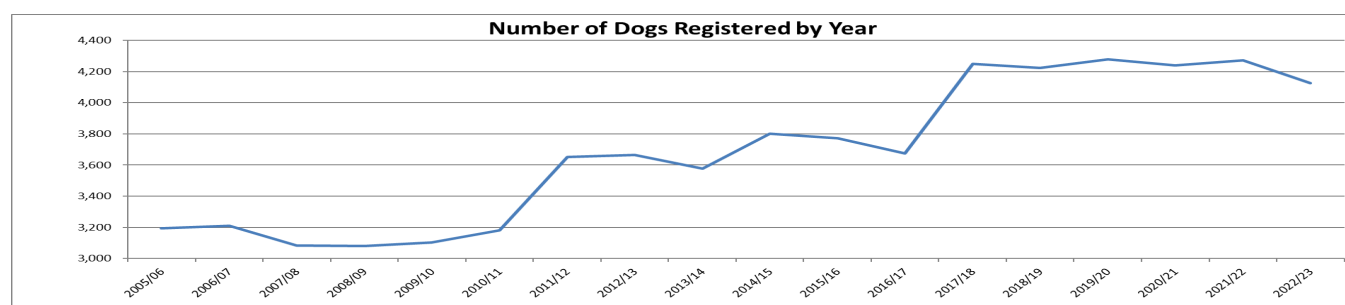
Ongoing including Dangerous Dogs, Kennel Licences, Fire Hazards.

### Microchips:

0 dogs microchipped.

### Attacks:

0 attack - 1 under investigation.



## 8.8 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Prepared by: Kate Clark, Environmental Health Officer

Achieve improved levels of environmental and public health by ongoing monitoring, inspection, education and, where necessary, by applying corrective measures to comply with legislation.

Ensure safe standards of food offered for sale are maintained.



Investigations/ Inspections/ Licences Issued	2019/2020	Prior Years 2020/2021	2021/2022
Notifiable Diseases	1	0	1
Inspection of Food Premises	111	67	170
Place of Assembly Approvals		1	14

Actions	2022/2023												
	YTD	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Routine Fixed Food Inspections	36 / 208	5	15	16	9	5	3	5	3				
Routine Mobile/Market stall Food Inspections	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	1				
Preliminary Site Visits – Licensed Premises	8	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0				
On-site wastewater Assessments	0	0	0	0	0	9	6	5	2				
Complaints/Enquiries – All Types	10	10	11	6	15	24	34	39	52				
Place of Assembly approvals	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1				
Notifiable Diseases	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1				

All Food premises are due for at least one inspection from 1 July of each year. The number of inspections in the table above is the total number carried out since 1 July in each financial year.

Inspections are conducted according to a risk-based assessment and cover all aspects of food storage, handling and preparation.

A total of 35 criteria are assessed for either compliance, non-compliance or serious non-compliance.

The Tasmanian Department of Health has produced a legal framework, the Food Business Risk-Classification System (RCS), to classify food premises for registration and notification purposes under the *Food Act 2003*.

Actions, including follow-up inspections, are taken according to the outcome of inspections, the RCS can be used to prioritise the inspection of food businesses, with inspection frequency being increased for high risk classified food premises. In addition, poorly performing food premises would be inspected more frequently.

For those enquiring about opening a food business i.e. Home based food business, officers inspect the premises and after a risk assessment determine whether a food licence is to be issued.

The following is applicable regarding food business registrations:

- A Food Business Application is to be completed and lodged with Council each year (Financial) Sections 84 or 87 or 89 of the *Food Act*.
- Council conducts a desk top assessment of the application in accordance with the Food Business Risk Classification System issued by Tasmanian Department of Health. The assessment is based on the information provided by the applicant.
- Based on the Risk assessed an invoice is issued to the applicant.
- Upon receipt of payment Council issues a Certificate of Registration.
- Council conducts an inspection of the premises during their operation to ensure compliance with the *Food Act* and Regulations and the Food Standards Code. The business is also assessed in line with their Risk Classification.
- Further inspections may be required to ensure any non-compliance issued have been addressed.

On-site Wastewater Assessments are completed after receiving a system design report from a consultant which basically determines what type of sewage system is required (septic or AWTs) and the method of distributing the sewage effluent on site based on AS1547.

A place of assembly is required for any mass outdoor public event. This means an event with over 1000 people for 2 hours or more. It may be any performance, exhibition, circus, festival, food festival, pageant, regatta, sports event, dance or publicly advertised lecture.

Notifiable Disease investigations are carried out by Council's Environmental Health Officer at the request of the Department of Health. Investigations typically relate to cases of food borne illness. While some investigations are inconclusive others can be linked to other cases and outbreaks within Tasmania and across Australia. Under the Public Health Act 1997, investigations are confidential.

## 8.9 CUSTOMER REQUEST RECEIPTS

Operational Area	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Animal Control				4	5	5	3	1				
Building & Planning	6	1	5	1	7	14	4	1				
Community Services	4	1	4	1	4	2	14					
Corporate Services	3	3			1	2	2					
Governance				3	10	2	4					
Waste					5	2	2					
Works	29	18	28	20	47	39	32	19				





## 8.10 GIFTS & DONATIONS (UNDER SECTION 77 OF THE LGA)

GIFTS & DONATIONS (UNDER SECTION 77 OF THE LGA)			
Date	Recipient	Purpose	Amount \$
3-Aug-22	Reptile Rescue	Donation to service	\$1,000.00
3-Aug-22	Campbell Town District High School	Inspiring Positive Futures Program	\$7,272.73
12-Oct-22	Cressy District High School	Inspiring Positive Futures Program	\$8,000.00
3-Aug-22	Andrew G Upton	Donation - State Rep for Darts Tas Senior Mens Team	\$100.00
17-Aug-22	Lucy Johnston	Aust Interschools Championships Equestrian 2022	\$100.00
17-Aug-22	Debbie Mahar	Aust Multi Disability Bowls Champions 2022	\$100.00
21-Sep-22	Ryan Sansom	Represent Tasmanian Junior 8-Ball Team in Nationals	\$100.00
19-Oct-22	C'Town, Cressy, Evandale, Longford	End of Year School Presentations 2022	\$450.00
19-Oct-22	Longford Fire Brigades	Christmas Lolly run 2022	\$100.00
10-Oct-22	Jonty Nicolson	Second Instalment further education bursary	\$1,000.00
12-Oct-22	Kalani C Brain	Second Instalment further education bursary	\$1,000.00
18-Oct-22	Erica Kirk	Second Instalment further education bursary	\$1,000.00
18-Oct-22	Alex Airey	Second Instalment further education bursary	\$1,000.00
15-Nov-22	Longford Care a Car	Donation	\$1,000.00
15-Nov-22	Helping Hand Association	Donation	\$1,500.00
7-Feb-23	Riley Flood	First Instalment further education bursary	\$1,000.00
7-Feb-23	Danielle Smith	First Instalment further education bursary	\$1,000.00
7-Feb-23	Charlotte McClennan	First Instalment further education bursary	\$1,000.00
7-Feb-23	Tasmanian Truck Owners Assoc	40th Annual Truck Run 2023	\$200.00
14-Feb-23	Jessica Hutton	First Instalment further education bursary	\$1,000.00
21-Feb-23	Bree Lavelle	Second Instalment further education bursary	\$1,000.00
8-Mar-23	Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre	Donation to Mayor's Croquet Challenge 2023	\$100.00
	Rhiana Morrison	U18 Boys Singles Bowls Australia Open	\$100.00
		TOTAL	\$29,122.73

## 8.11 ACTION ITEMS: COUNCIL MINUTES

Document	Item No.	Item	Status	Action Required	Assignees	Action Taken
Ordinary Meeting of Council - Carried Over Actions (Old Resolutions Register)	1.3	16/03/2020 - Deferred Item - GOV8 Overhanging Trees/Hedges: Evandale	Awaiting external response	Deferred to provide opportunity for the community to attend.	Des Jennings, Gail Eacher	29/09/2021 Harbour Software Support No further action to be taken at this time. To be workshopped and report to be relisted. Discussion held with property owner, formal advice requested. Correspondence to be forwarded to property owner. 25/01/2022 Gail Eacher Correspondence forwarded to property owner, awaiting response. 14/02/2022 Gail Eacher Letter received from property owner. Draft response to queries raised prepared. 01/04/2022 Gail Eacher Letter sent to property owner, response awaited. 08/07/2022 Gail Eacher Further information being sought prior to workshop discussion. 13/02/2023 Gail Eacher Correspondence sent to the property owners on 27 January 2023. 27/02/2023 Gail Eacher No response to date.
2023-02-20 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	13.1	Local Government Reform	Completed	That Council at this time is unable to recommend a suggested reform pathway option until the options are subject to a cost-benefit analysis and only after broad community consultation.	Des Jennings	23/02/2023 Gail Eacher Letter sent 23/2/23.



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2023-02-20 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	7 3.1	Devon Hills Neighbourhood Watch & Residents Committee	Completed	That Council note the request; and write to the Tasmanian Fire Service, Minister Felix Ellis MP (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management) and the Hon. Rosemary Armitage MLC (Tasmanian Legislative Council); and that the Committee be advised of the action taken.	Des Jennings, Gail Eacher	27/02/2023 Gail Eacher Letters sent.
2023-02-20 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	5 3.2	Notice of Motion: Haggerston Road, Perth	Completed	Council Officer's endorse Councillor Terrett's motion. That Council lobby the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Michael Ferguson and the Member for Launceston, Rosemary Armitage MLC to expedite the transfer of Haggerston Road, Perth to the Northern Midlands Council.	Des Jennings, Gail Eacher	27/02/2023 Gail Eacher Letters sent.
2022-12-12 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	5 3.1	Sticky Beaks Cafe: Crash protection barriers	Completed	1. That Council Officer's prepare a report regarding the works at Sticky Beak's Corner (cnr Wellington and Marlborough Streets) to be presented to a future Council Meeting. 2. That the Officers report specifies: works that have been wholly or substantially carried out; other opportunities to improve the safety of the area; and insurance status.	Des Jennings, Gail Eacher, Jonathan Galbraith, Leigh McCullagh	19/01/2023 Gail Eacher Report to be prepared for March 2023 Council meeting. 27/02/2023 Gail Eacher Report included in 20 March 2023 Council meeting agenda.
2023-02-20 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	13.2	Policy Review: Aboriginal and Dual Naming	Completed	That Council adopt the amended Aboriginal and Dual Naming Policy with a minor update reflecting the oversight responsibility of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania.	Gail Eacher	23/02/2023 Gail Eacher Policy manual and website updated.
2023-01-30 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	7 5.2	Train Park Signage	Completed	That Council note that the Committee has been advised that the placement of Children signage on Little Mulgrave Street is to be included in the Works Program.	Jonathan Galbraith	13/02/2023 Gail Eacher Signs on order to be installed when received. 14/03/2023 Jonathan Galbraith Signage has been installed.
2022-06-27 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	7 3.3	Wellington Street - Traffic Calming	Completed	That Council investigate the feasibility of installing an LED Smart Speed Display, or similar.	Jonathan Galbraith, Lorraine Wyatt	30/06/2022 Lorraine Wyatt Council decision communicated to LLDC via email 1 July 2022. 22/07/2022 Jonathan Galbraith These signs are very expensive (indicatively \$25,000+), need to consider if the cost is justified. Jonathan has emailed DSG to see if they are using these signs or can provide further information.
2023-02-20 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	7 2.4	LLDC Recommendation 3 - Walking Track Along the Levee from High Street to Malcombe Street - 1 February 2023	Completed	That Officers investigate the feasibility of incorporating a walking track from High Street to Malcombe Street along the levee bank and provide a report back to Council.	Jonathan Galbraith, Lorraine Wyatt, Trent Atkinson	23/02/2023 Lorraine Wyatt LLDC advised of Council decision via email 23/02/2023. 14/03/2023 Jonathan Galbraith Report prepared for Council
2023-02-20 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	7 2.5	LLDC Recommendation 4 - Street Signage Promoting Motor Racing	Completed	That Council investigate the purchase and installation of themed street signs along the main street of Longford.	Jonathan Galbraith, Lorraine Wyatt, Trent Atkinson	23/02/2023 Lorraine Wyatt LLDC advised of Council decision by email 23/02/2023. 27/02/2023 Gail Eacher Costs to be determined and listed in the 2023/2024 Draft Budget.
2022-06-27 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	9.8	Commonwealth Bank Customer Advocate Visit to the Northern Midlands	Completed	That Council a)...; and b) write to the Commonwealth Bank to ask what their intentions are in relation to the provision of banking services in the Northern Midlands; and c) revisit the conversation relating to the provision of banking services by Bendigo Bank.	Lorraine Green	04/07/2022 Lorraine Green Letter forwarded to the Commonwealth Bank Customer Advocate on 4 July 2022, seeking advice as to how the information collected during the Advocate's visit in April 2022 had been applied, and an indication of what the intentions of the Commonwealth Bank are in relation to the future provision of



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						banking services in the Northern Midlands. The issue of revisiting the conversation relating to the provision of banking services by the Bendigo Bank has been referred to the agenda of a forthcoming Council Workshop. 20/07/2022 Lorraine Green A survey of Commonwealth customers is being progressed. 14/03/2023 Gail Eachers CBA attended 6 March Council Workshop.
2023-02-20 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	7 1.2	CTDF Recommendation 1 - Stormwater from the Recreation Ground to East Street - 7 February 2023	Completed	That Council resolve to note the Campbell Town District Forum recommendation.	Lorraine Wyatt	02/03/2023 Lorraine Wyatt Council decision communicated to CTDF via email 27 February 2023.
2023-02-20 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	7 1.3	CTDF Recommendation 2 - Traffic Management/Heavy Haulage - 7 February 2023	Completed	That Council notes the matters raised by Campbell Town District Forum.	Lorraine Wyatt	24/02/2023 Lorraine Wyatt CTDF advised by email 24/02/2023.
2023-02-20 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	7 1.4	CTDF Recommendation 3 - Harold Gatty Memorial, Bicentennial Park and Campbell Town Museum - 7 February 2023	Completed	That Council provide in principle support for the Harold Gatty Memorial and Bicentennial Park to be developed as one precinct that also encourages visitation to the Campbell Town Museum.	Lorraine Wyatt	24/02/2023 Lorraine Wyatt CTDF advised by email 24/02/2023
2023-02-20 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	7 2.2	LLDC Recommendation 1 - Longford Roundabout Signage - 1 February 2023	Completed	That an update be provided to the Longford Local District Committee about the entry statement to be located on the roundabout on the northern side of Longford.	Lorraine Wyatt	23/02/2023 Lorraine Wyatt LLDC advised of Council decision via email 23/02/2023. Report to be provided prior to LLDC's March meeting. 28/02/2023 Gail Eachers Awaiting concepts for Council's consideration. 02/03/2023 Lorraine Wyatt Council decision emailed to the LLDC 23 February 2023.
2023-02-20 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	7 2.3	LLDC Recommendation 2 - Pull Over Area on Pateena Road - 1 February 2023	Completed	Please action as per resolution.	Lorraine Wyatt	23/02/2023 Lorraine Wyatt Resolution noted.
2023-02-20 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	7 2.6	LLDC Recommendation 5 - Longford Tourism Map Distribution - 1 February 2023	Completed	That Council RESOLVE to note the Longford Local District Committee recommendation.	Lorraine Wyatt	23/02/2023 Lorraine Wyatt Resolution noted.
2023-02-20 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	15.2	2023/2024 Municipal Budget	Completed	Council RESOLVED to hold the Municipal Bus Tour on Wednesday 19 April 2023.	Maree Bricknell	28/02/2023 Gail Eachers Council officers to action.
2023-02-20 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	15.2	2023/2024 Municipal Budget	Completed	That Council adhere to its previously adopted Budget process as detailed below and endorse the 2023/2024 Draft Budget parameters - note Hobart's December 2022 annual movement of CPI was 7.73 percent (National 7.8 percent) ...	Maree Bricknell	28/02/2023 Gail Eachers Council officers to action.
2022-11-28 Ordinary Meeting of	13.1	Council Calendar: 2023 Schedule of Council Meetings	Completed	iv) that a bus tour take place at a date to be determined.	Maree Bricknell	23/01/2023 Gail Eachers To be scheduled. 23/02/2023 Gail Eachers Annual Municipal Bus Tour scheduled



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Council - Open Council		and Workshops Dates				for Wednesday 19 April 2023.
2023-01-30 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	13.1	Live Streaming of Open Council Meetings	In progress	That Council a) provide an allocation within the 2023/2024 Draft budget to implement improvements to the Council meeting room Information Technology (IT) to allow for the live streaming of open council meetings .b) Officers prepare a Guide to the Live Streaming of Open Council Meetings for Council's consideration.	Ben Badcock, Maree Bricknell	15/02/2023 Gail Eachers Quotes being sought.
2023-02-20 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	13.3	Stormwater System Management Plan: 10-Year Capital Works Program	In progress	That Council defer a decision and the matter be discussed at a Council Workshop prior to referral to a future Council meeting.	Des Jennings	14/10/2023 Gail Eachers Council Workshop schedule being prepared. Awaiting confirmation of date from presenter.
Ordinary Meeting of Council - Carried Over Actions (Old Resolutions Register)	1.4	17/09/2021 - 289/21 - LGAT Motions	In progress	That Council A) submit two motions to the next LGAT General Meeting on the lack of response provided by the following government agencies: Environment Protection Agency, and Department of State Growth.	Des Jennings, Gail Eachers	29/09/2021 Harbour Software Support Motions to be prepared and workshopped. 25/01/2022 Gail Eachers Advice sought. 13/02/2023 Gail Eachers The Departments have been responding to numerous matters. Does Council wish to take no further action?
2022-11-28 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	13.5	Avoca Primary School Premises	In progress	That Scouts Tasmania be requested to: i) provide Council with a Business Plan; and ii) make a presentation to a Council Workshop; and iii) note that if Council were to enter into an agreement with Scouts Tasmania, that it would be at no cost to Council or the ratepayers.	Des Jennings, Gail Eachers	06/12/2022 Gail Eachers Scouts Tasmania advised of outcome of meeting and progressing preparation of a business plan. 13/02/2023 Gail Eachers Scouts Tasmania invited to present to Council Workshop. 27/02/2023 Gail Eachers Presentation to 6 March 2023 Council Workshop.
2023-02-20 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	13.1	Local Government Reform	In progress	That a report on modelling be brought back to Council, the modelling to inform if amalgamation was to occur, information on the impacts relevant to specific areas, and to include losses and gains.	Des Jennings, Gail Eachers	27/02/2023 Gail Eachers Submission sent. Further report to Council to be prepared.
2022-11-28 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	5 3.2	Sale of Campbell Town Hall	In progress	That Council Officer's prepare a report on the notice of motion to be presented to a future Council Meeting; and That the Officers report specifies: actions specified in the resolution; whether actions have been wholly or substantially carried out; and That no further action be taken until the further report is considered by Council. 1) Council does not proceed with the sale of the Campbell Town Hall . 2) Minute No 122/21,176/21, 284/21, 22/23 and 22/296 be rescinded 3) Minute No. 122/21, 22/23 and 22/296 any discussion, decision, report or document be released to the public 4) A further updated report be brought back to Council on the maintenance, restoration, and future use for the building with a fully modelled and costed works programme. 5) That a committee be appointed to look at alternative strategies and uses for the building and a business model be developed for the building.	Des Jennings, Gail Eachers	06/12/2022 Gail Eachers Report to be prepared post a workshop presentation. 13/02/2023 Gail Eachers Matter discussed at recent workshop, report to be prepared.
2022-11-28 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	5 3.4	Waste Dump Point at Evandale	In progress	That Council Officer's prepare a report on the notice of motion to be presented to a future Council Meeting. That a report be prepared for council to	Des Jennings, Gail Eachers	06/12/2022 Gail Eachers Investigation commenced.



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Council				examine the installation of a new Recreational Vehicle waste pump point in the Evandale area. The report should include costs to install a new pump point and possible sites in the Evandale area. The report should be sent to the Evandale District Committee for comment.		
2023-01-30 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	13.4	Stakeholder Engagement Strategy for: Communication & Engagement; Economic Development; Health & Wellbeing; Arts & Culture; Youth	In progress	That Council a) endorse the draft strategies for community consultation purposes, seek a further report and produce a schedule for the proposed consultation; b) engage with the Local District Committees and seek written submissions on the draft strategy; and c) engage with stakeholders through the following methods - written submission by way of promoting the strategies through the media, newspapers, facebook and website - drop-in sessions at the following locations: Avoca, Campbell Town, Cressy, Evandale, Longford, Perth and Ross	Des Jennings, Gail Eacher, Lorraine Green	13/02/2023 Gail Eacher Investigating suitable consultants available to assist with community consultation.
2023-01-30 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	7 3.2	Short Stay Accommodation Policy	In progress	That the request by Evandale Advisory Committee, that Council develop a Short Stay Accommodation policy, be investigated and a report provided to Council.	Erin Miles, Paul Godier	13/02/2023 Paul Godier Investigation commenced.
2022-10-24 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	7 3.2	Playground Policy and Shade Structures	In progress	That Council receive a report on the audit of playgrounds currently being undertaken, together with a draft Playground Policy document for discussion prior to consideration of the 2023/2024 municipal budget.	Gail Eacher	22/11/2022 Gail Eacher Playground audit in progress. 27/02/2023 Gail Eacher Report being finalised, to be tabled at April 2023 Council meeting agenda.
2022-10-24 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	7 3.4	William Street Reserve - Naming of Bridge and Installation of Bench	In progress	That Council: 1) agree to the proposal to install a bench seat and plaque in honour of John Stagg near the William Street Reserve footbridge; 2) agree to the secretarial assistance allocation of the PLDC being contributed toward the installation of the memorial seat; and 3) on completion of the William Street Reserve bridge, invite the PLDC and the Perth community to make submissions for the naming of the bridge, prior to a report to Council.	Gail Eacher, Leigh McCullagh, Maree Bricknell	22/11/2022 Gail Eacher Committee advised of Council decision. Matter to be progressed. 19/01/2023 Gail Eacher PLDC have advised that the wording for seat plaque has been given to the family for consideration. PLDC Chair to liaise with Council regarding provision and placement of park bench.
2023-01-30 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	7 4.2	Viewing Area Located on Pateena Road	In progress	That Council officers meet with Longford Local District Committee members on site to at Newry corner and provide a report back to Council about the proposal including infrastructure requirements and associated costs, for consideration.	Jonathan Galbraith, Leigh McCullagh	15/02/2023 Gail Eacher Meeting to be organised. 10/03/2023 Jonathan Galbraith Meeting to be organised upon return of Works Manager
2022-10-24 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	7 1.2	CTDF Recommendation 1	In progress	That the request by the Campbell Town District Forum for a community meeting to discuss community concerns about the future of the swimming pool be investigated and a report be provided to Council (the report to include additional costings).	Leslie Hall, Lorraine Wyatt, Trent Atkinson	23/11/2022 Gail Eacher Report to future Council Meeting.
2022-08-15 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	9.8	Swimming Pool Operations: 2021-2022 Full Season Update	In progress	That Council receives a further report with matters clarified and that templates be created so that the information received from the facilities is consistent.	Leslie Hall, Maree Bricknell	09/09/2022 Leslie Hall New process being put in place for 2022/23 season. Currently reviewing process, and looking to utilise new WHS inspection reporting. Report will be prepared





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						once review is complete. New reporting will address inconsistencies with reporting accuracy. Corporate services are liaising with Committees to look to align financial reporting from committees with the pool season, as opposed to current Calendar Year reporting periods. 10/10/2022 Gail Eachers INFO item to Council after commencement of season and system is up and running.
2022-08-15 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	9.5	Youth Advisory Group	In progress	That Council endorse the progression of the Northern Midlands Youth Advisory Group.	Natalie Dell	14/09/2022 Natalie Dell Terms of Reference being prepared. Commencement plan: recruit young people for YAG during Term 4, commence group in Term 1.
2023-02-20 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Open Council	5 3.1	Notice of Motion: Cycleway Strategy	In progress	That in relation to Councillor Terrett's Notice of Motion, Council Officer's refer the request to review the 2010 Trails and Bikeway strategy to the Bicycle Advisory Committee for review and comment prior to the preparation of a report to a future Council meeting. The report to include costings and funding opportunities.	Trent Atkinson	28/02/2023 Gail Eachers Matter to be placed on the Bicycle Advisory Committee Agenda.

