

**MINUTES OF THE CRESSY LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE CRESSY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL (DONNA RITCHIE
ROOM) ON WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2013 COMMENCING AT 7.20PM**

1 PRESENT

Mrs F Cox-Chairperson, Mr L Harwood-Secretary, Mrs A Jenkins, Mrs H Williams, Mr P Goss, Mrs H Howard, Mrs M Cables, Mrs M Taylor-from 7.30pm, Mr A Wilson-Council's General Manager, Cr R Goss.

2 APOLOGIES

Mrs A Green

Mrs Howard requested that she be recorded as an apology for the June meeting.

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Mrs Williams/Mr Goss

That the minutes of the Cressy Local District Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26 February 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Provision of Boat Ramp & Removal Concrete Weir

Mr Harwood advised that since December 2012, two applications seeking a grant to construct a boat ramp at Cressy had been submitted to Marine & Safety Tasmania and both had been refused.

Cr Goss spoke in support for the infrastructure and agreed that he would discuss the matter with Councillors during the holding of the Council Bus Tour on Tuesday 30 April 2013.

Mrs Howard/Mr Goss

That it be recommended that the boat ramp at Cressy be re-instated at Council's expense.

Carried.

Proposed Skate Park at Cressy

The following update has been prepared by Council Youth Officer-Mr Peter Mackenzie and was included as part of the April Council Agenda-

“Following a representation by Cressy young people at the Cressy Local District Committee meeting held on 29 August, the Committee recommended to Council at the 15 October 2012 meeting (min. ref. 262/12) that council undertake an investigation into the construction of a skate park at Cressy.

Council’s Youth Development Officer has met with Cressy District High School students and Chaplain Nick McKinnon, on two occasions, namely in early December 2012 and February 2013.

It should be noted that a ‘petition’ signed by a large number of young people was received by Council at the 18 February 2013 Council Meeting as a letter of support for the proposed facility.

Discussions were held relating to the type, construction and costs involved. On consideration of this information, preliminary estimates indicate a cost of between \$65,000 and \$80,000.

There are mixed reports regarding the utilisation of skateparks in the municipality. Longford seems to be somewhat well used, while Evandale and Campbell Town seem to be underutilized; reports also indicate that the Perth skatepark is also underutilized, however, on a number of occasions when the Youth Development Officer has had occasion to observe the facility, there have been groups of young people making use thereof.

Utilization of a newly constructed facility at Cressy is difficult to gauge, despite the very keen and obvious enthusiasm shown by the students making the request.

Council will be trialling a “coaching clinic” on April 28th at Longford skate park, for which there has been some good interest shown from young students at both Longford and Cressy schools. The clinic is being advertised at local schools, and in the media.

Support for this clinic will give a better indication of possible utilization of the installation of a new skate facility at Cressy. West Tamar and Meander Valley councils have previously hosted several skateboard training “coaching clinics” for young skaters, and those wishing to transition from scooters to skating and reports indicate that this has increased the general interest in skating and attendance at skateparks.

It is proposed that once the “clinic” has been held, the Youth Development Officer table a report at Council in regard to the viability of

a requested upgrade to the facility at Evandale and the installation of a new facility at Cressy.”

It was **RESOLVED** that the information be noted and the matter be listed on the “Matters Pending Schedule”

Re-Painting of Power Poles

Correspondence received from Aurora indicating support for the proposal subject to conditions.

Council’s Works & Infrastructure manager, Mr Wayne Chellis has requested that the matter be put on hold pending resolution to OH&S. issues

It was **RESOLVED** that the information be noted.
Item to be listed on the “Matters Pending Schedule”

New Barbecue at Cressy

Plan to be prepared by Mr Wayne Chellis—Council Works & Infrastructure Manager. Item to be listed on “Matters Pending Schedule”

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

2013/2014 Works Budget

Priority works/projects for investigation:-

- i) RV Friendly Area at Brumbys Creek
Mrs Jenkins/ Mrs Howard
“That it be recommended to Council that a proposal for the reserve at Brumbys Creek to be an RV Friendly Area be investigated.”
Carried
- ii) Develop idea similar to the Westbury Silhouette Trail
- iii) Painting of a mural on front wall of the Cressy Hall building
- iv) Consolidation of information collected about the history of Cressy and displayed via a link on Council’s web site
- v) Installation of a suitable security fence at Cressy Pool--- frontage to Macquarie St
- vi) Installation of a battery back- up mechanism for the clock at the Cressy War Memorial Reserve.
- vii) Development of a map showing the location of early settlements around Cressy

- viii) Creation of a “heritage display area” within the roadside reserve area—left hand side from Brickendon Cnr to the township of Cressy. Work to include trimming of oak trees and hawthorns
- ix) Provision of “Welcome To Cressy” sign/structure.
- x) Need for new footpaths in King St & Archer St
- xi) Need for additional trees to be planted along Main St, Cressy
- xii) Fence at Recreations needs to be replaced (fronting Macquarie St)
- xiii) Need for new trees to be planted along section of proposed new footpath

Email received from Helen Howard re History of Cressy

“As to the History of Cressy and the information gathered we need to access some funds to progress this project. The Community Fund or the Northern Midlands Council may be a possibility

I am sure there are funds available from somewhere. I realise a business case may be needed which would need to be worked upon.

Could this matter be discussed at the meeting?

The following supportive comments were also sent to Council by Mrs Howard:-

Display of historical Information

Farming Community - early days especially the wheat and other crops grown. The modern developments including the impact the Poatina Power Station and the Hydro had on the surrounding farms because of the irrigation.

Historical including settlement - this ties in with Norfolk Plains and The Cressy Co. .Later it was the early land grants and the properties that were developed like Richmond Hill, Cressy House which became a Theology College, Connorville, Saundridge etc. These were small villages and self contained.

Township of Cressy with the buildings that are here now and those that were here before being burnt down.

Notable Characters and their achievements - not too many! Some residents were prisoners of war during W.W.2

I like the idea of a mural and the hall could be the place. Free standing cutouts of different farming activities or notable people always looks good. The digital display and the information boards would work well.

The barbecue and picnic table at the park

Development at Brumby's Creek for day users

The town entrance could do with some impact so that visitors actually take notice.

The memorial plane trees that were planted in Main Street after World War 1 and were chopped down by the Longford Council needs to be addressed. Some of the photos show them.

More trees and landscaping would help. This is easy compared to the above.

An overall plan is needed, huge amount of money over 5 years, group of people with council reps. and a commitment by Northern Midlands Council to upgrade Cressy.

Another thing is the footpath needs building on the right hand side as you enter Cressy.

It was **RESOLVED** that the information be noted and a working group be established to progress various initiatives within the township of Cressy—membership to comprise of:-

Helen Howard
Fae Cox
Peter Goss
Cr Goss

6 OTHER BUSINESS

Maintenance required on Cressy Rd—northern side of Bricknell's Cnr--- dip in road pavement. Matter to be referred to DIER

Goal post broken off at Cressy Recreation Ground—matter to be referred to Council re possible insurance claim

Sign at corner of Weston St and Cressy Rd laying on ground—Mr Harwood to follow up.

Rural Youth sign located at town boundary on Cressy Main Rd needs to be replaced—Mr Harwood advised that he had been advised some time ago by a representative of the Westmorland Rural Youth that the sign would be replaced.

Gate at the Cressy Recreation Ground needs to be fixed—matter to be referred to the Management Committee

7 CLOSURE

Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.30pm

8. NEXT MEETING

To be held at the Cressy Hall on Wednesday 26 June 2013 commencing at 7.00pm