## 8.12 RESOURCE SHARING SUMMARY: 01 JULY 2021 TO 30 JUNE 2022

Resource Sharing Summary 1/7/22 to 30/6/23 As at 31/01/23	Units Billed	Amount Billed GST Exclusive \$
<b>Meander Valley Council</b>		
<b>Service Provided by NMC to MVC</b>		
Street Sweeping Plant Operator Wages and Oncosts	259.00	14,271
Street Sweeper - Plant Hire Hours	259.00	24,374
<b>Total Services Provided by NMC to Meander Valley Council</b>		38,645
<b>Service Provided by Meander Valley Council to NMC</b>		
<b>Wages and Oncosts</b>		
Plumbing Inspector Services	434.50	33,468
Engineering Services	-	-
<b>Total Service Provided by MVC to NMC</b>		33,468
<b>Net Income Flow</b>	- 175.50	5,177
<b>Total Net</b>		5,177
<b>Private Works and Council Funded Works for External Organisations</b>		
<b>Works Department Private Works Carried Out</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Evandale Anglican Church - Mowing	16.00	442
Uniting Church High St Evandale - Mowing	17.00	470
Fire Abatement Slashing – Nelson Villalba	-	1,361
Fire Abatement Slashing – 10 Richard St Western Junction	-	590
Fire Abatement Slashing – 12 Richard St Western Junction	-	590
Fire Abatement Slashing – 8 Richard St Western Junction	-	590
Evandale War Memorial Hall - Cleaning	15.00	611
Cressy Church Ground - Faye Cox	3.50	190
Evandale Community Centre - Cleaning	32.00	1,367
Ross Rec Ground - Cleaning	55.00	2,311
Fire Abatement Slashing - 61 Main St Cressy	-	460
Fire Abatement Slashing - 3 Mason St Campbell Town	-	1,078
Fire Abatement Slashing – 5A West St Campbell Town	-	1,651



Fire Abatement Slashing - 76 Pakenham St Longford Jane Carlson	-	1,061
Fire Abatement Slashing - 35 Main Rd Perth	-	1,049
Fire Abatement Slashing - 1 Main Rd Perth	-	763
Elizabeth Macquarie Trust	7.00	298
Education Dept - Avoca School - Maintenance of grounds	30.50	2,248
Police Station Cleaning	5.00	282
Ash Centre Avoca Cleaning & Ground Maintenance - To be billed to Committee	38.50	3,620
Avoca Town Hall Cleaning - To be billed to Committee	12.50	525
Campbell Town Police Station - Cleaning	1.00	129
Pitch Cover removal - Longford Perth and Evandale	31.50	2,187
Oakley & Butler Tree Planting Ross Development	29.50	2,045
Top Soil delivered to 13 Paton Street	4.00	600
Austral Bricks - Hire of Street Sweeper	1.00	121
Health Revival - Clearing of drains by contractor Gavin Love Invoice 1695	-	650
Longford Caravan Park - AJ Water Vac Truck 29/11/22	-	1,240
Slashing - Tas Police - Cressy Road	6.0	795
	<b>305</b>	<b>29,323</b>

### 8.13 VANDALISM

Prepared by: Jonathan Galbraith, Engineering Officer

Incident	Location	Feb 2023	Estimated Cost of Damages	
			Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
None to report				
<b>TOTAL COST VANDALISM</b>		<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 8,300</b>	<b>\$ 10,200</b>

### 8.14 YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATE

Prepared by: Natalie Dell, Youth Officer

#### PCYC Program

Council fund PCYC activities in the Northern Midlands. The program is currently being facilitated in Perth on Thursdays during school terms. Attendance numbers for the Perth program in February as follows:

Date of Session	Attendance	Comment
Perth		
		School Holidays
16/2/23	12	First session back
23/2/23	19	

#### Free2B Girls Program

The Free2B Girls program is funded by Tasmania Community Fund and has commenced in Longford and Campbell Town. Attendance for the month of February as follows:

Session Venue	Date of Session	Attendance	Comment
Campbell Town			
			Sessions resuming March- school holidays
Longford			
	21/2/23	7	First week back
	28/2/23	11	Welcomed 4 new participants

#### Northern Midlands Active Youth Program

The program is funded by Healthy Tasmania and has commenced in Campbell Town and Cressy. The program is conducted during school lunch time and is meeting with great success. Attendance for the month of February as follows:



Session Venue	Date of Session	Attendance	Comment
Campbell Town			
	21/2/23	23	
	28/2/23	0	Sports Carnival
Cressy			
	16/2/23	0	Instructor unavailable
	23/2/23	0	Instructor Illness

### Meetings

Natalie Dell represents Council on the Northern Youth Coordinating Committee and the Northern Midlands Interagency Meetings.

Breakfast Club- Cressy: The Cressy Breakfast program has been further developed liaising with the School Chaplain and Youth Officer, to provide freely available Breakfast items for students. The School has identified several young people who will benefit from participating in the program. The program will help address students' health, well-being, and food security. This program is being well received by the students and School.

SPARK: To help foster leadership and support youth focused initiatives in Schools. School Representative Councils (SRC) can apply for funding of projects (up to \$300/year) to be held in their schools. Supporting education and employment opportunities for young people.

Youth Advisory Group: Location has been confirmed, looking to hold info session and commencement of group.

NM Youth Health Expo: Following excellent feedback from Campbell Town District High School Staff, Students and Service Providers, aiming to make the Expo for Mental Health week an annual event.

## 8.15 INTEGRATED PRIORITY PROJECTS & STRATEGIC PLANS UPDATE

Prepared by: Maree Bricknell, Corporate Services Manager & Lorraine Green, Project Officer

### CURRENT AS OF 1 MARCH 2023

Progress Report:

Not Started (obstacles)
  On Hold
  On Track
  Completed

### INTEGRATED PRIORITY PROJECTS PLAN:

Project		Status		Budget 2022-23	\$	Scheduled
1 Progress: Economic health and wealth - grow and prosper						
Foundation Projects						
4.1	Main Street Upgrades: Campbell Town, Longford & Perth	Gov	<b>Campbell Town</b> Construction of Midland Highway underpass at Campbell Town completed. Building Better Regions Fund application submitted for funding towards implementation of Stage 1 of the Urban Design Strategy. Outcome awaited. Business Case being prepared to secure the 2022 Election Commitment	Budget allocation 2022-23 plus contribution from \$8m Federal Govt Election Commitment 2022.	1,450,000	Commence Dec-Oct 23
		Gov	<b>Longford</b> Commitment of \$4m from National Party prior to 2019 Federal Election. Memorial hall upgrade contractor selected at Council's February 2023 agenda.	Budget allocation 2022-23. Designed and at DA	1,293,000	Finalising Documentation for DA
		C&D	<b>Perth</b> Council has endorsed the plan and draft amendments to planning scheme to be prepared.	Budget allocation 2022-23 plus contribution from \$8m Federal Govt Election Commitment 2022.	1,141,000	Costing options for Council Consideration





Project		Status		Budget 2022-23	\$	Scheduled
				Main Street upgrades included in NMC Priority Projects document Business Case being prepared to secure the 2022 Election Commitment		
4.4	<i>TRANSLink Intermodal Facility</i>	Gov		Including precinct renewal – stormwater & gas pipeline. Seeking grant assistance to fund planned works. Included in NMC Priority Projects document.	Federal Election commitment of \$5m for planning stage. No Council funded Budget allocation 2022-23. Further \$30m commitment subject to planning stage.	5,000,000 Preliminary discussions commence immediately
<b>Enabling Projects</b>						
5.1	<i>Perth Sports Precinct &amp; Community Centre</i>	Gov		Concept master plan developed October 2020. Included in NMC Priority Projects document.	Valuation for land provided to property owner for consideration. No budget allocation 2022-23 staff resources only.	- Not scheduled at this stage
5.1	<i>Ben Lomond Public Shelter Development</i>	Gov		<b>Feasibility Study: Investment in Ben Lomond Ski Field Northern Tasmania</b> Study being driven by external stakeholders, Council support provided when requested. Included in NMC Priority Projects document. Government has committed to infrastructure expenditure and development of a master plan.	No allocation 2022-23 staff resources only.	- Not scheduled at this stage
5.3	<i>Campbell Town – Town Hall Sale or Lease</i>	Gov		Expressions of interest for selling the hall advertised closed 20 May 2022. Agent appointed.	Small gain/loss in Budget 2022-23 expected if sold.	884,000 Report being prepared
5.3	<i>Longford Library &amp; exhibition Building on the Village Green</i>	Gov		<b>Longford Motor Sport Museum</b> Alternative sites for museum being sought by proponents. Included in NMC Priority Projects document.	No allocation 2022-23 staff resources only.	- Not scheduled at this stage
5.3	<i>Power Undergrounding in Evandale, Longford &amp; Perth</i>	Works		Awaiting funding streams to come available. Included in NMC Priority Projects document.	No allocation 2022-23 staff resources only.	- Not scheduled at this stage
5.4	<i>Subdivisions (several – Cressy, Evandale, Longford &amp; Perth)</i>	C&D		Council to identify opportunities to provide infrastructure and secure funding. Included in NMC Priority Projects document	<b>Evandale</b> Drainage Easement secured. Awaiting DA from subdivider. No allocation 2022-23.	- Not scheduled at this stage
<b>2 People: Cultural and society – a vibrant future that respects the past</b>						
<b>Enabling Projects</b>						
5.1	<i>Oval Upgrades (several)</i>	Gov		<b>Campbell Town War Memorial Oval Precinct</b> Implementation of Final Stages. Included in NMC Priority Projects document.	Irrigation system adjacent to tennis area \$45,000, building acoustics and minor improvements \$41,500, and carpark sealing \$126,000 included in 2022-23 Budget.	212,500 Commence Nov 22
		Gov		<b>Cressy Recreation Ground</b> Implementation of Final Stages Levelling the Playing Field funding received – building work completed. Final report and acquittal submitted. BBQ facility & landscaping to be funded through Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant. Cricket Australia funding secured towards the upgrade of the practice facility..	Budget allocation in 2022-23 Budget - BBQ shelter completion.  Cricket Australia grant \$18,500 State Government 2021 Election commitment \$5,400 NMC \$13,100	128,000 BBQ Facility, Completion March 23  Completion Mar 23
5.1	<i>Morven Park Master Plan</i>	Gov		Implementation of Final Stages Works substantially completed: grant	Budget commitment 2022-23 towards future drainage improvements	10,000 Drainage when balance funding



Project				Status	Budget 2022-23	\$	Scheduled
				acquittal report submitted. Relocation of cricket nets completed – acquittal report submitted to State Govt	\$26,582. Budget allocation for removal of old cricket nets and surrounds \$10,000.		sought. Cricket net removed Dec 22
5.1	Swimming Pool Upgrades (several)	Gov		<b>Covering of Campbell Town &amp; Cressy Swimming Pools</b> Included in NMC Priority Projects document. <b>Cressy</b> Implementation of final stages. State election funding grant of \$100,000 received. \$400,000 commitment from National Party prior to 2019 federal election. Grant acquittals submitted. Concourse, carpark and landscaping completed 2022/2023	No allocation 2022-23 staff resources only.	-	Not scheduled at this stage
		Gov			Budget allocation 2022-23 for renewal of concourse and fencing. LRCI grant allocated to the project.	600,000	Completed
		Gov		<b>Ross</b> Pool operation to continue (as per the current funding model) whilst structurally/operationally safe to do so.	Budget allocation 2022-23 towards WHS issues.	10,000	Oct-22
5.2	Shared Pathways	Gov		Committee established and program to be prepared. Included in NMC Priority Projects document.	State Vulnerable User Grant funding 2022-23.	250,000	Design stage
4 Place: Nurture our heritage environment							
Foundation Projects							
4.2	Perth South Esk River Parklands	Gov		Building Better Regions Fund grant secured towards the extension of the walkway, installation of footbridge and BBQ. Grant Agreement executed Feb 2022. Progress report submitted October 2022. Included in NMC Priority Projects document..	Budget allocation for footbridge construction, footpath connection and BBQ. Building Better Regions Fund grant of \$187,500	310,000	Underway.
4.3	Sheepwash Creek Corridor & Open Space	Gov		Grants to be sought for major new/ improved infrastructure. Included in NMC Priority Projects document.	Supplementary Budget project 2022-23.	200,000	Not scheduled at this stage
4.5	Municipal Tree Planting Program			Annual program being implemented. Included in NMC Priority Projects document.	Budget allocation 2022-23.	100,000	Ongoing
Enabling Projects							
5.1	Conara Park Upgrade	Gov		Concept prepared: awaiting funding opportunities. Included in NMC Priority Projects document.	No allocation 2022-23 staff resources only.	-	Not scheduled at this stage
5.3	Redevelop Cressy Park	Gov		Liaising with Local District Committee to establish/prepare plans for upgrade.	No allocation 2022-23 staff resources only.	-	Not scheduled at this stage
				Total 2022-23 Budget Allocation		11,588,500	

## 8.16 TOURISM & EVENTS AND HERITAGE HIGHWAY TOURISM REGION ASSOCIATION (HHTRA) UPDATE

Prepared by: Fiona Dewar, Tourism Officer

### Tourism update:

- Events:
  - Liaise with event organisers re planning and information required. Provide assistance to event organisers to fulfil Council compliance requirements.
  - Assist event organisers seeking funding and in-kind support.
  - Keep event list updated and distribute.
  - Update NMC website calendar.



- Provide events editorial to Let's Go Kids website and online newsletter.
- Progress Town Promotion Video project.
- Liaise with local tourism operators to provide industry information.
- Liaise with NM visitor centres re brochure requirements and projects.
- Longford Legends: liaise with committee re upcoming inductions.
- Progress planning for the Bishopsbourne History Interpretation panel unveiling.
- Progress 2023 Northern Midlands Community Expo planning and prospectus design and print.
- Host Tourism Visitor Information Network (TVIN) northern representatives quarterly forum.
- Longford Lych Gate interpretation panels installed and project completed.

**HHTRA update:**

- Ongoing marketing activities include website blog posts and social media.
- Heritage Highway website maintenance.
- Progress meeting actions.
- Progress reprint of HHTRA Touring Map and Guide.
- Progress Arts Experiences database in the Heritage Highway region with view to potential project.

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**8.17 NORTH WEST TRANSMISSION LINES DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION: LAND OWNER CONSENT**

*Prepared by:* Paul Godier, Senior Planner

The North West Transmission Line Developments, being progressed by TasNetworks, include 240kms of new and upgraded transmission lines that will link Cressy, Burnie, Sheffield, Staverton, Hampshire and East Cam. The Palmerston (near Cressy) to Sheffield route runs through the Northern Midlands. TasNetworks will be requesting landowner consent from the Council's General Manager to the making of the planning application where the route runs through land owned or administered by the Council. The General Manager intends to grant this consent under delegation.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

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## 9 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

Regulation 31 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* makes provision for Public Question Time during a Council meeting.

Public question time is to commence at approximately 5:30pm and is to be conducted in accordance with the following guidelines:

- At each Council Meeting up to 20 minutes, or such longer period as Council may determine by resolution at that meeting, is to be provided for persons at the meeting to ask questions.
- A person seeking to ask a question must firstly identify himself or herself by stating their name and the town they reside in.
- If more than one person wishes to ask a question, the Mayor is to determine the order in which those questions are asked.
- Questions must be directed to the Mayor who shall answer or direct the question to the appropriate Councillor or Council Officer. A question will be answered if the information is known otherwise taken on notice and responded to in writing within 10 working days.
- Questions should preferably be in writing and provided to the General Manager 7 days prior to the Council Meeting.
- A person is entitled to ask no more than 2 questions on any specific subject. If a person has up to two questions on several subjects, the Mayor may defer those questions until other questions have been asked and refer back to that person only if time permits.
- Each submission speaker is limited to a maximum of 3 minutes.

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

#### **ITEM 16.1 STICKY BEAKS CAFE CORNER (CNR WELLINGTON AND MARLBOROUGH STREETS): UPGRADES AND SAFETY**

##### **Annette Aldersea, Longford**

Ms Aldersea provided the following statement from which she read:

*I am here to ask that Council vote to remove the inappropriate, oversized concrete boxes on Longford's Heritage Corner - Sticky Beaks, and replace them with black bollards that respect our town's heritage precinct and its significance. We now have support for our stance from Tasmania's preeminent heritage bodies. Ian Boersma from Heritage Tasmania writing:*

- *"The boxes have as their backdrop one of the town's most distinctive buildings, a place that is entered in the Tasmanian Heritage Register for its architecture and townscape contribution." "They are bulky and starkly rectilinear elements that have little in common with the scale and delicate ornamental character of the town's existing street furniture." "In my considered opinion, the development detracts from the historic townscape character".*

*And, Simon Carlin, CEO of the National Trust Tasmania that:*

- *"The heavy concrete planters faced in steel (with cut-out decoration of non-local plants) are a bulky intrusion into the heritage precinct, especially the historically important 1835 building, The London Inn". "We agree that bollards of a traditional profile would be a more appropriate solution".*

*The Burra Charter which sets a standard of practice for those who provide advice, make decisions, or undertake works to places of cultural significance clearly states:*

- *Article 8 - Setting: "New construction, demolition, intrusions or other changes which would adversely affect the setting or relationships are not appropriate".*

*And:*

- *Article 22 - New Works: Must "respect and does not distort or obscure the cultural significance of the place or detract from its interpretation and appreciation". And: "must respect and have minimal impact on the cultural significance of the place".*

*The opinion of these independent heritage experts and advisors must take priority over Council's paid consultants.*

*It has now been confirmed by Garry Hills Principal Traffic engineer of State Growth that: Yellow bollards are not required or recommended by state growth and black bollards can be used. He has supplied two examples of steel bollards which*



*are recommended for the situation that exists at Heritage Corner, and there are alternative methods of installation if required.*

*Why has Council's LONGFORD URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINE MANUAL been completely ignored? Indeed the Director of Loop Architecture has ignored his own guidelines in approving the large concrete boxes.*

*The guidelines call for:*

- Black metal bollards (7.5) and if necessary, black metal pedestrian barriers (7.15) bolted to the bollards.*

*These have been installed in Campbelltown on corners abutting the Midland Highway. Surely they can be used as protection on Longford's Heritage Corner. Why has our beautiful town of Longford been lumped with these intrusive concrete boxes??*

*I ask on behalf of our community that you accept this information as justification to remove the oversized concrete boxes from Sticky Beaks corner and you determine they be replaced with the black bollards as per this Council's Design Guidelines.*

**John Izzard, Longford**

Mr Izzard provided the following comments in relation to Item 16.1:

- Two matters are outstanding from the report, i.e. cost of removal of the planters and insurance liability*
- Council could seek grant funding, as well as utilise funds from the Heritage Incentive Scheme Policy toward remedial works if the planters are replaced with bollards*

**OVERHANGING & ENCROACHING VEGETATION OVER PUBLIC SPACE**

**Ken Richards, Longford**

Mr Richards referred to a notice received from Council in relation to overhanging trees, he noted:

- the property is heritage listed property*
- trees were overhanging at a height of less than 2.5m and affecting the passage of caravans in Archer Street*
- the trees have been trimmed back to an appropriate height*
- consequently advice was received from Council that property owners are liable for any trees overhanging public space*
- contact was made with Heritage Tasmania and were advised that the trees cannot be cut back in a heritage area*
- insurance company has advised that they wouldn't provide insurance on Council property*

*And queried whether others were required to maintain overhanging trees.*

The General Manager advised that

- Council has received advice on the liability of property owners and insurance implications relating to overhanging trees*
- Council is currently writing to the owners of property where overhanging trees and shrubs are encroaching on public space*
- he has been made aware of a long stretch of road where there are a number of trees overhanging the road reserve*
- further advice should be obtained from the Heritage Council.*

**Joanna Ng, Longford**

Ms Ng queried whether Council was able to take action in relation to vegetation and trees overhanging and encroaching onto public walkways and restricting the movement of pedestrians.

The General Manager advised that if a particular areas of concern are identified, that information can be provided to Council by completing a Customer Request on Council's website and Council would then be aware and take action.



## 10 COUNCIL ACTING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY

### MINUTE NO. 23/087

#### DECISION

Deputy Mayor Lambert/Cr Andrews

That the Council intends to act as a Planning Authority under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* for Agenda Items 11.1 to 11.3.

Carried Unanimously

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council intends to act as a Planning Authority under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* for Agenda Item/s 11.1 to 11.3.

Section 25 (1) of the Local Government (meeting procedures) Regulations require that if a Council intends to act at a meeting as a Planning Authority under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, the Chairperson is to advise the meeting accordingly.

### 10.1 STATEMENTS

#### REPRESENTATIONS ON PLANNING ITEMS

A maximum of 4 persons per item (2 for and 2 against) will be permitted to address Council on a planning item. After the representation has been made, Councillors are permitted to ask questions of the party who made the representation.

Each speaker is limited to a maximum of 3 minutes.

#### **PLAN 11.2: SECTION 40K REPORT ON DRAFT AMENDMENT 04 TO THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE, 18 WILMORES LANE, 116, 120 & 140 CATHERINE STREET AND 130 BRICKENDON STREET, LONGFORD**

##### **Mick Purvis (for Andrew & Meredith Meeves, Longford)**

Mr Purvis made comment as follows:

- *noted support for the recommendation*
- *referred to their submission to the LPS supporting a zoning of Rural Living Zone C*
- *the planning commission and council agreed with the submission for the change in zoning*
- *noted the representation received in relation to the McConnon property*
- *the area has been converted from agricultural use to residential use as a result of housing development*
- *the representation has no merit*

##### **Alicia Barrett, Longford**

Ms Barrett advised that

- *she supports Mr Purvis' comments*
- *the listed properties should be rezoned*
- *the representation received is without merit*
- *the change in zoning to Rural Living Zone C should be upheld*
- *residential use is established on the properties, which is consistent with Rural Living Zone C*
- *the zoning will provide an interface between Agriculture Zoning and General Residential Zoning, therefore eliminating land use conflict*
- *as identified, Rural Living Zone C cannot be further sub-divided, nor can multiple dwellings be constructed*





## 11 PLANNING REPORTS

### 11.1 SECTION 40K REPORT ON DRAFT AMENDMENT 03 TO THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE, 38 & 44 PHILLIP STREET, PERTH

Responsible Officer: Des Jennings, General Manager

Report prepared by: Paul Godier, Senior Planner

#### MINUTE NO. 23/088

##### DECISION

Cr Adams/Cr Archer

That the Council planning authority, under section 40K of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, provide the Tasmanian Planning Commission with the report at attachment 11.1.1 of this report in relation to draft amendment 03 to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule:

- 1) Stating that the representation from the Department of State Growth has merit with regard to the noise concerns raised; and
- 2) Stating that the draft amendment does not meet the LPS criteria Schedule 1 Part 2 objective h) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act* to protect public infrastructure (Midland Highway) due to a contemporary noise assessment not having been undertaken determining the actual extent of noise impacts; and
- 3) Recommending that the draft amendment be rejected due to the land being adjacent to the Midland Highway and a contemporary noise assessment not having been undertaken to determine the actual extent of noise impacts. Without such an assessment the draft amendment does not demonstrate consistency with policy RIN-P4 and actions RIN-A7 and RIN-A8 of the *Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy* and does not demonstrate consistency with Schedule 1 Part 2 objective h) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act* to protect public infrastructure (Midland Highway); and
- 4) Should the draft amendment not be rejected, recommending that the draft amendment be modified to apply the Perth Specific Area plan to the land.

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

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

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council planning authority, under section 40K of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, provide the Tasmanian Planning Commission with the report at attachment 11.1.1 of this report in relation to draft amendment 03 to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule:

- 1) Stating that the representation from the Department of State Growth has merit with regard to the noise concerns raised; and
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- 4) Should the draft amendment not be rejected, recommending that the draft amendment be modified to apply the Perth Specific Area plan to the land.

## 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report advises the Northern Midlands Council planning authority of a representation received to draft Amendment 03 to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) and recommends a response to the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC).

## 2 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Under the former Northern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2013, numbers 38 and 44 Phillip Street were zoned Particular Purpose – Future Residential. Council's draft LPS proposed to zone the two properties Future Urban. A representation to the draft LPS requested that 44 Phillip Street be revised to the General Residential Zone.

The Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) held hearings into the representations to the draft LPS in June 2022. The TPC's decision was received on 4 October 2022. Regarding 44 Phillip Street the decision states:

*The representor requested that the land at 44 Phillip Street, Perth be revised to the General Residential Zone. The reasons include:*

- *the Perth Structure Plan identifies the area for urban growth and states that "based on prior studies and analysis, this area is highly underutilised and represents an opportunity for future residential development";*
- *the demand and supply assumptions outlined in the Perth Structure Plan are outdated and the land is needed for residential use and development given current demand for new housing; and*
- *infrastructure matters for resolution that are described in the Structure Plan and the Northern Midlands Council Land Use and Development Strategy can be addressed adequately through the subdivision provisions of the State Planning Provisions (SPPs).*

### *Commission consideration*

*The Commission is persuaded that the General Residential Zone should be applied instead of the Future Urban Zone at 38 and 44 Phillip Street. The Commission is satisfied that sufficient demand for the land exists given current housing affordability and supply issues in the area. The Commission is also satisfied that the General Residential Zone is consistent with the regional strategy, the Perth Structure Plan and the Northern Midlands Council Land Use and Development Strategy. The Commission notes that the land can be serviced as required to meet the requirements of GRZ 1 of Guideline No. 1.*

### *Commission decision under section 35KB*

#### *Draft amendment directed to the Northern Midlands LPS:*

- *Revise the zoning of 38 and 44 Phillip Street, Perth (folios of the Register 23463/1 and 23463/2) to General Residential as shown in Attachment 3 (see below).*





### Draft Amendment 03 to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule

Under section 35KB(1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, the Tasmanian Planning Commission directed the Northern Midlands Council planning authority to prepare draft amendments under Part 3B of the Act, of the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule.

#### 38 and 44 Phillip Street, Perth (folios of the Register 23463/1 and 23463/2)

Apply the General Residential Zone to 38 and 44 Phillip Street, Perth (folios of the Register 23463/1 and 23463/2) and adjoining road centrelines and reserved roads, as shown in Figure 1 below:



Figure 1 – Application of the General Residential Zone at Perth

## 3 STRATEGIC PLAN & INTEGRATED PRIORITY PROJECTS PLAN

### 3.1 Strategic Plan 2021-2027

The Strategic Plan 2021-2027 provides the guidelines within which Council operates.

**Lead: Serve with honesty, integrity, innovation and pride**

**Leaders with Impact**

**Strategic outcomes:**

- 1.1 Council is connected to the community
- 1.2 Councillors serve with integrity and honesty

### 3.2 Integrated Priority Projects Plan 2021

This plan has been developed with a coordinated perspective to align with local, regional, state and federal plans. Rather than grouping projects by town or assembling a long list of 'nice to have' projects, this plan takes a Council-wide view of needs and opportunities in relation to the strategic investment drivers in the region. This matter has relevance to:

Not applicable.



#### 4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

#### 5 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

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

*40K. Report to Commission about draft amendments*

*(1) A planning authority, within 35 days after the end of the exhibition period in relation to a draft amendment of an LPS in relation to the municipal area of the planning authority or a longer period allowed by the Commission, must provide to the Commission a report in relation to the draft amendment of an LPS.*

*(2) The report by a planning authority in relation to the draft amendment of an LPS 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*

*(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*

*(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*

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

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

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

*(3) Without limiting the generality of subsection (2)(e), the recommendations in relation to a draft amendment of an LPS may include recommendations as to whether –*

*(a) a provision of the draft amendment of an LPS is inconsistent with a provision of the SPPs; or*

*(b) the draft amendment of an LPS should, or should not, apply a provision of the SPPs to an area of land; or*

*(c) the draft amendment of an LPS should, or should not, contain a provision that an LPS is permitted under section 32 to contain.*

*(4) A planning authority must not include in a recommendation in relation to a draft amendment of an LPS a recommendation to the effect that the content of a provision of the SPPs should be altered.*

*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; and*

*(b) is in accordance with section 32 ; and*

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

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

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



*(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; and*

*(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; and*

*(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; and*

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

## **6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications to Council.

## **7 RISK ISSUES**

No risk issues to Council are identified.

## **8 CONSULTATION WITH STATE GOVERNMENT**

The Council planning authority notified the Department of State Growth and TasWater of the draft amendment. Tas Water advised that it does not object and has no formal comments for the Tasmanian Planning Commission in relation to the matter.

The Department of State Growth provided the attached response, making the following comments:

### *Noise*

*State Growth notes that the land proposed to be rezoned to the General Residential Zone is adjacent to the Midland Highway (Perth bypass). Prior to construction of the Perth bypass, State Growth noise modelling identified that, once constructed, noise impacts may occur beyond the 50-metre road or railway attenuation area.*

*As part of the assessment of the suitability of the land for residential purposes, a contemporary noise assessment should be undertaken by the proponent to determine the actual extent of noise impacts. Without such an assessment, State Growth considers the draft amendment does not demonstrate consistency with policy RIN-P4 and actions RIN-A7 and RIN-A8 of the Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (regional strategy).*

### *Passenger Transport*

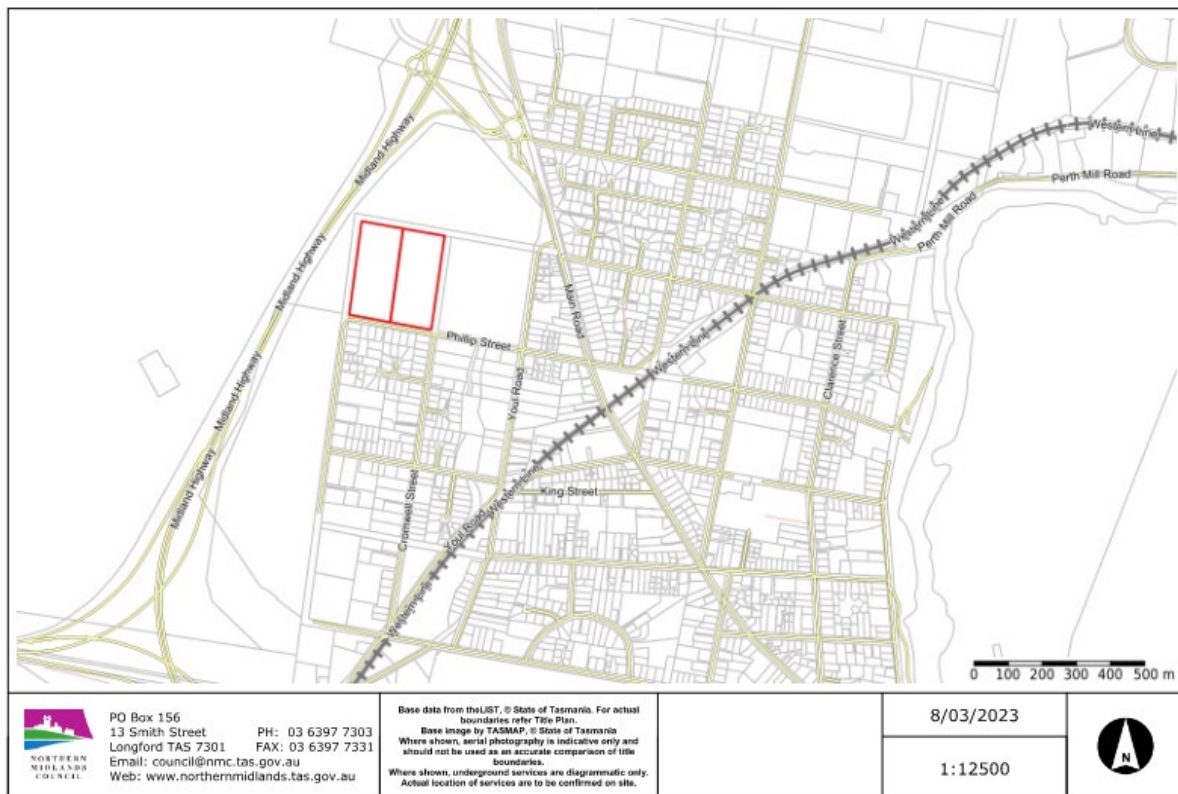
*Bus services in Perth were rerouted after construction of the Perth bypass. Services between Cressy, Longford and Launceston travel via the Midland Highway instead of Drummond Street which no longer connects to Illawarra Road.*

*Services between Evandale and Launceston travel via Clarence Street. All services then travel along Main Road, where the main attractors such as shops and services are located. Bus services would not deviate into the western side of Perth as it is not a logical extension of the network.*

*The nearest bus stops for the subdivision are Main Road/Phillip Street which is 450-480m from the site, which is considered an acceptable walking distance.*

*In rural areas bus stops are typically 800 metres apart however some people may have to travel further to the bus stop.*

*Future subdivisions should be designed to ensure good connections to Main Road where the bus routes are. Access to the bus stops on Main Road can be improved by providing good pedestrian amenity such as cut-throughs, footpaths and pedestrian crossings.*



^Location of subject site in relation to the Midland Highway

### Response

Policy RIN-P4 and actions RIN-A7 and RIN-A8 of the Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy are:

*RIN-P4 Recognise the Department of State Growth Road Hierarchy and protect the operation of major road and rail corridors (existing and planned) from development that will preclude or have an adverse effect upon existing and future operations.*

*RIN-A7 Protect the region's road and rail infrastructure network and enable a transition between compatible land uses and an adequate separation between conflicting development that would compromise safe and efficient operations of existing and future planned road and rail corridors.*

*RIN-A8 Protect strategic road corridors that are predominately State Roads (Category 1-3) under Tasmanian Road Hierarchy which include: The Midland Highway*

The Perth Structure Plan identifies that the land could be subdivided to create around 55 residential lots.

It is submitted that a contemporary noise assessment should be undertaken by the proponent to determine the actual extent of noise impacts is required.

The Department's advice that the nearest bus stops for the subdivision are Main Road/Phillip Street which is 450-480m from the site, which is considered an acceptable walking distance, is noted.

The Department's comment regarding subdivision design is relevant to future applications for subdivision, but not to this draft amendment for rezoning.

## 9 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The draft amendment was placed on public notification from 23 January 2023 to 20 February 2023. No representations from the public were received.



## 10 OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

Council can report to the Tasmanian Planning Commission that:

- The representation has merit, and the draft amendment should be rejected; or
- The representation does not have merit and the draft amendment should be approved.

## 11 OFFICER'S COMMENTS/CONCLUSION

The Land Use Planning and Approvals Act requires a draft amendment to the LPS to be consistent with the objective 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 Department of State Growth commented that:

*The land proposed to be rezoned to the General Residential Zone is adjacent to the Midland Highway (Perth bypass). Prior to construction of the Perth bypass, State Growth noise modelling identified that, once constructed, noise impacts may occur beyond the 50-metre road or railway attenuation area.*

*As part of the assessment of the suitability of the land for residential purposes, a contemporary noise assessment should be undertaken by the proponent to determine the actual extent of noise impacts. Without such an assessment, State Growth considers the draft amendment does not demonstrate consistency with policy RIN-P4 and actions RIN-A7 and RIN-A8 of the Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (regional strategy).*

Policy RIN-P4 and actions RIN-A7 and RIN-A8 of the Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy are:

*RIN-P4 Recognise the Department of State Growth Road Hierarchy and protect the operation of major road and rail corridors (existing and planned) from development that will preclude or have an adverse effect upon existing and future operations.*

*RIN-A7 Protect the region's road and rail infrastructure network and enable a transition between compatible land uses and an adequate separation between conflicting development that would compromise safe and efficient operations of existing and future planned road and rail corridors.*

*RIN-A8 Protect strategic road corridors that are predominately State Roads (Category 1-3) under Tasmanian Road Hierarchy which include: The Midland Highway*

The Perth Structure Plan identifies that the land could be subdivided to create around 55 residential lots.

It is therefore considered that the draft amendment has the potential to adversely impact the operation of the state highway. It is submitted that a contemporary noise assessment should be undertaken by the proponent to determine the actual extent of noise impacts is required.

It is therefore recommended that the draft amendment be rejected.

Should the draft amendment not be rejected, it is recommended that the Perth Specific Area Plan, which applies to the General Residential Zone adjoining the land, should also apply to the subject land.

## 12 ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Amendment 03 to NMLPS Section 40 K Report to TPC [11.1.1 - 7 pages]
2. Draft amendment 03 - Department of State Growth submission [11.1.2 - 2 pages]
3. Draft amendment 03 - Tas Water Submission to Planning Authority Notice [11.1.3 - 1 page]



## 11.2 SECTION 40K REPORT ON DRAFT AMENDMENT 04 TO THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE, 18 WILMORES LANE, 116, 120 & 140 CATHERINE STREET AND 130 BRICKENDON STREET, LONGFORD

File: 13/026/007/171  
Responsible Officer: Des Jennings, General Manager  
Report prepared by: Paul Godier, Senior Planner

### MINUTE NO. 23/089

#### DECISION

Cr Goss/Cr Terrett

That the Council planning authority, under section 40K of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, provide the Tasmanian Planning Commission with the report at attachment 11.2.1 of this report in relation to draft amendment 04 to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule:

- 1) Stating that, in relation to the merit of the representation, the planning authority is of the opinion that the draft amendment ought not to be modified; and
- 2) Stating that the draft amendment meets the LPS criteria; and
- 3) Recommending that the Tasmanian Planning Commission give its approval to the draft amendment.

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

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

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council planning authority, under section 40K of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, provide the Tasmanian Planning Commission with the report at attachment 11.2.1 of this report in relation to draft amendment 04 to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule:

- 1) Stating that, in relation to the merit of the representation, the planning authority is of the opinion that the draft amendment ought not to be modified; and
- 2) Stating that the draft amendment meets the LPS criteria; and
- 3) Recommending that the Tasmanian Planning Commission give its approval to the draft amendment.

### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report advises the Northern Midlands Council planning authority of a representation received to draft Amendment 04 to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) and recommends a response to the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC).

### **2 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

Under the Northern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2013, 18 Wilmores Lane, 116 Catherine Street, 120 Catherine Street, 140 Catherine Street and 130 Brickendon Street were zoned Rural Resource.

Council's draft LPS proposed to apply the Agriculture Zone to the land.

Representations to the draft LPS requested that 116 and 120 Catherine Street and 18 Wilmores be revised from the Agriculture Zone to the Rural Living Zone C.





The TPC held hearings into the representations to the draft LPS in June 2022. The TPC's decision was received on 4 October 2022:

The Commission agrees that the Rural Living Zone C is consistent with the regional strategy, and therefore is consistent with RLZ 2 (a). The Commission is of the opinion that the Rural Living Zone C should also be applied to 140 Catherine Street and 130 Brickendon Street in order to provide a contiguous zoning pattern in the area.

The TPC directed to the Northern Midlands Council to:

Revise the zoning of 18 Wilmores Lane (folio of the Register 116434/3), 116 Catherine Street (folio of the Register 168940/1) and 120 Catherine Street (folio of the Register 168940/2), 140 Catherine Street (folio of the register 116434/2) and 130 Brickendon Street, Longford (folio of the register 116434/1) to Rural Living Zone C.

#### **Draft Amendment 04 to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule**

Under section 35KB(1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, the Tasmanian Planning Commission directed the Northern Midlands Council planning authority to prepare draft amendments under Part 3B of the Act, of the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule.

#### **Wilmores Lane, Catherine Street, and Brickendon Street, Longford**

Apply the Rural Living Zone C to 18 Wilmores Lane (folio of the Register 116434/3), 116 Catherine Street (folio of the Register 168940/1) and 120 Catherine Street (folio of the Register 168940/2), 140 Catherine Street (folio of the register 116434/2), 130 Brickendon Street, Longford (folio of the register 116434/1) and adjoining road centrelines and reserved roads, as shown in Figure 1 below:



Figure 1 – Application of the Rural Living Zone at Longford

*^Draft Amendment*

### **3 STRATEGIC PLAN & INTEGRATED PRIORITY PROJECTS PLAN**

#### **3.1 Strategic Plan 2021-2027**

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- 1.2 Councillors serve with integrity and honesty

**3.2 Integrated Priority Projects Plan 2021**

This plan has been developed with a coordinated perspective to align with local, regional, state and federal plans. Rather than grouping projects by town or assembling a long list of 'nice to have' projects, this plan takes a Council-wide view of needs and opportunities in relation to the strategic investment drivers in the region. This matter has relevance to:

Not applicable.

**4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications.

**5 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

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

40K. Report to Commission about draft amendments

(1) A planning authority, within 35 days after the end of the exhibition period in relation to a draft amendment of an LPS in relation to the municipal area of the planning authority or a longer period allowed by the Commission, must provide to the Commission a report in relation to the draft amendment of an LPS.

(2) The report by a planning authority in relation to the draft amendment of an LPS 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

(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

(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

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

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

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

(3) Without limiting the generality of subsection (2)(e), the recommendations in relation to a draft amendment of an LPS may include recommendations as to whether –

(a) a provision of the draft amendment of an LPS is inconsistent with a provision of the SPPs; or

(b) the draft amendment of an LPS should, or should not, apply a provision of the SPPs to an area of land; or

(c) the draft amendment of an LPS should, or should not, contain a provision that an LPS is permitted under section 32 to contain.

(4) A planning authority must not include in a recommendation in relation to a draft amendment of an LPS a recommendation to the effect that the content of a provision of the SPPs should be altered.

**6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications to Council.





## 7 RISK ISSUES

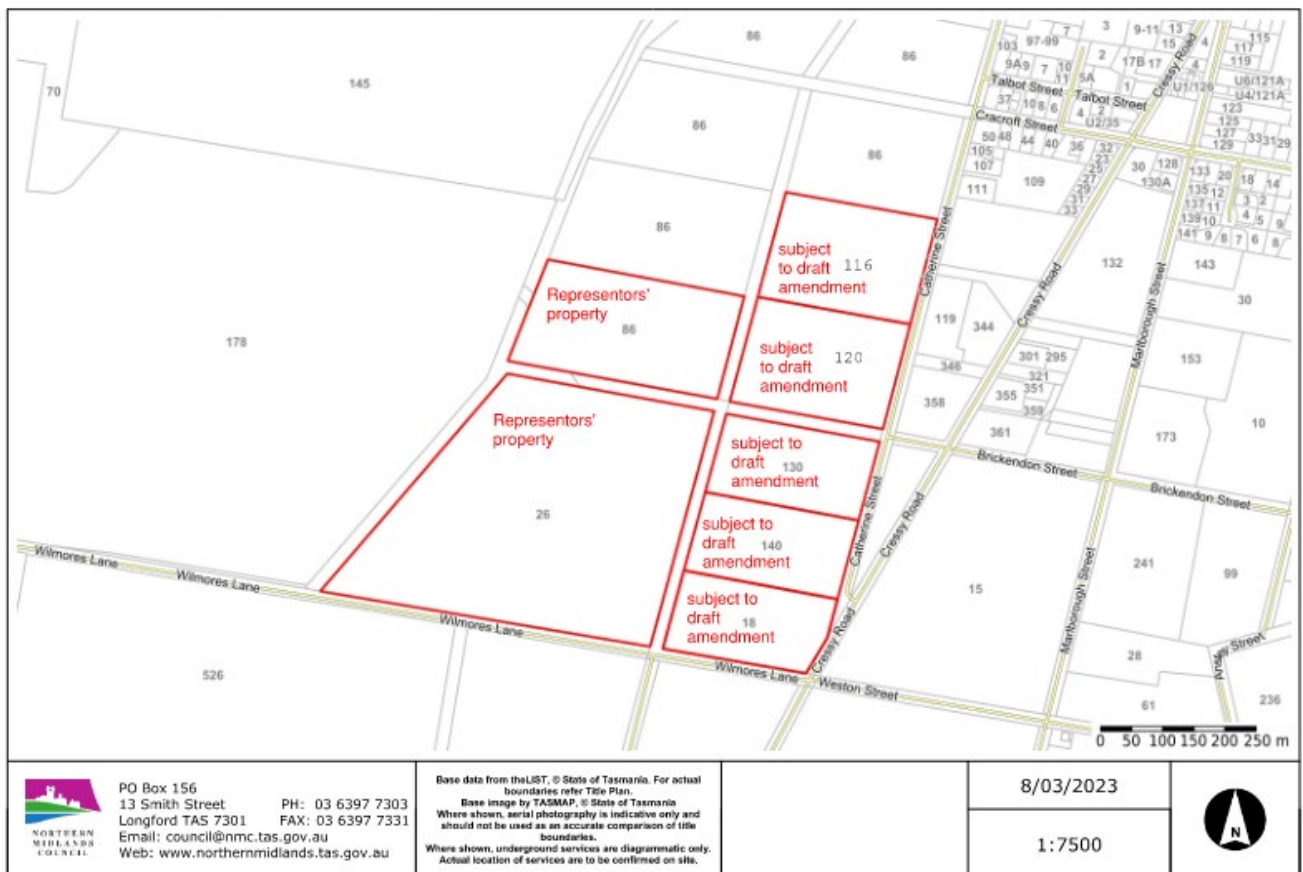
No risk issues to Council are identified.

## 8 CONSULTATION WITH STATE GOVERNMENT

The Council planning authority notified the Department of State Growth and TasWater of the draft amendment. Tas Water advised that it does not object and has no formal comments for the Tasmanian Planning Commission in relation to the matter. The Department of State Growth did not provide a submission.

## 9 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The draft amendment was placed on public notification from 23 January 2023 to 20 February 2023. One representation (attached) was received, from Rebecca Green & Associates on behalf of Martin and Nerinda McConnon, owners of 26 Wilmores Lane, Longford (CT54261/7) and Lot 6 Catherine Street, Longford (CT54260/6). The representation is considered in this report.



### ^Location of representors' properties in relation to the subject site

*I have been engaged by the owners of 26 Wilmores Lane, Longford (CT54261/7) and Lot 6 Catherine Street, Longford (CT54260/6), Martin and Nerinda McConnon to lodge a representation on their behalf against the proposed draft amendment 04, to the Local Provisions Schedule of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Northern Midlands. My clients properties, are located immediately to the west of the lands subject to the draft amendment, together with a licenced portion of the unmade section of Wilmores Lane in which they are licensees (DPIPWE Ref: 256669).*

*In 2016 a residential use was approved by the Council (P16-154) at 18 Wilmores Lane within the Rural Resource Zone under the Northern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2013. The residential use (dwelling and sheds) was applied for and approved as the use was considered at the time of approval to not constrain or conflict with resource development uses on adjoining land, and vice versa. In*



2017 a residential use was approved (P17-094) at 140 Catherine Street with the same justification as P16-154. Similarly, a new residence has been recently constructed at 130 Brickendon Street.

My clients sought and gained planning approval in February 2019 (PLN18-0312) on land at 26 Wilmores Lane for a dwelling and shed as it was demonstrated that the dwelling was integral and subservient to resource development under P1.1 a) of 26.3.2 of the Northern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2013. Intensive grazing was proposed, and hay production in relation to my clients established Hampshire Down sheep stud. To date the resource development use is established and the shed has been constructed.

My clients have concerns that a change in zoning from Agriculture to Rural Living C on the adjacent properties to the east will impose further constraints on their ability to use the land for resource development, and potential further uses that supports the use of the land for agricultural uses. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Rural Living Zone use table allows a greater number of permissible land uses, particularly of note is the No Permit Required use classification of a single dwelling, which would have no consideration of the constraints on adjoining land in the Agriculture zone a residential use may pose, where these two zones will be bordering each other.

The proposed zone change is inconsistent with the LPS criteria in that it is not consistent with the regional land use strategy and there is no strategic plan, prepared under section 66 of the Local Government Act 1993, that applies in relation to the subject lands. A strategic review of the settlement strategy of Longford must be undertaken firstly to determine if any changes to the zoning are warranted. This draft amendment is therefore premature.

It is noted that AZ6(e) of Guideline No.1 provides that land identified as potentially suitable for agriculture may be considered for alternative zoning if the land has limited or no potential for agriculture. This may be the case for the lands subject to the draft amendment, provided that agricultural assessment provides sufficient evidence to support the conclusion that the lands have limited agricultural potential and that the Rural Zone should be applied instead of the Rural Living Zone due to the lack of local strategic plans/ structure plans at this point in time for the area.

My clients therefore strongly oppose the draft amendment 04 for the Rural Living zone to be applied to land adjoining their properties due to demonstrated and future potential land use conflict and constraints for agricultural use(s) and believe that as there is a lack of local strategic plans for the area, the change is zoning is premature.

Response: Completion Certificates under the *Building Act 2016* have been issued for single dwellings on 18 Wilmores Lane (P16-154), 140 Catherine Street (P17-222), and 130 Brickendon Street (B21-81). A house exists on 120 Catherine Street (folio of the Register 168940/2). 116 Catherine Street (folio of the Register 168940/1) is vacant.

The concern raised in the representation regarding the impact of uses permitted in the Rural Living Zone on the agricultural use of the land is considered to be without merit for the following reasons.

Completion Certificates under the *Building Act 2016* have been issued for single dwellings on 18 Wilmores Lane (P16-154), 140 Catherine Street (P17-222), and 130 Brickendon Street (B21-81). A house exists on 120 Catherine Street (folio of the Register 168940/2). 116 Catherine Street (folio of the Register 168940/1) is vacant.

Under the Rural Living C Zone:

- New lots can be no smaller than 4.5ha, in accordance with clause 11.5.1 P1. None of the lots subject to the draft amendment could be further subdivided as they all have an area less than 9ha.
- Multiple Dwellings are prohibited.
- To comply with the acceptable solution, a building for sensitive use must be separated from an agricultural use not less than 200m or if the setback of an existing building is within 200m, not less than the existing building
- Visitor accommodation permitted use. If located in a new building must be separated from an agricultural use not less than 200m or if the setback of an existing building is within 200m, not less than the existing building or comply with the performance criteria:
- Buildings for a sensitive use must be sited so as to not conflict or interfere with uses in the Agriculture Zone or Rural Zone, having regard to: (a) the size, shape and topography of the site; (b) the separation of any existing



buildings for sensitive uses on adjoining properties; (c) the existing and potential use of adjoining properties; (d) any proposed attenuation measures; and (e) any buffers created by natural or other features

Consideration is given to the following alternative zones:

- Rural Zone. Domestic Animal Breeding, Boarding or Training, and Storage, if for (a) a contractors yard; (b) freezing and cooling storage; (c) grain storage; (d) a liquid, solid or gas fuel depot; or (e) a woodyard are Permitted uses, with buildings for these uses to be setback at least 5m from all boundaries. Such permitted uses have the potential to impact on the amenity of the existing dwellings on adjoining land. Application of the Rural Zone to the land is therefore not supported.
- Low Density Residential Zone. This zone is considered inappropriate as it allows multiple dwellings as a discretionary use, with setbacks of at least 5m from all boundaries. It is noted that if the land were zoned Low Density Residential and the Longford Specific Area Plan NOR-S6.0 were applied to the land, multiple dwellings would be prohibited under clause NOR-S6.5 and lot size would be an absolute minimum of 8,000m<sup>2</sup> under clause NOR-S6.8.3.

The Northern Midlands Council Strategic Plan 2021-2027 was adopted at the Council meeting held on 16 August 2021. The Strategic Plan applies to the Northern Midlands Municipality and therefore applies to the subject lands. The draft amendment is not inconsistent with the Strategic Plan

## **10 OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

Council can report to the Tasmanian Planning Commission that:

- The representation does not have merit and the draft amendment should be approved; or
- The representation has merit, the draft amendment does not meet the LPS criteria, and the draft amendment should be rejected; or
- The representation has merit, the draft amendment does not meet the LPS criteria, and the draft amendment should be modified to the Rural Zone; or
- The representation has merit, the draft amendment does not meet the LPS criteria, and the draft amendment should be modified to the Low Density Residential Zone and be subject to the Longford Specific Area Plan.

## **11 OFFICER'S COMMENTS/CONCLUSION**

The draft amendment is considered to meet the LPS criteria as discussed in the attached report. It is found that the Rural Living C Zone has provisions for the protection of land in the Agriculture Zone, the lots are already developed with single dwellings and the zone does not allow for further subdivision or multiple dwellings.

## **12 ATTACHMENTS**

1. Draft Amendment 04 to NMLPS Section 40 K Report to TPC [**11.2.1** - 7 pages]
2. Draft Amendment 04 Representation [**11.2.2** - 2 pages]
3. Draft amendment 04 - Tas Water Submission to Planning Authority Notice [**11.2.3** - 1 page]



### 11.3 SECTION 40K REPORT ON DRAFT AMENDMENT 06 TO THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE, FOLIO OF THE REGISTER 169994/1, HONEYSUCKLE ROAD, ROSS

File: 13/026/007/171  
Responsible Officer: Des Jennings, General Manager  
Report prepared by: Paul Godier, Senior Planner

#### MINUTE NO. 23/090

##### DECISION

Cr Adams/Cr Terrett

That the Council planning authority, under section 40K of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, provide the Tasmanian Planning Commission with the report at attachment 11.3.1 of this report in relation to draft amendment 06 to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule:

- 1) Stating that in relation to the merit of the representation, the planning authority is of the opinion that the draft amendment ought not to be modified; and
- 2) Stating that the draft amendment meets the LPS criteria; and
- 3) Recommending that the Tasmanian Planning Commission give its approval to the draft amendment.

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

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

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council planning authority, under section 40K of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, provide the Tasmanian Planning Commission with the report at attachment 11.3.1 of this report in relation to draft amendment 06 to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule:

- 1) Stating that in relation to the merit of the representation, the planning authority is of the opinion that the draft amendment ought not to be modified; and
- 2) Stating that the draft amendment meets the LPS criteria; and
- 3) Recommending that the Tasmanian Planning Commission give its approval to the draft amendment.

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report advises the Northern Midlands Council planning authority of a representation received to draft Amendment 06 to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) and recommends a response to the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC).

## **2 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

Folio of the Register 169994/1 (the Land) was zoned Rural Resource and Priority Habitat under the Northern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2013. The Land is subject to a Restrictive Covenants pursuant to section 34 of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*.

Council's draft Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) proposed to zone the land Agriculture. The State Planning Provisions do not allow a Priority Vegetation Area to be applied to the Agriculture Zone.

Representations to the draft LPS requested that land with a restrictive covenant pursuant to section 34 Nature Conservation Act be zoned Landscape Conservation or Rural and that the Priority Vegetation Area be applied.



The Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) held hearings into the representations to the draft LPS in June 2022. The TPC's decision was received on 4 October 2022. Regarding the land the decision states:

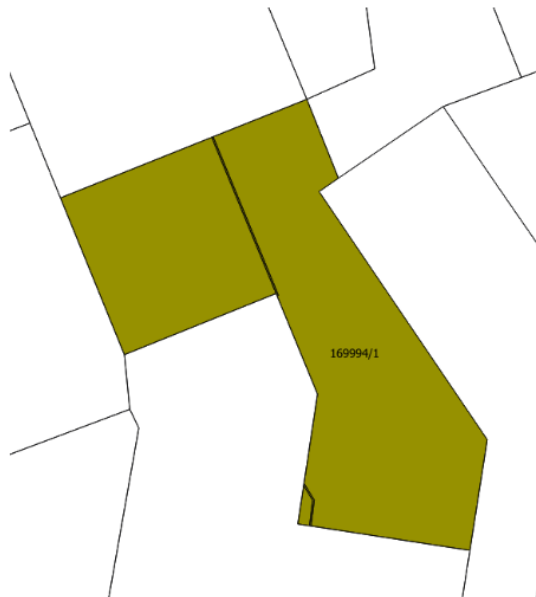
The representors requested that land subject to conservation covenants, or land which is not included in the State land potentially suitable for the agriculture zone mapping, be revised to the Landscape Conservation Zone or the Rural Zone. The rezoning of these titles to either the Rural Zone or Landscape Conservation Zone would allow the Priority Vegetation Area overlay to be applied.

Commission decision under section 35KB

201. Draft amendment directed to the Northern Midlands LPS:

Revise the zoning of properties (including Folio of the Register 169994/1) to Landscape Conservation and apply the Priority Vegetation Area overlay consistent with the Regional Ecosystem Model as show below:

Apply the Landscape Conservation Zone to Honeysuckle Road, Ross (folio of the Register 169994/1) and reserved road as shown in Figure 5 below:



Apply the Priority Vegetation Area overlay to Honeysuckle Road, Ross (folio of the Register 169994/1) and adjoining reserved roads, as shown in Figure 6 below:





### 3 STRATEGIC PLAN & INTEGRATED PRIORITY PROJECTS PLAN

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#### 3.2 Integrated Priority Projects Plan 2021

This plan has been developed with a coordinated perspective to align with local, regional, state and federal plans. Rather than grouping projects by town or assembling a long list of 'nice to have' projects, this plan takes a Council-wide view of needs and opportunities in relation to the strategic investment drivers in the region. This matter has relevance to:

Not applicable.

### 4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

### 5 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

#### 5.1 Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993

*40K. Report to Commission about draft amendments*

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*(c) the draft amendment of an LPS should, or should not, contain a provision that an LPS is permitted under section 32 to contain.*





*(4) A planning authority must not include in a recommendation in relation to a draft amendment of an LPS a recommendation to the effect that the content of a provision of the SPPs should be altered.*

## **6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications to Council.

## **7 RISK ISSUES**

No risk issues to Council are identified.

## **8 CONSULTATION WITH STATE GOVERNMENT**

The Council planning authority notified the Department of State Growth of the draft amendment. Tas Water advised that it does not object and has no formal comments for the Tasmanian Planning Commission in relation to the matter. The Department of State Growth did not provide a submission.

## **9 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

The draft amendment was placed on public notification from 23 January 2023 to 20 February 2023. One representation (attached) was received from Peter White on behalf of Peter, Jae and Brock White.

The representation states:

*I wish to apply for a grazing permit to our land with reference folio of the Register 169994/1.*

*We have owned this land since April 2015 and now that I have retired, we need to be able to graze the property to generate some form of income.*

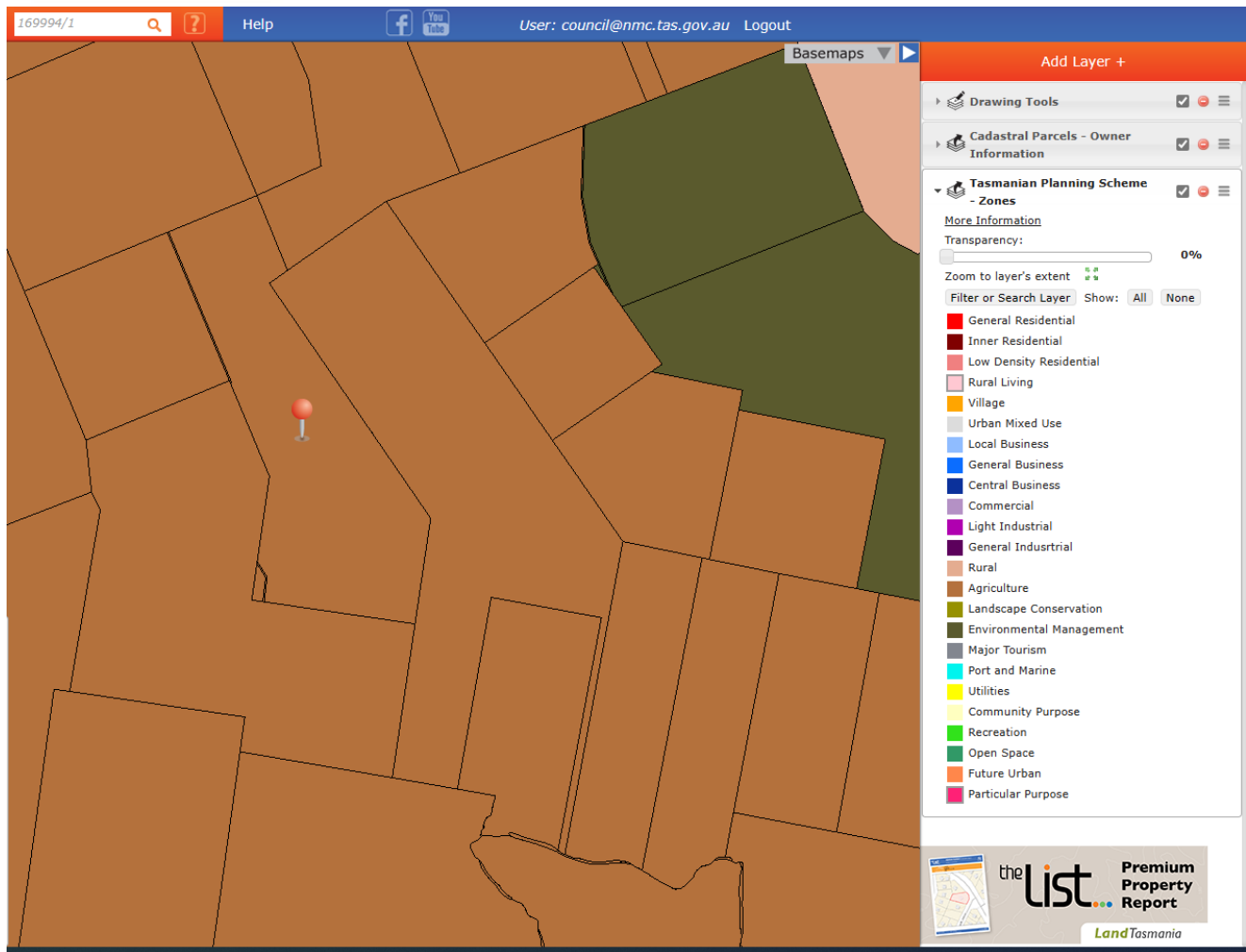
*This income is required to repair and, in most instances, replace the boundary fences that have had no attention for many years by the previous owners and adjoining neighbours.*

*We look forward to a favourable response to our request regarding grazing permission.*

In relation to grazing, the restrictive covenant states that the owner agrees not to introduce exotic species except livestock for grazing the land as the Minister authorises in writing. This applies regardless of zone the Land is in.

The Landscape Conservation Zone does not prohibit grazing. Grazing (resource development) is a discretionary use in the Landscape Conservation Zone and must be compatible with landscape values having regard to the nature, scale and extent of the use, the characteristics and type of the use, the landscape values of the site, the landscape value of the surrounding area, and measures to minimize or mitigate impacts.

Grazing is 'no permit required' in the Rural zone and the Agriculture zone. Under the State Planning Provisions, a Priority Vegetation Area can be applied to the Rural Zone and the Landscape Conservation Zone, but it cannot be applied to the Agriculture Zone.



^Subject site – Agriculture Zone

## 10 OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

Council can report to the Tasmanian Planning Commission that:

- The representation does not have merit and the draft amendment should be approved; or
- The representation has merit, the land should be zoned Rural, or Agriculture, and the draft amendment should be rejected.

## 11 OFFICER'S COMMENTS/CONCLUSION

The draft amendment is considered to meet the LPS criteria as discussed in the attached report. It is found that the Landscape Conservation Zone provisions allow for a permit for grazing to be applied, while allowing the application of the Priority Vegetation Area to the land.

## 12 ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Amendment 06 to NMLPS Section 40 K Report to TPC [11.3.1 - 5 pages]
2. Draft Amendment 06 - Representation [11.3.2 - 1 page]
3. Draft Amendment 06 - Tas Water Submission to Planning Authority Notice [11.3.3 - 1 page]





## 12 COUNCIL ACTING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY: CESSATION

### MINUTE NO. 23/091

#### DECISION

Cr Terrett/Cr Adams

That the Council cease to act as a Planning Authority under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, for the remainder of the meeting.

Carried Unanimously

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council cease to act as a Planning Authority under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, for the remainder of the meeting.



## 13 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

### 13.1 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) - 2023 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT: CALL FOR MOTIONS AND CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Responsible Officer: Des Jennings, General Manager

Report prepared by: Des Jennings, General Manager

#### MINUTE NO. 23/084

#### DECISION

Cr Adams/Cr Terrett

That Council

- a) note the report and the provision within the policy for
  - i) Mayor Mary Knowles, and
  - ii) Deputy Mayor Lambertto attend the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra from 13 to 16 June 2023; and
- b) submit the following motions for consideration at the ALGA conference:
  - Provision of Funding Streams to Local Government to improve liveability and provide sporting facilities

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

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

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) note the report and the provision within the policy for
  - i) Mayor Mary Knowles, and
  - ii) Deputy Mayor Lambertto attend the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra from 13 to 16 June 2023; and
- b) submit the following motions for consideration at the ALGA conference:
  - i) ...
  - ii) ...

## 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to determine any notices of motion to be submitted for consideration at the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government Conference to be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 13 to 16 June 2023.

## 2 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Convened annually by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), the National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government is the peak annual event for Local Government, the event provides a unique opportunity for Local Government to engage directly with the Federal Government, to develop national policy and to influence the future direction of councils and our communities.



The theme for the 2023 Annual event is *Our Communities, Our Future*, this theme conveys the critical importance of our communities, how they are the focus of our attention, and how they are at the centre of all our work. Our communities are the reason that local governments exist, and it is the health and wellbeing of our communities that will shape Australia's future.

The attached discussion paper is a call for councils to submit motions for debate at the 2023 NGA. A notice of motion to this year's NGA should either:

- Focus on practical and deliverable programs and policies that the Australian Government can support and work directly with the local government sector to build our communities; or
- New program ideas that would help the local government sector to deliver national objectives.

Motions should be concise, practical and able to be implemented, and must also meet the guidelines for motions outlined in the discussion paper.

Each year, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) writes to Councils inviting them to participate in that year's National General Assembly (NGA) by submitting a notice of motion.

Motions must be lodged electronically using the online form and be received no later than **11:59pm on Friday 24 March 2023**.

#### **a) Submission of Motions**

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

- Be relevant to the work of local government nationally.
- Not be focused on a specific jurisdiction, location or region – unless the project or issue has national implications.
- Be consistent with the themes of the NGA.
- Complement or build on the policy objectives of ALGA and your state or territory local government association.
- Be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association.
- Propose a clear action and outcome i.e. call on the Australian Government to act on something.
- Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.
- Address issues that will directly improve the capacity of local government to deliver services and infrastructure for the benefit of all Australian communities.
- Not seek to advance an outcome that would result in a benefit to one group of councils to the detriment of another.
- Be supported by sufficient evidence to support the outcome being sought and demonstrate the relevance and significance of the matter to local government nationally.

Motions must commence with the following wording: *This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to ...*

The attached discussion paper provides guidance to councils developing Motions for Debate at the National General Assembly.

#### **b) The Conference**

This year, the National General Assembly of Local Government is to be held in Canberra from 13 to 16 June.



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#### 3.2 Integrated Priority Projects Plan 2021

This plan has been developed with a coordinated perspective to align with local, regional, state and federal plans. Rather than grouping projects by town or assembling a long list of 'nice to have' projects, this plan takes a Council-wide view of needs and opportunities in relation to the strategic investment drivers in the region. This matter has relevance to:

Not applicable.

### 4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Attendance at the conference is in accordance with Council's *Councillors Allowances, Travelling & Other Expenses* Policy, as follows:

#### 6. CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

*The budget will be allocated to the following conferences*

*LGAT & LGMA conference to be attended by up to 6 councillors*

*ALGA conference attended by Mayor & Deputy Mayor*

*Australian Roads conference attended by 1 councillor*

*'Other' conferences and seminar sessions as approved.*

*Attendance to all conferences, seminars and training sessions with a cost in excess of \$150 are to be in compliance with a resolution of the Council, except on emergency situations, where approval must be given by a unanimous approval from Council Executive.*

*Attendance to all conferences, seminars and training sessions with a cost in excess of \$200 are to be in compliance with a resolution of the Council, except on emergency situations, where approval must be given by a unanimous approval from Council Executive.*

*Following attendance of a conference by any councillor, a report must be submitted to Council setting out the relevance to local government, and the benefits that can be further investigated by Council. Where two or more councillors attend a conference, a joint report may be submitted.*

### 5 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

N/a.

### 6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fee to submit a motion.

Council each year allocates a budget for elected members to attend conferences and professional development, the



2022/2023 budget allocation is \$20,140. An amount of \$9,468 has been expended to end February 2023, with \$10,672 still available of the allocation.

Registration costs are as follows:

- Registration per attendee Early Bird \$895 before 19 May 2023;
- Registration per attendee for Virtual Delegates \$689;
- Registration for the Regional forum is \$425
- Accommodation prices at approximately \$350 to \$500 per night.
- Return flights to Canberra are approximately \$500 to \$1,200;

Historically, two elected members and the General Manager have attended the NGA Conference.

## **7 RISK ISSUES**

There is no risk in submitting a motion to the NGA.

## **8 CONSULTATION WITH STATE GOVERNMENT**

N/a.

## **9 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

N/a.

## **10 OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

Council is to consider whether or not to submit a motion or motions to the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government conference.

## **11 OFFICER'S COMMENTS/CONCLUSION**

The report provides the necessary background to the conference.

Advice on Council's nominated representatives (**or expressions of interest from Councillors**) is sought along with notice of motions.

Motions must be lodged electronically using the online form and be received no later than **11:59pm on Friday 24 March 2023**.

It should be noted the ALGA Program for the NGA has not yet been made available and will be circulated on receipt thereof.

## **12 ATTACHMENTS**

1. NGA 2023 - Call for Motions - Discussion Paper [**13.1.1** - 20 pages]



## 13.2 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM - LAYCOCK STREET PLAYGROUND

Responsible Officer: *Des Jennings, General Manager*  
Report prepared by: *Lorraine Green, Project Officer*

### MINUTE NO. 23/085

#### DECISION

Cr Adams/Cr Archer

That Council approve the nomination of the Laycock Street (Longford) Playground Development project for funding through Phase Four of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, with the Laycock Street Playground project to receive \$500,768.

Carried

Voting for the Motion:

Mayor Knowles, Deputy Mayor Lambert, Cr Adams, Cr Andrews, Cr Archer and Cr Goss

Voting Against the Motion:

Cr Terrett

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the nomination of the Laycock Street (Longford) Playground Development project for funding through Phase Four of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, with the Laycock Street Playground project to receive \$500,768.

### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to:

- i) provide Council with background on the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI), and
- ii) seek Council's approval for the nomination of the Laycock Street Playground Development project for funding through Phase Four of the LRCI Program.

### **2 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

The Federal Government created the LRCI Program in 2020 to support all Australian Councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects to achieve a community-led recovery from COVID-19 by supporting local jobs, firms and procurement (Councils are required to, where possible, use local businesses and workforces to deliver the projects). The Program is administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

The Federal Government determines the funding allocation to each Council by a formula that takes into account road length and population. Councils are required to nominate projects for approval by the Federal Government Delegate.

The LRCI Program is now entering its fourth year of funding.

In Phase One of the Program Council received \$960,936; \$993,841 in Phase Two, and \$1,921,874 in Phase Three, with this funding allocated as follows:

Phase One:

- |   |            |
|---|------------|
| • Longford Sports Centre Upgrade and Expansion: | \$ 575,936 |
| • Ross Village Green Development:               | \$ 385,000 |



Phase Two:

• Cressy Swimming Pool Complex Upgrade:	\$ 200,000
• Cressy Recreation Ground Upgrade:	\$ 107,571
• Gatty Street Western Junction Detention Basin:	\$ 126,270
• Longford Waste Transfer Station Recycling Centre:	\$ 100,000
• Longford Sports Centre Squash Courts Upgrade:	\$ 50,000
• Seccombe Street Reserve Perth Amenities Facility:	\$ 60,000
• Talisker Street Perth Amenities Facility:	\$ 100,000
• Perth Recreation Ground Electronic Scoreboard:	\$ 90,000
• Campbell Town War Memorial Oval Irrigation System	\$ 160,000

Phase Three:

• Perth Early Learning Centre Development:	\$ 1,121,874
• Cressy Swimming Pool Complex Upgrade:	\$ 600,000
• Cressy Recreation Ground Upgrade:	\$ 100,000
• Pioneer Park Evandale Playground Redevelopment:	\$ 100,000

(The Phase Three projects have a completion deadline of 30 June 2023. The playground redevelopment has experienced delays and the plan for the playground has yet to be finalised. As this project cannot be completed by 30 June 2023, Council has requested the funding be reallocated to the redevelopment of the Pioneer Park public toilet block).

The Federal Government originally allocated \$500 million to Phase Four of the LRCI Program, and Council was advised our allocation was \$960,937. The Albanese Government has allocated a further \$250 million to Phase Four of the Program and Council has not yet been advised of the allocation made to the Northern Midlands.

It is anticipated Council will within the next month be requested to nominate projects for funding through Phase Four. Council has been advised the funding will be allocated from 1 July 2023, with projects to be delivered by 30 June 2025.

### 3 STRATEGIC PLAN & INTEGRATED PRIORITY PROJECTS PLAN

#### 3.1 Strategic Plan 2021-2027

The Strategic Plan 2021-2027 provides the guidelines within which Council operates.

**Lead: Serve with honesty, integrity, innovation and pride**

**Leaders with Impact**

**Strategic outcomes:**

- 1.1 Council is connected to the community
- 1.2 Councillors serve with integrity and honesty
- 1.3 Management is efficient, proactive and responsible
- 1.4 Improve community assets responsibly and sustainably

**Progress: Economic health and wealth - grow and prosper**

**Strategic Project Delivery - Build Capacity for a Healthy Wealthy Future**

**Strategic outcomes:**

- 2.1 Strategic, sustainable, infrastructure is progressive

**People: Culture and society - a vibrant future that respects the past**

**Sense of Place - Sustain, Protect, Progress**

**Strategic outcomes:**

- 3.4 Towns are enviable places to visit, live and work

**Place: Nurture our heritage environment**

**Environment - Cherish, Sustain our Landscapes and Preserve, Protect Our Built Heritage for Tomorrow**

**Strategic outcomes:**

- 4.4 Our heritage villages and towns are high value assets





### **3.2 Integrated Priority Projects Plan 2021**

This plan has been developed with a coordinated perspective to align with local, regional, state and federal plans. Rather than grouping projects by town or assembling a long list of 'nice to have' projects, this plan takes a Council-wide view of needs and opportunities in relation to the strategic investment drivers in the region. This matter has relevance to:

Not applicable.

### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

### **5 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

N/A

### **6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council at its February 2023 Meeting resolved to fund \$460,169 of the Longford Memorial Hall Upgrade Project from the LRCI Phase Four allocation of \$960,937.

The Laycock Street Playground Development project in its entirety (including the amenities block and a half-court basketball court) has been costed at \$513,516.

The Memorial Hall Upgrade project will be nominated for a LRCI Program allocation of \$460,169, and it is proposed that the Laycock Street Playground Development be nominated for the remaining \$500,768. As this level of funding is less than the estimated project cost, it is proposed that the half-court basketball court be removed from this stage of the playground's development, as this component of the development was not included in the concept plan that went out for community consultation.

### **7 RISK ISSUES**

If Council is in a position to nominate projects for funding through Phase Four of the LRCI Program as soon as the call for nominations is announced, this will ensure Council is one of the first of the 537 responses the Delegate will receive for approval, and if approved, will allow Council sufficient time to complete the projects by the deadline of 30 June 2025.

### **8 CONSULTATION WITH STATE GOVERNMENT**

N/A

### **9 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

The draft landscape concept plan was received in October 2021 and was released for community consultation in late November 2021 via a feature in the Northern Midlands Courier, Council's facebook page and display at the Council Offices. The closing date for community feedback was 31 January 2022. One response was received from Councillor Brooks who advised several local residents had suggested the incorporation of a basketball court – full or half size.

### **10 OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

Council can either approve or not approve the nomination of the Laycock Street Playground Development for funding through Phase Four of the LRCI Program.



**11 OFFICER'S COMMENTS/CONCLUSION**

The LRCI Program has over the past four years enabled Council to ensure Federal Government stimulus funding flows into our local communities. Phase Four of the LRCI Program will enable Council to continue partnering with the Federal Government to build infrastructure that delivers benefits and supports jobs in our local communities.

**12 ATTACHMENTS**

Nil



### 13.3 COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Responsible Officer: Des Jennings, General Manager

Report prepared by: Lorraine Wyatt, Executive & Communications Officer

#### MINUTE NO. 23/086

#### DECISION

Deputy Mayor Lambert/Cr Andrews

That

- i) Council receive this report; and
- ii) Councillors attend the 2023 ANZAC Day services as follows:

**\* denotes ceremony where wreath is laid by Council**

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| - Avoca Cenotaph – 10.45am *         | - Mayor Mary Knowles OAM                           |
| - Bishopsbourne – 9.00am *           | - Councillor Dick Adams OAM                        |
| - Campbell Town Cenotaph – 6.00am    | - Deputy Mayor Janet Lambert                       |
| - Campbell Town Cenotaph – 11.00am * | - Councillor Alison Andrews AM                     |
| - Cressy Cenotaph – 9.00am *         | - Councillor Richard Goss                          |
| - Evandale Cenotaph – 6.00am -       |  |
| - Evandale Cenotaph – 11.00am *      | - Deputy Mayor Janet Lambert                       |
| - Longford Cenotaph – 6.00am         | - Councillors Dick Adams OAM and Alison Andrews AM |
| - Longford Cenotaph – 11.00am *      | - Councillor Dick Adams OAM                        |
| - Perth Cenotaph – 9.00am *          | - Deputy Mayor Janet Lambert                       |
| - Ross Cenotaph – 6.00am             | - Mayor Mary Knowles OAM                           |
| - Ross Cenotaph – 11.00am *          | - Councillor Richard Archer                        |

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

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

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil

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## 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the 2023 ANZAC Day schedule of services being held across the municipality, and to determine Councillor representation for each township.

## 2 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Observed on the 25 April each year, ANZAC Day is a national day of remembrance which honors the members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps who fought at Gallipoli in World War One, and broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

The following ANZAC Day services will be held Sunday, 25 April 2023:

Location	Organising Committee	Service time/s	
Campbell Town Cenotaph	Campbell Town ANZAC Committee	6:00am	*11:00am
Evandale Cenotaph	Evandale History Society	6:00am	*11:00am
Longford Cenotaph	Northern Midlands RSL	6:00am	*11:00am
Ross Cenotaph	Ross RSL	6:00am	*11:00am
Cressy Cenotaph	Northern Midlands RSL	*9:00am	
Perth Cenotaph	Northern Midlands RSL	*9:00am	
Bishopsbourne Cenotaph	Community	*9:00am	
Avoca Cenotaph	Northern Midlands RSL	*10.45am	

*\*Denotes ceremony where wreath is laid by Council.*

The Northern Midlands Council will again provide traffic management for each ceremony where required.

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Not applicable.

**4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

N/a

**5 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

Road closures must be completed in accordance with legislative and Australian standard requirements.

**6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

A budget allocation of \$16,500 has been approved for costs relative to ANZAC Day Services.

**7 RISK ISSUES**

A risk is presented when implementing a road closure. Engagement of qualified traffic management operators to implement traffic management is required to mitigate the risk.

**8 CONSULTATION WITH STATE GOVERNMENT**

N/a

**9 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

N/a

**10 OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

Council to consider which ceremonies will be attended by Councillors.

**11 OFFICER'S COMMENTS/CONCLUSION**

It is the responsibility of event organisers to advise Tasmania Police of the details of ceremonies and parades.

**12 ATTACHMENTS**

Nil



## 14 COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

### 14.1 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES: MONTHLY REPORT

Responsible Officer: Des Jennings, General Manager

#### MINUTE NO. 23/092

#### DECISION

Cr Goss/Cr Adams

That the report be noted.

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

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

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

#### 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present the Development Services activities as at the month's end.

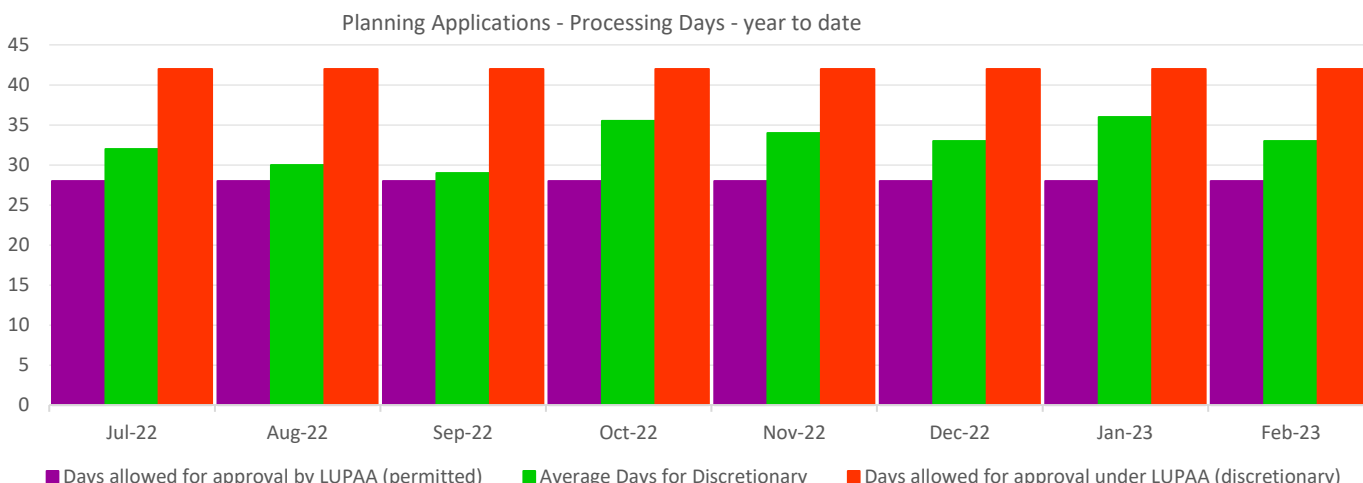
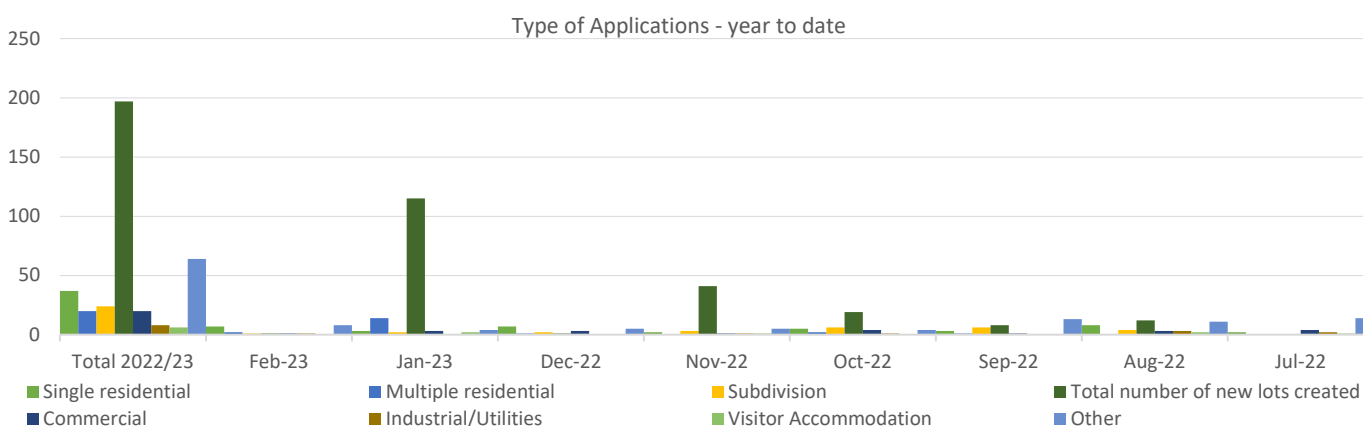
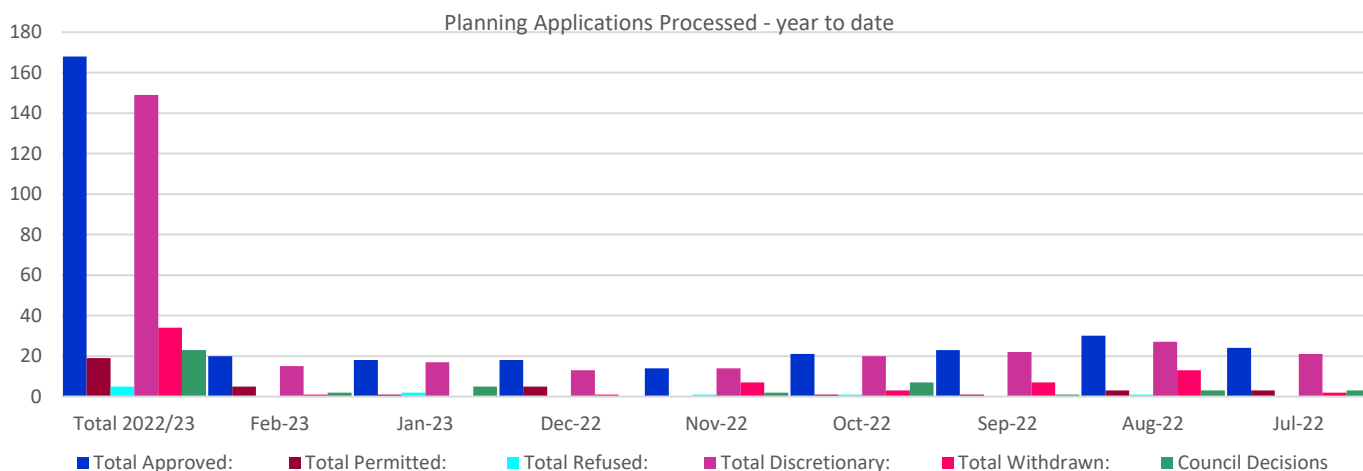
#### 2 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORTING

##### 2.1 Planning Decisions

	Total YTD	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Number of valid applications	137	15	16	17	21	18	20	12	18				
Applications on STOP for further information		47	51	50	38	48	43	64	61				
Single residential	37	2	8	3	5	2	7	3	7				
Multiple residential	20	0	0	1	2	0	1	14	2				
Subdivision	24	0	4	6	6	3	2	2	1				
Total number of new lots created	197	0	12	8	19	41	1	115	1				
Commercial	20	4	3	1	4	1	3	3	1				
Industrial/Utilities	8	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	1				
Visitor Accommodation	6	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	0				
Total permitted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Total discretionary	6	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	0				
Other (includes all residential development on existing dwellings [alterations/ additions, sheds, solar, fences, pools etc])	64	14	11	13	4	5	5	4	8				
Total No. Applications Approved:	168	24	30	23	21	14	18	18	20				
Total Permitted:	19	3	3	1	1	0	5	1	5				
Average Days for Permitted	12.3	11	15	11	23		14	2	10				
Days allowed for approval by LUPAA	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28				
Total Exempt under IPS:	65	12	5	5	6	10	7	10	10				
Total Refused:	5	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0				
Total Discretionary:	149	21	27	22	20	14	13	17	15				
Average Days for Discretionary:	32.8	32	30	29	35.5	34	33	36	33				
Days allowed for approval under LUPAA:	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42				
Total Withdrawn:	34	2	13	7	3	7	1	0	1				
Council Decisions	23	3	3	1	7	2	0	5	2				



Appeals lodged by the Applicant	6	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0				
Appeals lodged by third party	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1				



Project	Details	Address	Applicant	No of LUPAA days	Perm / Disc / Exempt
<b>DELEGATED DECISIONS</b>					
PLN-21-0023 - 1	7 Lot Subdivision - Change to Storm Water Location	12-20 Franklin Street, Campbell Town TAS 7210	PDA Surveyors	4	A
PLN-22-0252	Proposed Dwelling & Shed (Discretionary use; Vary setbacks; Vary car parking numbers; Vary traffic generation at a vehicle crossing)	24-46 Grant Street, Campbell Town TAS 7210	Prime Design	39	D
PLN-22-0269	Dwelling & Shed (Vary frontage setback; Vary driveway surface; Vary access width)	Lot 3, 12 King Street, Cressy TAS 7302	BVZ Designs	41	D

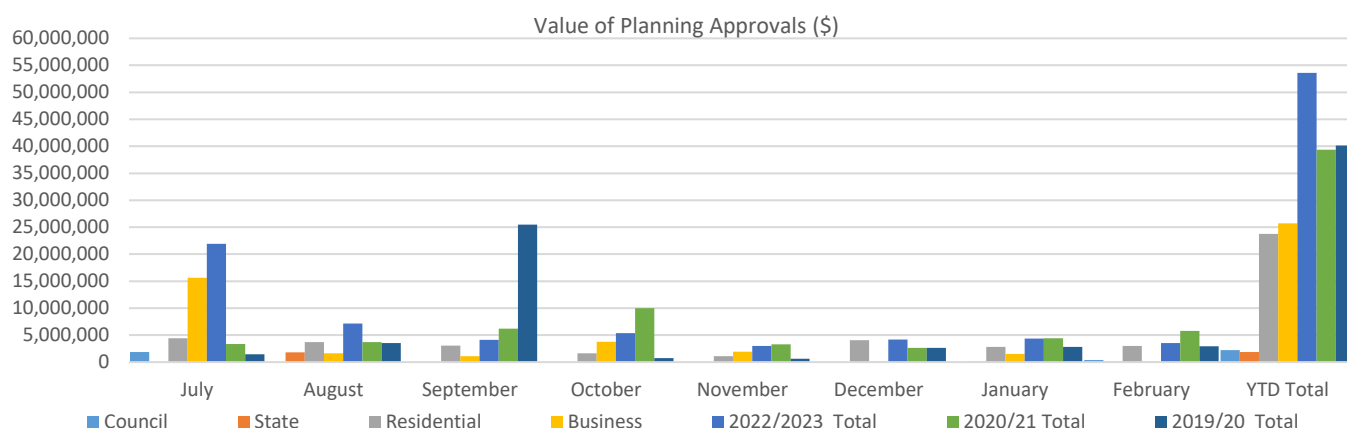




Project	Details	Address	Applicant	No of LUPAA days	Perm / Disc / Exempt
PLN-22-0272	Outbuilding (40ft Shipping Container); Vary development visible from a road.	21 Badajos Street, Ross TAS 7209	Jennifer Free	35	D
PLN-23-0003	Dwelling & Shed (Vary discretionary use in zone; Vary setback of sensitive use; Vary construction of parking areas)	141 Woolmers Lane (CT104175/1), Perth TAS 7300	Woodburyco Design	33	D
PLN-23-0007	Dwelling (Vary Parking Area Provisions)	5B Bedford Street, Campbell Town TAS 7210	Design to Live	35	D
PLN-23-0009	Carport (Vary Side Setback, Vary Building Envelope)	11B Drummond Crescent, Perth TAS 7300	Peter & Jennie Allen	30	D
PLN-23-0012	Dwelling (\$6.0 Longford Specific Area Plan; C9.0 Attenuation)	5 Monastery Court, Longford TAS 7301	Abode Designer Homes	26	D
PLN-23-0013	New Shed - including Demolition of Existing Shed	U 1/42 Frederick Street, Perth TAS 7300	Cheryl Towns	33	D
PLN-23-0014	Solar Panels (Local Heritage Precinct)	29 Church Street, Ross TAS 7209	James & Leonie Dennis	29	D
PLN-23-0015	Secondary Residence & Shed inc Demolition of Existing Shed (Vary NW Boundary Setbacks, Attenuation, Heritage Precinct)	27 George Street, Longford TAS 7301	Prime Design Tas	34	D
PLN-23-0016	Proposed Shed (Vary Side Setbacks)	500 Nile Road, Evandale TAS 7212	Engineering Plus	26	D
PLN-23-0020	Shed x 2 (Vary Side [N] Setback)	140 Catherine Street, Longford TAS 7301	Wayne Burrows	29	D
PLN-23-0024	Dwelling (\$6.0 Longford Specific Area Plan, C9.0 Attenuation),	5a Monastery Court, Longford TAS 7301	Abode Designer Homes	21	D
PLN-23-0018	Alteration of Amenities Block inc. Demolition of Existing Amenity Block	Longford Caravan Park, Archer Street (Abel Tasman Ave), Longford TAS 7301	Northern Midlands Council	14	P
PLN-23-0022	Shipping Container	14 Baker Street, Rossarden TAS 7213	Ella Roles	8	P
PLN-23-0023	Amenities Block	573 Woolmers Lane, Longford TAS 7301	QUBE Containers Tas	12	P
PLN-23-0030	Replace Existing Structure with new Shade Structure (12mx6m)	112-118 Main Street, Cressy TAS 7302	Joshua Wing	6	P
PLN-23-0034	Alterations & Additions to Existing Dwelling	388 Marlborough Street, Longford TAS 7301	Design to Live	8	P
<b>COUNCIL DECISIONS</b>					
PLN-22-0238	2 Lot subdivision and develop and use new 222m2 (+/-) lot for passive recreation	Folio of the Register 160400/2 with frontage to Main Street and Macquarie Street, Cressy TAS 7302	Rebecca Green & Associates	42	C
PLN-22-0268	Multiple dwellings (2)	Lot 2, 12 King St Cressy	BVZ Designs	40	C
<b>COUNCIL DECISIONS - REFUSAL</b>					
<b>DELEGATED DECISIONS - REFUSAL</b>					

## 2.2 Value of Planning Approvals

	Current Year			2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021	2019/2020
	Council	State	Residential	Business	Total	Total	Total
July	1,850,000	0	4,399,020	15,650,000	21,899,020	4,380,747	3,377,500
August	0	1,820,000	3,710,844	1,625,000	7,155,844	3,781,274	3,709,500
September	0	0	3,027,900	1,070,000	4,097,900	14,817,000	6,189,000
October	0	0	1,603,800	3,749,700	5,353,500	2,638,795	9,987,000
November	0	0	1,087,616	1,936,000	3,023,616	6,052,219	3,281,226
December	0	0	4,073,613	81,000	4,154,613	2,319,458	2,617,240
January	0	9,000	2,843,000	1,514,000	4,366,000	10,548,446	4,413,100
February	385,000	46,092	3,015,275	105,000	3,551,367	16,541,550	5,788,780
<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>2,235,000</b>	<b>1,875,092</b>	<b>23,761,068</b>	<b>25,730,700</b>	<b>53,601,860</b>	<b>61,079,489</b>	<b>39,363,346</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						<b>91,715,427</b>	<b>59,101,247</b>
							<b>55,891,900</b>



### 2.3 Matters Awaiting Decision by TASCAT & TPC

TASCAT	TASMANIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
PLN-22-0185	Appeal P/2022/169. 81 Brickendon Street, Longford. Appeal against Council's refusal of a 6 lot subdivision. The Tribunal held a preliminary conference on 21 November 2022. Hearing listed for 2 March 2023 adjourned at applicant's request. Directions hearing listed for 31 March 2023 to set a timetable for the further negotiations or hearing listing.
PLN-21-0223	Appeal 152/215. 102 & 104 Marlborough Street, Longford. Appeal against Council's refusal of 7 multiple dwellings. The Tribunal held a preliminary conference on 17 January 2022. Mediation being undertaken. Consent agreement being prepared for presentation to appellant.
PLN/22/218	Appeal P/2022/187. Powranna Road, Appeal against Council's refusal of a grain silo development. Preliminary conference held 12 January 2023. Matter stood down until 14 March 2023 at the appellant's request.
PLN-22-0243	Appeal P/2023/6. 5 Eskleigh Road, Perth. Appeal against refusal of a 2 lot subdivision. Preliminary conference held 25 January 2023. Hearing listed for 29 March 2023.
PLN-22-0211	Appeal P/2023/14. 110 Main Street and Saundridge Road Cressy. Appeal against Council's approval of proposed village for over '55s consisting of 8 dwellings and communal garden, removal of trees and hedge (Retirement Village). Preliminary conference held 27 February 2023.
<b>Decisions received</b>	
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TPC	TASMANIAN PLANNING COMMISSION
LPS-NOR-TPS	<p>Tasmanian Planning Scheme. The State Planning Provisions (SPPs) came into effect on 2/3/2017. They will have no practical effect until the Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) is in effect in a municipal area. Northern Midlands Council's Draft Local Provisions Schedule submitted to the Commission 19/12/2019. Post lodgement meeting held 5/5/2020. Matters raised by the Commission and recommended response tabled at the 29/6/2020 Council meeting. Remaining responses to post lodgement enquiries provided 28/08/2020. Submission of response to post lodgement enquiries made by TPC due 5/2/2021. Meeting held between Council and Commission staff to discuss these matters held 20/1/2021. Response provided to TPC 12/2/2021. TPC requested further clarifications 16/3/2021. Response provided 8/4/2021. Section 32(4) responses to final TPC queries provided 6/5/2021. Minister's declarations issued 31 May 2021 were included on 28 June Council agenda. GIS consultant made map changes required by the Minister. Provided to TPC 19/7/2021. TPC advised 13/8/2021 of final mapping changes needed for exhibition. GIS consultant made map changes required by the Minister. Provided to TPC 19/7/2021. 6/10/2021, received direction to publicly exhibit draft Local Provisions Schedule. Draft Local Provisions Schedule on public exhibition from 22 October to 21 December 2021. Section 35F report on representations to be presented to Council meeting of 21 February 2022. Deferred until 21 March meeting to get information on the process if Council supports any of the representations. Section 35F report on representations considered at Council meeting of 21 March 2022. Report sent to Tasmanian Planning Commission 28 March 2022. Hearings held 8-10 June 2022.</p> <p>On 4 October 2022 Council received notice under section 35K(1)(a) and section 35KB(4)(a) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 from the Tasmanian Planning Commission which advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The delegates have finalised their consideration of the Northern Midlands draft Local Provisions Schedule (draft LPS) under section 35J of the Act.</li> <li>They consider modifications are required and have issued a decision under section 35K(1) and 35KB.</li> <li>They have directed the Planning Authority to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) modify the draft LPS, under section 35K(1)(a) of the Act, in accordance with the notice at Attachment 2 to the decision (completed);</li> <li>(b) submit the modified draft LPS to the Commission under section 35K(2)(a) within 28 days (1 November 2022) (completed);</li> <li>(c) to prepare draft amendments under section 35KB(4)(a)(i) of the Act in the terms specified in the notice at Attachment 3 to the decision; and</li> <li>(d) to submit the draft amendments to the Commission under section 35KB(4)(a)(iii) of the Act within 42 days after the Northern Midlands LPS comes into effect (to be submitted by 21 December 2022).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Notice of approval of the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule was published in the Gazette specifying that the State Planning Provisions and the Local Provisions Schedule, which are as part of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, came into effect on 9 November</p>

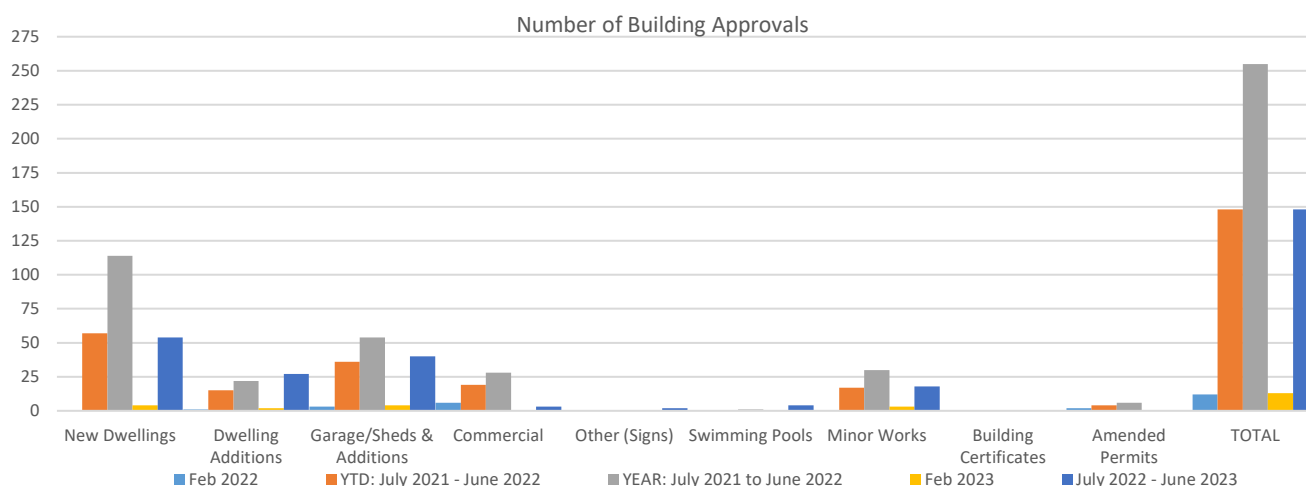


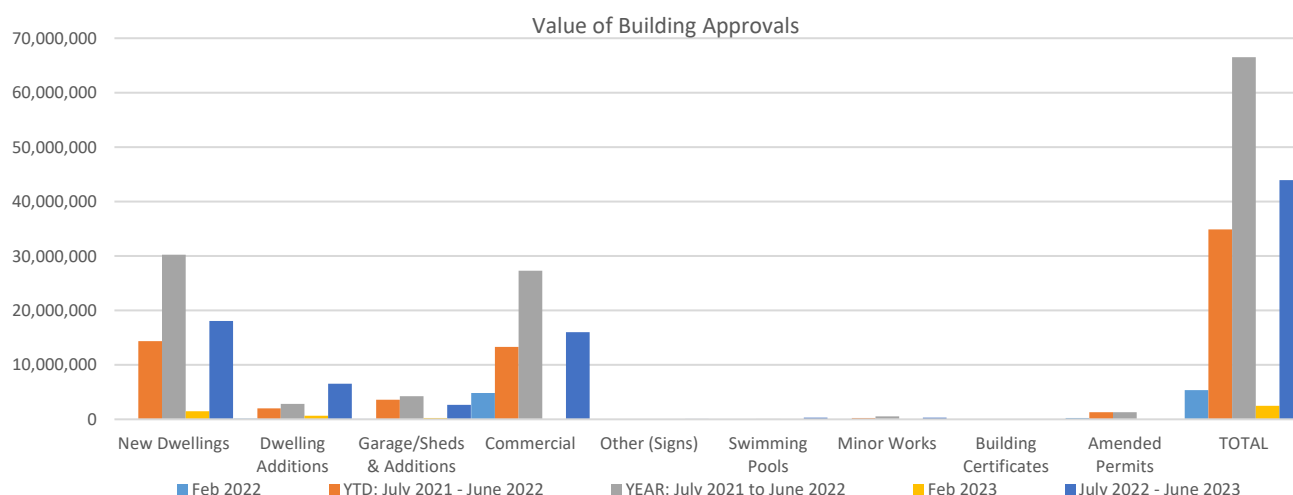
TPC TASMANIAN PLANNING COMMISSION	
	2022. In accordance with section 51 of the Act, applications lodged from 12 October 2022 are assessed against the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Northern Midlands and applications that were valid before 12 October 2022 continue to be assessed against the Northern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2013. Draft amendments to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) that the Tasmanian Planning Commission directed the Council to prepare under section 35KB (1) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993. Public exhibition closed 20 February 2023. Report on representations to be considered at Council meeting of 20 March 2023.
PLN-22-0056	Draft Amendment 03/2022 to rezone part of folio of the Register 173776/1 to General Residential in conjunction with an s43A application for a 3 Lot subdivision. Placed on public exhibition. TPC has been advised that no representations were received. Report under section 40K provided to TPC on 12 January 2023 as required. Awaiting Commission's decision.
PLN-22-0065	Draft Amendment 04-2022 to rezone part of 7 Wellington St, Longford, extend urban growth boundary and insert site specific qualification. Public notification until 29 July 2022. No representations. Information provided as required by TPC on 4 November 2022. GIS mapping required by TPC being prepared. Hearing set for 16 March 2023.
PLN-22-0183	Draft Amendment 01 to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule. Translink Specific Area Plan. On public exhibition for 28 days until 15 January 2023. No representations received. TPC advised.
PLN21-0214	Draft Amendment 02 to the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule. 21 Macquarie Street, Cressy. On public exhibition for 28 days until 15 January 2023. No representations received. TPC advised.
DECISIONS RECEIVED	
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## 2.4 Building Approvals

The following table shows a comparison of the number and total value of building works for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

	YEAR: 2021-2022				YEAR: 2022-2023			
	Feb 2022		YTD 2021-2022		July 2021 - June 2022		Feb-2023	
	No.	Total Value	No.	Total Value	No.	Total Value	No.	Total Value
		\$		\$		\$		\$
New Dwellings	0	0	57	14,374,913	114	30,244,148	4	1,494,000
Dwelling Additions	1	150,000	15	2,033,000	22	2,848,500	2	660,000
Garage/Sheds & Additions	3	79,020	36	3,623,690	54	4,236,238	4	274,000
Commercial	6	4,845,000	19	13,275,930	28	27,270,305	0	0
Other (Signs)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swimming Pools	0	0	0	0	1	70,000	0	0
Minor Works	0	0	17	258,896	30	525,174	3	54,307
Building Certificates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amended Permits	2	260,000	4	1,295,000	6	1,295,000	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5,334,020</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>34,861,429</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>66,489,365</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2,482,307</b>
<b>Inspections</b>								
Building	0		2		38		0	
Plumbing	11		231		316		18	





## 2.5 Planning and Building Compliance – Permit Review

Below are tables of inspections and action taken for the financial year.

	This Month	2022/2023	Total 2021/2022
Number of Inspections	4	60	18
Property owner not home or only recently started			
Complying with all conditions / signed off	1	1	2
Not complying with all conditions			
Re-inspection required	2	50	12
Notice of Intention to Issue Enforcement Notice		5	
Enforcement Notices issued		1	2
Enforcement Orders issued			
Infringement Notice			
No Further Action Required	1	9	4

	This Month	2022/2023	Total 2021/2022
Number of Inspections	3	15	
Property owner not home or only recently started			
Complying with all conditions / signed off			
Not complying with all conditions			
Re-inspection required		4	
Building Notices issued			
Building Orders issued			
No Further Action Required	3	11	

	This Month	2022/2023	Total 2021/2022
Number of Inspections	12	59	11
Commitment provided to submit required documentation	6	9	
Re-inspection required	4	33	8
Building Notices issued	3	10	1
Building Orders issued		4	
Emergency Order		3	1
No Further Action Required	2	17	3

	This Month	2022/2023	Total 2021/2022
Number of Inspections	8	33	29
Commitment provided to submit required documentation	2	2	3
Re-inspection required	5	21	21
Enforcement Notices issued	1	2	2
Enforcement Orders Issued			
Notice of Intention to Issue Enforcement Notice issued			3
No Further Action Required	1	10	5

## 3 STRATEGIC PLAN & INTEGRATED PRIORITY PROJECTS PLAN

### 3.1 Strategic Plan 2021-2027

The Strategic Plan 2021-2027 provides the guidelines within which Council operates.



**Progress: Economic health and wealth - grow and prosper**

**Strategic Project Delivery - Build Capacity for a Healthy Wealthy Future**

**Strategic outcomes:**

2.1 Strategic, sustainable, infrastructure is progressive

**People: Culture and society - a vibrant future that respects the past**

**Sense of Place - Sustain, Protect, Progress**

**Strategic outcomes:**

3.1 Sympathetic design respects historical architecture

3.2 Developments enhance existing cultural amenity

3.4 Towns are enviable places to visit, live and work

**Place: Nurture our heritage environment**

**Environment - Cherish, Sustain our Landscapes and Preserve, Protect Our Built Heritage for Tomorrow**

**Strategic outcomes:**

4.1 Cherish and sustain our landscape

4.2 Meet environmental challenges

4.4 Our heritage villages and towns are high value assets

### **3.2 Integrated Priority Projects Plan 2021**

This plan has been developed with a coordinated perspective to align with local, regional, state and federal plans. Rather than grouping projects by town or assembling a long list of 'nice to have' projects, this plan takes a Council-wide view of needs and opportunities in relation to the strategic investment drivers in the region. This matter has relevance to:

**Enabling Project/s:**

*Projects which are considered to be incrementally important – usually by improving existing facilities or other complementary upgrades to infrastructure (does not include Council's business as usual projects including renewal and maintenance of existing assets)*

5.4 Subdivisions:

*Several at Cressy, Evandale, Longford & Perth - the Northern Midlands Council is a planning authority with responsibilities specified in the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (LUPAA). These responsibilities include developing planning schemes, proposing amendments to planning schemes, supporting or rejecting changes proposed by others and making decisions on individual developments in accordance with the planning scheme. Several significant subdivisions in the Northern Midlands region have recently been identified and are in various stages of conceptual design or planning.*

## **4 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

### **4.1 Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993**

The planning process is regulated by the *Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993*, section 43 of which requires Council to observe and enforce the observance of its planning scheme.

### **4.2 Building Act 2016**

The *Building Act 2016* requires Council to enforce compliance with the Act.

## **5 RISK ISSUES**

Lack of public awareness is a risk to Council. If people are not aware of requirements for planning, building and plumbing approvals, this may result in work without approval. Council continues to promote requirements to ensure the public is aware of its responsibility when conducting development.



## **6 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Discretionary applications are placed on public notification in accordance with Section 57 of the *Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993*.

From time to time, articles are placed in the Northern Midlands Courier and on Council's Facebook page, reminding the public of certain requirements.

## **7 OFFICER'S COMMENTS/CONCLUSION**

There have been 3 commercial building approvals valued a total of \$16,000,000 for 2022/23 (year to date) compared to 19 commercial building approvals valued a total of \$13,275,930 (year to date) for 2021/2022.

In total, there have been 148 building approvals valued at \$43,963,113 (year to date) for 2022/2023 compared to 148 building approvals valued at \$34,861,429 (year to date) for 2021/22.



## 15 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

### 15.1 MONTHLY REPORT: FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Responsible Officer: Maree Bricknell, Corporate Services Manager

Report prepared by: Maree Bricknell, Corporate Services Manager

#### MINUTE NO. 23/093

##### DECISION

Cr Goss/Cr Andrews

That Council:

- i) receive and note the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 28 February 2023, and
- ii) authorise Budget 2022/23 alterations as listed in Item 4.

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

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

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

- i) receive and note the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 28 February 2023, and
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### 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present the monthly financial reports as at 31 March 2023.

### 2 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The Monthly Financial Summary for the period ended 31 March 2023 is circulated for information.

### 3 STRATEGIC PLAN & INTEGRATED PRIORITY PROJECTS PLAN

#### 3.1 Strategic Plan 2021-2027

The Strategic Plan 2021-2027 provides the guidelines within which Council operates.

**Lead: Serve with honesty, integrity, innovation and pride**

**Leaders with Impact**

**Strategic outcomes:**

- 1.1 Council is connected to the community
- 1.2 Councillors serve with integrity and honesty
- 1.3 Management is efficient, proactive and responsible
- 1.4 Improve community assets responsibly and sustainably

#### 3.2 Integrated Priority Projects Plan 2021

This plan has been developed with a coordinated perspective to align with local, regional, state and federal plans. Rather than grouping projects by town or assembling a long list of 'nice to have' projects, this plan takes a Council-wide view of needs and opportunities in relation to the strategic investment drivers in the region.





#### 4 ALTERATIONS TO 2022-23 BUDGET

Following a budget review of income and expenditure items the following alterations/variances are highlighted and explained:

##### SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

For Month Ending:

28-Feb-23

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A. Operating Income and Expenditure						
	Budget	Year to Date Budget 42%	Actual	(\$,000)	Target 100%	Comments
Rate Revenue	-\$12,965,360	-\$12,965,360	-\$13,089,215	\$124	101.0%	99% raised in July 2022
Recurrent Grant Revenue	-\$4,615,318	-\$3,461,489	-\$1,601,518	-\$1,860	46.3%	* 75% Advanced grants paid 21/22
Fees and Charges Revenue	-\$2,552,392	-\$1,701,595	-\$1,755,713	\$54	103.2%	* Fee income above budget
Interest Revenue	-\$1,067,621	-\$711,748	-\$463,211	-\$249	65.1%	Timing variance
Reimbursements Revenue	-\$44,625	-\$29,750	-\$54,613	\$25	183.6%	
Other Revenue	-\$1,542,444	-\$1,028,296	-\$498,718	-\$530	48.5%	Timing variance
	-\$22,787,760	-\$19,898,238	-\$17,462,988	-\$2,435	87.8%	
Employee costs	\$6,415,996	\$4,277,331	\$4,084,213	\$193	95.5%	
Material & Services Expenditure	\$6,053,782	\$4,035,855	\$3,964,213	\$72	98.2%	Insurances paid for full year
Depreciation Expenditure	\$6,651,715	\$4,434,477	\$4,434,555	\$0	100.0%	
Government Levies & Charges	\$1,185,962	\$790,641	\$864,472	-\$74	109.3%	
Councillors Expenditure	\$217,390	\$144,927	\$59,108	\$86	40.8%	
Interest on Borrowings	\$100,368	\$66,912	\$137,174	-\$70	205.0%	Timing variance only
Other Expenditure	\$1,588,999	\$1,059,333	\$863,614	\$196	81.5%	Pension rebate provided for full year
Plant Expenditure Paid	\$569,494	\$379,663	\$486,610	-\$107	128.2%	
	\$22,783,706	\$15,189,137	\$14,893,959	\$295	98.1%	
	-\$4,054	-\$4,709,100	-\$2,569,029			
Gain on sale of Fixed Assets	-\$160,000	-\$106,667	\$0	-\$107	0.0%	
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	\$426,581	\$284,387	\$0	\$284	0.0%	* Asset recognition EOY
Underlying (Surplus) / Deficit	\$262,527	-\$4,531,380	-\$2,569,029		1*	
	\$0		-			
Capital Grant Revenue	-\$8,686,722	-\$5,791,148	-\$2,119,333	-\$3,672	36.6%	* Not paid until milestones met
Subdivider Contributions	-\$345,649	-\$230,433	0	-\$230	0.0%	* Not recognised until EOY
Capital Revenue	-\$9,032,371	-\$6,021,581	-\$2,119,333			
	-		-			
<b>Budget Alteration Requests</b>						
- For Council authorisation by absolute majority		Budget	Budget	Actuals		
		Operating	Capital			
Capital works budget variances above 10% or \$10,000 are highlighted						
<b>February</b>						
Fleet 17 Changeover				20000		
Fleet 2 Deferred to 2023-24				-5000		
Fleet 9 Deferred to 2023-24				-15000		
<b>January</b>						
Original Budget Operating Surplus		\$262,527				Note number of Financial Reports
- Interest on Investments	100300	-\$20,000				1 Additional revenue
				Allocation \$50,000 legal costs, \$150,000 staff resources, \$60,000		
- Governance General Expenditure	101010			\$0EBA bring forward 3 months		2 Allocate existing budget allocation
- Compulsory Election	102200	\$24,000				3 Additional expenditure
- Youth Program Grant revenue	502949.7	-\$17,944				4 Additional revenue
- Youth Program Grant expenditure	502997/998	\$17,944				Additional expenditure
- Rate Certificate Income	202100	-\$10,000				5 Additional revenue
				2 monthly service		
- Alcohol & Drug random testing	207110	\$2,000				6 Additional expenditure
- Road verges and widening land purchases	104200	\$12,000				7 Additional expenditure
- Longford Care-a-car reimb for car purchase	501050	-\$18,500				8 Capital funding



- Tourism - Re-assign Project	507439 / 507620	Contra income and \$0expenditure \$77,000	9 Grant expenditure
- Aerated Wastewater Rates	339650	\$24,103	10 Reduced revenue
- Aerated Wastewater expenses	339800	-\$20,000	11 Reduced expenditure
- Planning Fees	323150	\$50,000	12 Reduced revenue
- Building Permit Authority	323592	-\$10,000	13 Additional revenue
- Works - Longford Hay St depot cleanup	400625	Reallocate \$6,000 from \$0400300	14 Reallocate existing budget
- GIS / Asset Management	324455	Reallocate \$30,000 from \$0324470	15 Reallocate existing budget
- Pisa Bridge grant	326213	-\$39,550	16 Capital grant funding
- Bridge Maintenance	409080	\$40,000Guard rail replacement	17 Additional expenditure
- Penstocvk Valve - Union St, Lfd	505640	-\$20,000	18 Capital grant funding
- Detention Basin Gatty Street, W/Junction	505641	-\$40,000	19 Capital grant funding
- Levve Gate Automation for Back Creek	505658	-\$33,137	20 Capital grant funding
- Perth Cemetery	450430	\$3,000Minor improvements	21 Additional expenditure
- Community Infrastructure Grants Phase 2	509030	-\$189,063	22 Capital grant funding
- South Est river walkway	509040	-\$33,078	23 Capital grant funding
- Cressy Rec Ground Cricket Net upgrade	515778.6	-\$22,050	24 Capital grant funding
- Lake Leake building improvements	508550	\$15,000	25 Additional expenditure
- Evandale Medical Centre lease	511820	\$9,000 Lease terminated	26 Reduced revenue
- Ctown Memorial Complex	513250	-\$20,000	27 Additional revenue
Allocation from Public Building Improvements		Building compliance / -\$100,000WHS works	28 Additional expenditure
Less Capital Revenue listed above		\$395,378	
<b>New Operating Surplus</b>		<b>\$261,630</b>	
Change = Surplus decrease		<b>-\$897</b>	

#### Capital

- Public Open Space - land	New	\$130,000	C1 New budget allocation
- Evandale Cricket Nets	708038	\$25,000	C2 Additional Budget required
- Perth Cricket Nets	708040	\$11,645	C3 Additional Budget required
- Evandale Pioneer Park toilet upgrade	708063	\$110,000 grant \$0reallocation	C4 Tfr from Playground upgrade
- Ross Rec Ground Dog Park	708070	\$4,730	C5 Additional Budget required
- Ross Village Green	708071	-\$6,099	C6 Reallocation to 708074
- Ross Rec Grandstand replacement	708074	\$6,099	C6 Reallocation from 708071
- Lfd Sports Centre - Footpath	707752.96	-\$73,000	C7 Tfr to 707869.5
- Cressy Pool Improvements	707869.5	\$73,000	C7 Additional Budget required
- Public Building Improvements	715350	-\$100,000Tfr to operating	C8 Allocated to Operating accounts
- Talisker St Perth toilet replacement	720133	\$23,170	C9 Additional Budget required
- Marlborough/Wellington St Intersection	751433	\$46,116	C10 Additional Budget required
- Drummond St Perth kerb & channel	751498	\$59,022	C11 Additional Budget required
- Footpath Replacements allocation	750000	-\$88,000	C12 Reallocation of footpath budget
- Footpath Pultney St Lfd	751040.6	\$55,000	C12 Additional Budget required
- Footpath Drummond Street Pth	751498.6	\$33,000	C12 Additional Budget required
- Lfd Wellington/Laycock public open space	751354	\$25,000	C13 Additional Budget required
- Unallocated Stormwater	788575	-\$36,500	C14 Allocation of stormwater
- Phillip St Culvert extension	788623	\$14,000	C14 Additional Budget required
- 136 Main St Cressy stormwater extension	788650	\$19,000	C14 Additional Budget required
- 7 Laycock Street stormwater extension	788652	\$3,500	C14 Additional Budget required
		<b>\$224,683**</b>	

\*\*Additional Capital budget allocation to be funded from projects deferred in 2022/23 or infrastructure reserves and funded in 2023/24

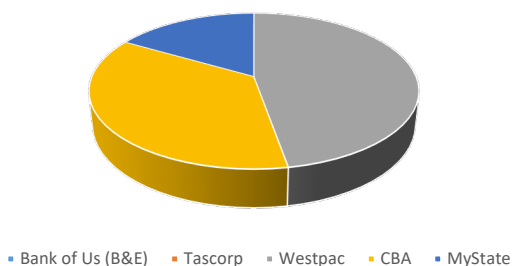
#### B. Balance Sheet Items

	Year to Date Actual	Monthly Change	Same time last year	Comments
<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents Balance</b>	Year to Date			
- Opening Cash balance	\$25,974,971	\$23,684,511		
- Cash Inflow	\$17,231,606	\$6,187,296		
- Cash Payments	-\$21,917,640	-\$8,582,871		
- Closing Cash balance	\$21,288,937	\$21,288,937		
Account Breakdown				
- Trading Accounts	\$2,057,443			

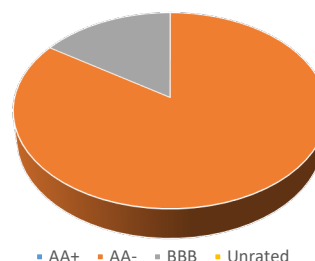


- Investments	\$19,231,493				
	\$21,288,937				
Summary of Investments					
	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate%	Purchase Price	Maturity Value
Tasmanian Public Finance Corporation Call Account	7/02/2023	28/02/2023	3.35	\$5,482	\$5,493
CBA Call Account	1/02/2023	28/02/2023	0.20	\$11	\$11
CBA Business Online Saver	14/02/2023	28/02/2023	3.34	\$289,996	\$290,367
Westpac Corporate Regulated Interest Account	28/02/2023	28/02/2023	3.60	\$996,356	\$996,356
CBA	14/12/2022	14/03/2023	3.91	\$1,014,579	\$1,024,361
CBA	14/06/2022	13/03/2023	3.70	\$1,000,000	\$1,027,573
Westpac	13/10/2022	13/04/2023	1.91	\$4,500,000	\$4,542,857
CBA	14/06/2022	10/05/2023	3.94	\$5,000,000	\$5,178,110
My State Financial	25/05/2022	25/05/2023	2.70	\$3,371,425	\$3,462,454
Westpac - Stimulus	29/12/2022	29/06/2023	3.30	\$1,050,000	\$1,067,278
Westpac - Stimulus	16/12/2022	16/12/2024	1.60	\$3,000,000	\$3,096,132
Total Investments				\$20,227,850	\$20,690,990

Investments by Institution

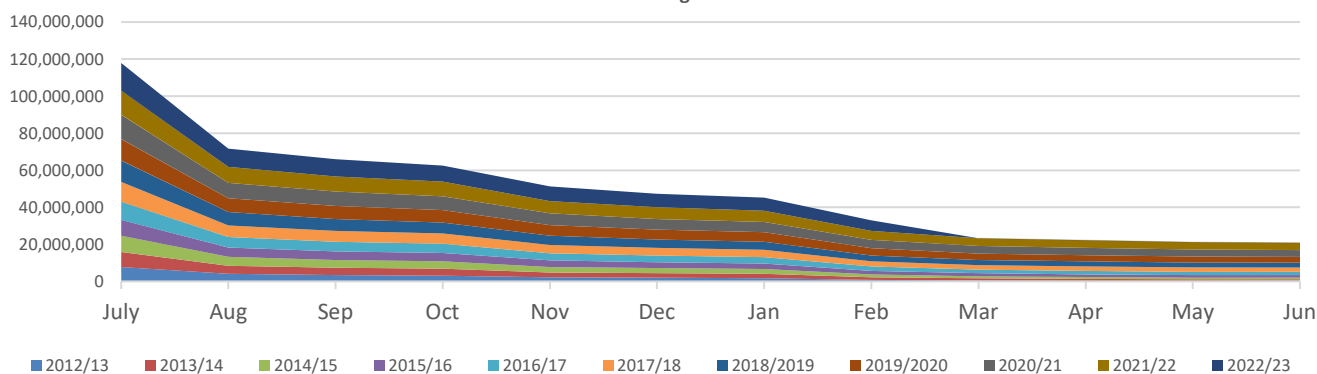


Total Investments by Rating (Standard & Poor's)






Rate Debtors	2022/23	% to Raised	Same Time Last Year	% to Raised
Balance b/fwd	\$3,863,134		\$3,205,341	
Rates Raised	\$13,301,115		\$12,424,398	
	\$17,164,248		\$15,629,739	
Rates collected	\$10,964,380	82.4%	\$10,236,973	82.4%
Pension Rebates	\$526,100	4.0%	\$496,798	4.0%
Discount & Remissions	\$26,659	0.2%	\$25,052	0.2%
	\$11,517,138		\$10,758,823	
Rates Outstanding	\$5,647,110	42.5%	\$4,870,917	39.2%
Advance Payments received	-\$432,476	3.3%	-\$331,944	2.7%

Outstanding Rates


















Trade Debtors		
Current balance	\$1,584,534	
- 30 Days	\$989,389	
- 60 Days	\$10,546	
- 90 Days	\$62,341	














- More than 90 days	\$522,258	
Summary of Accounts more than 90 days:		
- Norfolk Plains Book sales	171	 Paid by outlet as sold
- Hire/lease of facilities	13,621	
- Removal of fire hazards	6,192	
- Dog Registrations & Fines	19,254	 Send to Fines Enforcement
- Private Works	13,297	
- Regulatory Fees	3,323	
- Govt Reimbursements	466,400	
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#### C. Capital Program

	Budget	Actual (\$,000)	Target 67%	Comments
Renewal	\$12,712,857	\$3,631,154	29%	
New assets	\$10,550,316	\$4,911,784	47%	
Total	\$23,263,173	\$8,542,939	37%	
Major projects:				
- Perth Early Learning Centre	\$3,770,064	\$2,670,490	71%	 In progress
- Lfd Memorial Hall upgrade	\$1,820,460	\$132,203	7%	 Commenced
- Lfd Urban Streetscape Improvements	\$1,293,628	\$150,741	12%	 Design stage
- Ctown Urban Streetscape Improvements	\$1,450,000	\$158,323	11%	 Design stage
- Pth Urban Streetscape Improvements	\$1,141,000	\$103,160	9%	 Design stage
- Cry Pool Improvements	\$678,000	\$685,003	101%	 Complete
- Glen Esk Road Reconstruction	\$714,800	\$122,443	17%	 In progress
- Bishopsbourne Road Reconstruction	\$504,900	\$0	0%	
- Lfd Caravan Park Amenities replacement	\$450,000	\$13,049	3%	 Preliminaries
- Evandale Hall Roof replacement	219,700	\$238,672	109%	 In progress
- William Street Footbridge	270,000	\$127,809	47%	 In progress
- Footpath Program	893,500	\$302,723	34%	 Commenced
* Full year to date capital expenditure for 2021/22 provided as an attachment.				

#### D. Financial Health Indicators

	Target	Actual	Variance	Trend	
Financial Ratios					
- Rate Revenue / Total Revenue	56.9%	75.0%	-18.1%	↘	
- Own Source Revenue / Total Revenue	80%	91%	-11.1%	↘	
Sustainability Ratio					
- Operating Surplus / Operating Revenue	-1.2%	14.7%	-15.9%	↘	
- Debt / Own Source Revenue	40.8%	46.8%	-5.9%	↔	
Efficiency Ratios					
- Receivables / Own Source Revenue	39.8%	30.7%	9.1%	↘	
- Employee costs / Revenue	28.2%	23.4%	4.8%	↗	
- Renewal / Depreciation	191.1%	81.9%	109.2%	↗	
Unit Costs					
- Waste Collection per bin	\$14.37	\$16.89		↔	
- Employee costs per hour	\$53.47	\$40.03		↗	
- Rate Revenue per property	\$1,825.08	\$1,842.51		↔	
- IT per employee hour	\$5.45	\$3.98		↘	

#### E. Employee & WHS scorecard

	YTD	This Month	
Number of Employees	104	104	
New Employees	28	1	
Resignations	13	1	

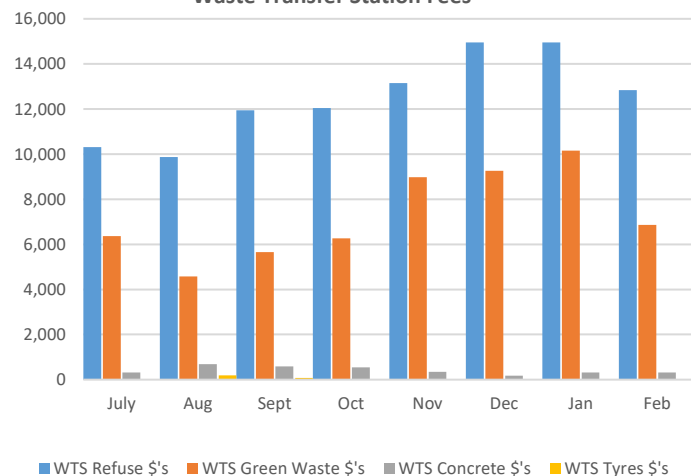


Total hours worked	102,039	11,950	
Lost Time Injuries	0	0	
Lost Time Days	0	0	
Safety Incidents Reported	1	1	
Hazards Reported	7	1	
Risk Incidents Reported	9	2	
Insurance claims - Public Liability	0	0	
Insurance claims - Industrial	0	0	
Insurance claims - Motor Vehicle	4	0	
IT - Unplanned lost time	2	2	
Open W/Comp claims	8	1	

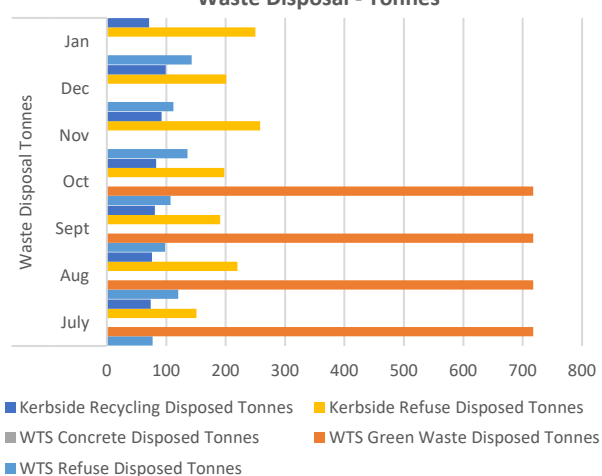
#### F. Waste Management

Waste Transfer Station	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 Budget Year to Date	2022/23	
<b>Takings</b>					
- Refuse	\$119,842	\$135,285	\$88,589	\$100,049	
- Green Waste	\$80,904	\$82,450	\$55,449	\$58,105	
- Concrete	\$2,293	\$2,980	\$1,713	\$3,293	
- Tyres	727	694	\$432	\$257	
Total Takings	\$203,767	\$221,409	\$146,183	\$161,704	
<b>Tonnes Disposed</b>					
WTS Refuse Disposed Tonnes	1432	1349	1062	793	
WTS Green Waste Disposed Tonnes	4670	2760	3393	2870	Mulch quarterly
WTS Concrete Disposed Tonnes	3056	3056	0	0	Crush periodically
Kerbside Refuse Disposed Tonnes	2435	2430	1620	1469	
Kerbside Recycling Disposed Tonnes	1051	1048	863	671	
Total Waste Tonnes Disposed	12644	10643	6938	5803	

Waste Transfer Station Fees



Waste Disposal - Tonnes



## 5 OFFICER COMMENTS

Copies of the financial reports are also made available at the Council office.

## 6 ATTACHMENTS

1. Monthly Financial Report - February 2023 [15.1.1 - 1 page]
2. Monthly Works Infrastructure Capital Report 2022-23 ( February) [15.1.2 - 5 pages]



## 15.2 AUDIT COMMITTEE: EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - MEMBERSHIP

*File:* N/a

*Responsible Officer:* Maree Bricknell, Corporate Services Manager

*Report prepared by:* Maree Bricknell, Corporate Services Manager

### AGENDA ITEM WITHDRAWN

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoint Ms Jan Lynch as member / chairperson of the Northern Midlands Council Audit Committee for a term of four years.

#### 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to appoint an independent Audit Committee member/s.

#### 2 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

All Tasmanian Councils are required to maintain an audit committee/panel. Northern Midlands Council has operated an Audit Committee since 2013 with two external independent members along with two councillors, supported by ex officio members including senior governance, finance and risk management staff.

The process for establishment of an Audit Committee is under section 24 of the Local Government Act 1993 as a Special Committee of the Council. The procedures for the conduct of meetings of the Audit Committee are in accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) 2005.

The Council adopted an updated Audit Committee Policy in February 2022 setting out its terms of reference.

A distinguishing feature of an audit committee is its independence and objectivity from management and governance functions. For councils, an audit committee provides an independent mechanism to review council processes and decision making. However, they are not responsible for management activities, nor can they act as a substitute for management controls or the accountability functions of a council.

The Council called for nominations for independent member/s of its Audit Committee in the Examiner newspaper on 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023, and nominations closed on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

An audit committee must have between three and five members and:

- If the committee has three members, at least one must be an independent person,
- If the committee has four or five members, a minimum of two must be independent persons,
- May contain a councillor/s, other than the mayor of council,
- May be appointed for a period of one to four years, and can be reappointed once their term expires.

An audit committee must not contain:

- The general manager, mayor or a council employee of the council, or
- A councillor or employee of another council.



### **3 STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2027**

#### **3.1 Strategic Plan 2021-2027**

The Strategic Plan 2021-2027 provides the guidelines within which Council operates.

**Lead: Serve with honesty, integrity, innovation and pride**

**Leaders with Impact**

**Strategic outcomes:**

- 1.1 Council is connected to the community
- 1.2 Councillors serve with integrity and honesty
- 1.3 Management is efficient, proactive and responsible
- 1.4 Improve community assets responsibly and sustainably

#### **3.2 Integrated Priority Projects Plan 2021**

This plan has been developed with a coordinated perspective to align with local, regional, state and federal plans. Rather than grouping projects by town or assembling a long list of 'nice to have' projects, this plan takes a Council-wide view of needs and opportunities in relation to the strategic investment drivers in the region. This matter has relevance to:

Not applicable.

### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Council adopted an updated Audit Committee Policy in February 2022 setting out its terms of reference.

### **5 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

The process for establishment of an Audit Committee is under section 24 of the Local Government Act 1993 as a Special Committee of the Council. The procedures for the conduct of meetings of the Audit Committee are in accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) 2005.

### **6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council has allocated \$10,710 in the 2022/23 Budget for the operations of an Audit Committee.

### **7 RISK ISSUES**

There is a risk that Council cannot perform an important function of its operations without at least one independent audit committee member.

### **8 CONSULTATION WITH STATE GOVERNMENT**

N/a

### **9 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Expressions of interest was called via an advertisement in the Examiner newspaper.

### **10 OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

Council has received limited interest for membership of the audit committee and has the option to:

1. Appoint a single independent member, or
2. Appoint two independent members.



**11 OFFICER'S COMMENTS/CONCLUSION**

Councillors Adams and Terrett are Council's internal members of the audit committee.

Former independent audit committee members Mr Ben Coull and Ms Carol Scholes-Robertson recently resigned from the committee due to current work commitments.

**12 ATTACHMENTS**

Attachments are Confidential and held in Closed Council.





### 15.3 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP: PERTH COMMUNITY CENTRE AND PERTH TENNIS COURT

Responsible Officer: Maree Bricknell, Corporate Services Manager

Report prepared by: Maree Bricknell, Corporate Services Manager

#### MINUTE NO. 23/094

#### DECISION

Cr Goss/Cr Adams

That Council agree to accept ownership from Department of Education of the Perth Community Centre and Perth Tennis Court property parcels known as PID 7257319 and PID 7257327

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

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

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council agree to accept ownership from Department of Education of the Perth Community Centre and Perth Tennis Court property parcels known as PID 7257319 and PID 7257327

#### 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider an offer from the Department of Education to accept ownership of the Perth Community Centre and Perth Tennis Courts which have previously been under long-term lease agreements with Council and the Tennis club respectively.

#### 2 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

On 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Council received an email from Brett Chandler, Senior Asset Data and Systems Consultant, Facility Services, Department of Education, Children and Young People enquiring about Council's intentions going forward with the Perth Community Centre building and carpark following the relocation of the childcare services.

Council officers advised that there would be no change to the continued community use of the Perth Community Centre and carpark.

On 1 March 2023 Mr Chandler advised that his department would look at possibly transferring the centre and the carpark to Council as a Section 12 Land Transfer under the Crown Lands Act 1976, if Council approved.

On 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Council advised that Council would also like the Tennis Court to be transferred to Council ownership.

Mr Chandler wrote back on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to advise that the department had a change of mind regarding transfer of the carpark area and would prefer to keep the car park in their ownership, but would consider the transfer of the bulk of the Community Centre and the Tennis Courts to Council as per the following red and orange highlighted areas on the image of the property.



He further advised that the School Association is in the process of determining their support to transfer the Community Centre and Tennis Courts to Council.

The Department is now awaiting Council's acceptance, or otherwise, of this proposed transfer of land.

### 3 STRATEGIC PLAN & INTEGRATED PRIORITY PROJECTS PLAN

#### 3.1 Strategic Plan 2021-2027

The Strategic Plan 2021-2027 provides the guidelines within which Council operates.

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**Leaders with Impact**

**Strategic outcomes:**

- 1.1 Council is connected to the community
- 1.3 Management is efficient, proactive and responsible
- 1.4 Improve community assets responsibly and sustainably

**People: Culture and society - a vibrant future that respects the past**

**Sense of Place - Sustain, Protect, Progress**

**Strategic outcomes:**

- 3.3 Public assets meet future lifestyle challenges
- 3.4 Towns are enviable places to visit, live and work

#### 3.2 Integrated Priority Projects Plan 2021

This plan has been developed with a coordinated perspective to align with local, regional, state and federal plans. Rather than grouping projects by town or assembling a long list of 'nice to have' projects, this plan takes a Council-wide view of needs and opportunities in relation to the strategic investment drivers in the region. This matter has relevance to:

Not applicable.

### 4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

### 5 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The following Acts, legislation, and standards relevant to this matter:



- Crown Lands Act 1976

## **6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The land would be transferred to Council for nil consideration.

Council will have to pay the stamp duty on the land transfer which is a statutory cost payable to the State Revenue Office.

Council would need to pay future ongoing land ownership costs including land tax.

## **7 RISK ISSUES**

Without ownership or a long-term lease agreement Council has a risk that the facilities will not be available for community use and enjoyment.

## **8 CONSULTATION WITH STATE GOVERNMENT**

As described above.

## **9 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

The Perth Tennis Club have been lobbying separately for the ownership of the Tennis Courts to be transferred to Council ownership so that they are able to access infrastructure grant funding to improve their facilities.

## **10 OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

The following are options for Council to consider:

- Accept transfer of Perth Community Centre and Perth Tennis Court land.
- Not accept transfer of Perth Community Centre and Perth Tennis Court land.
- Council request transfer of 50 percent of the carpark in addition to the Community Centre and Tennis Courts.

## **11 OFFICER'S COMMENTS/CONCLUSION**

The land to be transferred comprises of 3,284m<sup>2</sup>.

The Perth Community Centre and Perth Tennis Court property parcels are known as PID 7257319 and PID 7257327.

The community funded the construction of the Perth Community Centre through a Special Rate levied on the Perth township for several years in the 1980's.

## **12 ATTACHMENTS**

1. Email trail - Dept of Education Children and Young People [15.3.1 - 7 pages]



## 16 WORKS REPORTS

### 16.1 STICKY BEAKS CAFE CORNER (CNR WELLINGTON AND MARLBOROUGH STREETS): UPGRADES AND SAFETY

Responsible Officer: Leigh McCullagh, Works Manager

Report prepared by: Jonathan Galbraith, Engineering Officer

#### MINUTE NO. 23/095

#### DECISION

Cr Adams/Cr Andrews

That the JMG report Option Two (steel bollards) be revisited and that a time-line be put in place to implement this recommendation should that be an approved solution. Further that a report be undertaken to develop a detailed analysis for the intersection and the traffic flows in the centre of Longford.

Carried

Voting for the Motion:

Deputy Mayor Lambert, Cr Adams, Cr Andrews, Cr Archer, Cr Goss and Cr Terrett

Voting Against the Motion:

Mayor Knowles

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council Officers continue to lobby the Department of State Growth for funding to carry out a detailed safety analysis of the intersection.

#### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the recently completed works on Stickybeaks Corner and the motion from the Council meeting held on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

#### **2 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

Following safety concerns raised by residents and nearby businesses Council engaged JMG Engineers to review the safety of the intersection and provide some design options for improvement works.

JMG investigated three options:

1. Installing a physical barrier to protect the building
2. Closing Wellington St to through traffic at the intersection in one or both directions – estimated cost \$26,000 - \$42,000
3. Constructing a roundabout. - estimated cost 2.5 million

At the Council meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Council chose option 1, and approved the construction of outstands and concrete planters, as a physical barrier to protect the building.

The JMG report suggested three possible types of barrier to achieve option 1.

- a) Concrete planters (the design chosen by Council)
- b) Steel bollards
- c) Guardrail



Council chose the concrete planters as their preferred barrier type based on the visual appearance and cost. If steel bollards were installed a large number of closely located bollards would have been required.

State Roads have not assessed barrier types b) and c); if a change is to be made to the existing installation (bollards and planters) a detailed assessment, including suitable colours for visibility, would have to be undertaken by the Department.

Council did not support the closing of Wellington Street because of concerns regarding the impact this may have had on businesses and residents in the area, and the construction of the roundabout was not supported due to the cost.

Following this decision from Council the design plan provided by JMG was sent to the Department of State Growth for them to give approval for the works to take place. Approval was received from the Department of State Growth on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

A planning application was approved on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. No representations were received from the public. The application included concept plans from the Council's heritage adviser, David Denman, and as part of this application heritage advice on the appearance of the bollards was provided to Council by Mr. Tony Purse, Council's heritage adviser when Mr Denman has had input to an application on the Council's behalf. The plans were also again referred to the Department of State Growth as part of this process and they accepted the plans without providing any further comment.

Works commenced in November 2022 and were carried out for Council by a contractor.

The matter was discussed at the December 2022 Council meeting prior to the completion of the works and a foreshadowed notice of motion was passed;

FORESHADOWED MOTION

*Deputy Mayor Lambert/Cr Brooks*

- 1. That Council Officer's prepare a report regarding the works at Sticky Beak's Corner (cnr Wellington and Marlborough Streets) to be presented to a future Council Meeting.*
- 2. That the Officers report specifies: works that have been wholly or substantially carried out; other opportunities to improve the safety of the area; and insurance status.*

As a result of this motion Council's Engineering Officer was requested to prepare a report to be presented to a future Council Meeting and Council requested, *"That the Officers report specifies: actions specified in the resolution; whether actions have been wholly or substantially carried out."*

## **2.1 Other opportunities to improve the safety of the area**

The concrete blocks that have been installed provide protection for the building and pedestrians but do not address the issues relating to the design of the intersection. The engineers at JMG who prepared the design options for Council have advised that the only way to further improve safety is to look at the overall intersection layout.

Previous proposals for a roundabout have been considered by Council but have not been progressed due to the costs involved and the need for land acquisition, and that the intersection is a State responsibility.

Marlborough Street and the area of the intersection is the responsibility of the Department of State Growth. Council may choose to continue to lobby the Department of State Growth to do a detailed safety analysis of the intersection and commit funding towards upgrades.

There were three recent crashes at the intersection which caused damage to private buildings and Council Infrastructure. The Department of State Growth has provided historic information regarding reported crashes at the intersection, advising that two crashes occurred in 2014.

The proposed upgrades to the Longford Main Street will assist in traffic calming and therefore reduce the speeds of vehicles approaching from the north, which will improve safety at this intersection.



## 2.2 Insurance status

The proposed works have been certified by a qualified and experienced Civil Engineer who has considered the risks of a vehicle impacting the bollards and the risk that the bollards may obscure a drivers view of pedestrians crossing at the intersection. The site distance when turning at the intersection has also been considered and the site has been inspected by the engineer when works were completed.

Works have also been installed in accordance with the design plans which were approved by the Department of State Growth and funded through their Vulnerable Road Users Program.

Comment from Council's insurer has been sought but nothing received at time of this report being issued.

## 2.3 Concerns regarding compatibility with the heritage values of the area

Following the installation of the concrete blocks John Izzard, a local resident, has raised concerns about compatibility with the heritage values of the area. He contacted Mr. Ian Boersma of Heritage Tasmania who advised that in his opinion the concrete boxes would be more compatible with the heritage values of the area if painted a similar colour to the building.

A design for the cladding of the boxes was developed by Council's heritage advisor Mr. David Denman and the colours used were those recommended by Mr. Denman. As part of the planning process this design was reviewed by an independent architect, Mr. Tony Purse.

Council officers have considered this advice and it is their opinion that the colours that have been chosen are more appropriate for safety at the intersection because there is some contrast between these bollards and the building behind. It is noted that the colours chosen are heritage colours and were recommended by a heritage advisor.



^ Heritage Corner prior to the addition of the verandah

## 2.4 Other concerns raised by Mr. John Izzard

Mr. Izzard has also raised a number of other concerns around the design and approval process for the works, and whether they should be assessed under Vicroads Traffic Barrier Guidelines or other related guidelines. He also expressed concern that the planters may create a traffic hazard.

The design was carried out by an experienced traffic engineer who has experience in intersection and safety barrier design and as they were engaged by Council there was no requirement that they follow the Vicroads Guidelines for the





initial design work. The design was based on using locally produced products that have been certified by the engineers at JMG as being suitable for this location, and in accordance with standard engineering practice an additional factor of safety was applied in the design and calculations.

The design was then assessed and approved by the Department of State Growth and their approval indicates that they were satisfied with the design that was prepared by the traffic engineer.

### **3 STRATEGIC PLAN & INTEGRATED PRIORITY PROJECTS PLAN**

#### **3.1 Strategic Plan 2021-2027**

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**Leaders with Impact**

**Strategic outcomes:**

1.4 Improve community assets responsibly and sustainably

**Progress: Economic health and wealth - grow and prosper**

**Strategic Project Delivery - Build Capacity for a Healthy Wealthy Future**

**Strategic outcomes:**

2.1 Strategic, sustainable, infrastructure is progressive

**People: Culture and society - a vibrant future that respects the past**

**Sense of Place - Sustain, Protect, Progress**

**Strategic outcomes:**

3.1 Sympathetic design respects historical architecture

#### **3.2 Integrated Priority Projects Plan 2021**

This plan has been developed with a coordinated perspective to align with local, regional, state and federal plans. Rather than grouping projects by town or assembling a long list of 'nice to have' projects, this plan takes a Council-wide view of needs and opportunities in relation to the strategic investment drivers in the region. This matter has relevance to:

**Foundation Project/s:**

*Projects which are expected to have a transformational impact on the community. Council considers these projects to be a focal point for investment in the Northern Midlands region.*

4.1 Main Street Upgrades - Campbell Town, Longford & Perth:

*These projects will improve visual amenity, enhance connectivity and help to capitalise on each town's existing attractions, historical features and natural assets.*

### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

### **5 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

The following Acts, legislation, and standards relevant to this matter:

- *Local Government Highways Act 1982*
- *LGAT Tasmanian Municipal Standard drawings*
- *Standard drawings transport services*



## **6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The works are now complete and there are no further works proposed for the intersection at this time.

The cost of works was \$80,076, of which Council will receive \$20,000 from the Vulnerable Road Users Grant.

## **7 RISK ISSUES**

A detailed assessment of the risk at this intersection was carried out by the design engineers as part of their works and it was noted that whilst this design does not address all the issues with the intersection layout it does provide increased protection for pedestrians and the building.

## **8 CONSULTATION WITH STATE GOVERNMENT**

Several onsite meetings have been held between Council Officers and officers from the Department of State Growth (DSG) and there has been ongoing discussion between Council Officers and representatives of the Department of State Growth since that time. Most recently, Council officers met with Garry Hills, Department of State Growth, on 24 August 2021.

## **9 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

A number of community members have written to Council and attended Council meetings to raise their concerns over this matter and in preparation of their initial report on this intersection JMG staff carried out community consultation with several nearby business owners.

The consultation identified a number of concerns including the risk of damage to buildings, the risk of a pedestrian being stuck by a vehicle mounting the kerb and concerns about what impact a partial closure of the intersection may have on nearby businesses.

Council regularly posts project updates to Facebook and on 22 December 2022, a post titled "Sticky Beaks Corner Update", was added.







The post attracted 97 positive reactions and was shared a further 5 times by community members. When shared posts were investigated, there was a range of views portrayed in the comments however the majority indicated an understanding of why the planters were installed and an acknowledgement of safety concerns at the intersection.

## **10 OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

The following are options for Council to consider

- Take no further action and continue to monitor safety at the intersection
- Continue to lobby the State and Federal Governments for funding to carry out a detailed safety analysis and upgrade the intersection if required.

## **11 OFFICER'S COMMENTS/CONCLUSION**

The works which were funded by the vulnerable road user program and approved by the Department of State Growth are now complete and Council Officers will continue to monitor safety at the intersection.

It should be noted that the Department of State Growth have the primary responsibility for this intersection as the road owner and at this stage they have indicated that they do not see this upgrade as their highest priority.

It is recommended that Council continue to lobby the Department of State Growth to look more closely at this intersection and that they consider reviewing the priority they have placed on this matter. Engineers at JMG have advised that there are limited opportunities to do further safety improvements on the corner without a full re-design of this State Growth maintained intersection.

### **11.1 Heritage concerns**

Two independent architects with significant experience in heritage and planning matters, Mr. Tony Purse and Mr. David Denman provided input into the design and the planning assessment of these works. The colours that have been chosen are heritage colours which provide some contrast with the building behind which improves visibility for road users.

### **11.2 Safety concerns**

The design was carried out by an experienced traffic engineer who considered sight distance, pedestrian safety and the effect of a vehicle impact on the barriers as part of the design work. Supporting documentation has been provided to Council addressing all of these issues.

An onsite inspection was carried out with the design engineers from JMG following the completion of the works. At this inspection the engineers confirmed that the installed height of the pits (nominally 950mm) and all other aspects of the work matched design plans. Sight distances for pedestrians using the crossing and vehicles exiting the intersection were also checked and advice was provided confirming that the sight distances met the requirements of the Austroads standards.

### **11.3 - Concerns regarding the Department of State Growth Assessment Process**

The Department of State Growth is the road authority responsible for Marlborough Street, is not a Council road, but Council are responsible for the maintenance of kerb and channel and footpaths. The particular design guidelines or standards which may have been used by the Department of State Growth in their assessment are not a matter for Council to comment on, but the Department of State Growth approved this design on three separate occasions; for the vulnerable road user funding, for planning approval and for construction approval.



## 12 ATTACHMENTS

1. 2023-02-13 Letter Boersma- Izzard re Heritage impacts [**16.1.1** - 5 pages]
2. Sticky Beaks Corner Council works on bollated - campaign to stop [**16.1.2** - 17 pages]
3. Sticky Beaks Corner bollards - request council work with Heritage Tas [**16.1.3** - 2 pages]
4. Heritage corner - report to GM from J Izzard (1) [**16.1.4** - 22 pages]
5. Question to council - 20-02-2023 John Izzard - Sticky Beaks Corner [**16.1.5** - 1 page]
6. Response to Council letter January 29 [**16.1.6** - 2 pages]
7. Longford Roundabout Report May 2021 [**16.1.7** - 19 pages]
8. Report to GM from J Izzard February 16 2023 [**16.1.8** - 22 pages]
9. Traffic Study Wellington St Longford Report 30-10-20 [**16.1.9** - 28 pages]
10. Wellington Marlborough Longford Crash Stats 2013-2023 [**16.1.10** - 1 page]



## 17 ITEMS FOR THE CLOSED MEETING

**Mayor Knowles adjourned the meeting for the meal break at 6.15pm.**

**Mayor Knowles reconvened the meeting after the meal break at 6.50pm.**

### MINUTE NO. 23/096

#### DECISION

Cr Adams/Cr Terrett

That Council move into the "Closed Meeting" with the General Manager, Corporate Services Manager, Works Manager, Senior Planner and Executive Assistant.

Carried Unanimously

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council move into the "Closed Meeting" with the General Manager, Corporate Services Manager, Works Manager, Senior Planner and Executive Assistant to discuss Closed Council Items.

Item	Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Reference
Confirmation of Closed Council Minutes	15(2)(g)
Councillors' Leave	15(2)(h)
Legal Matter	15(2)(i)
Personnel Matters	15(2)(a)
Action Items: Status Report	15(2)(g)
Audit Committee	15(2)(g)
Appeal	15(2)(g)
NTDC Governance Matter	15(2)(g)
Nomination for Election	15(2)(g)
Lease	15(2)(g)

#### Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Part 2 - Meetings

- (a) personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council and industrial relations matters;
- (b) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business;
- (c) commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to -
  - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or
  - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council; or
  - (iii) reveal a trade secret.
- (d) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal;
- (e) the security of -
  - (i) the council, councillors and council staff; or
  - (ii) the property of the council.
- (f) proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land;
- (g) information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential;
- (h) applications by councillors for a leave of absence;
- (i) matters relating to actual or possible litigation taken, or to be taken, by or involving the council or an employee of the council;
- (j) the personal hardship of any person who is a resident in, or is a ratepayer in, the relevant municipal area.



## 17.1 CLOSED COUNCIL DECISIONS RELEASED

### 4.2 NORTHERN TASMANIA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: GOVERNANCE CHANGES

#### MINUTE NO. 23/0102

##### DECISION

Cr Adams/Cr Terrett

That Council

- a) endorse
  - i) the Northern Tasmanian Development Corporation (NTDC) Members' Letter of Expectation;
  - ii) the revised NTDC Constitution; and
  - iii) the NTDC member Agreement 2023-2026.
- b) in relation to this matter
  - i) consider whether any discussion, decision, report or document is kept confidential or released to the public; and
  - ii) determined **to release the decision** to the public.

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

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

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil

### 4.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA (LGAT): NOMINATION - GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION 2023

#### MINUTE NO. 23/0103

##### DECISION

Cr Terrett/Cr Andrews

That Council

- a) nominate Mayor Mary Knowles as the Northern Electoral District member (members within the electoral district having a population of less than 20,000)
- and
- b) in relation to this matter
  - i) consider whether any discussion, decision, report or document is kept confidential or released to the public; and
  - ii) determined **to release the decision** to the public.

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

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

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil



## 18 CLOSURE

### MINUTE NO. 23/0105

#### DECISION

Cr Adams/Deputy Mayor Lambert

That Council move out of the "Closed Meeting".

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Knowles closed the meeting at 7.43pm.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_