

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting: Concern for standards of North Huon & Lonnavele Roads

Present: North Huon Collective representatives Stuart Scott SS, Natalie Page NP, Matthew Newell MN

Attendees: Approx 60 community members

Apologies: Sally Doyle, Mayor. Julie Collins MP. Council members.

Location: Glen Huon Hall

Time: 12th April, 2025, 10am.

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Item	Description
1.	Introduction and Recap of last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">- SS - Agreement made at last meeting for better standard of roads. Evolved after obtaining data on road numbers.- MN – Communication with Sally Doyle Mayor. She has committed to a meeting with council to address issues.- NP – Julie Collins MP correspondence.- MN – Julie Collins MP correspondence, apology, they are supportive and will send letter to council.- SPEAKER – Tammy Price. Explained about Bicentennial money promised to seal both North Huon & Lonnavele Roads. Signs were up.- Maintenance vs Capital Investment. Turns the roads into an asset.- Mark O'May SPEAKER – Reiterated that we shouldn't complain to council and that they have no money.
2.	Agreements and Progress Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">- SS – Detailed analysis of road counter data vs. national guidelines.- SS – Road data obtained, cross referencing with National Best Practice Guidelines. Explanation of guidelines (not law), designed to assist local Govmt to maintain.- No inspection regime for road standards demonstrated by Council, only when community members complain.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'Levels of service' stated in national guidelines. Customer Focus, ride comfort, assembly. 'Technical level of service', speed, roughness. - 2x more likely to have an accident on unsealed roads. - SS. Road data obtained. Explained numbers and thresholds outlined in national guidelines. - SS – RESOLUTION – The data shows a case for sealing the roads. Resolution made, all attendees in favour of sealing the roads with a vote. -
3.	Council Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MN – All Councillors emailed. Sally Doyle Apology. - Responses from most councillors. Supportive. - Jullie Collins support. Apology.
4.	Committee Formation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication Strategy - MN – Facebook Group 'North Huon Collective' - Email list. Updates via Facebook and email.
5.	Open Discussion Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mark O'May reiterated the original promise of heavy vehicle and trucks were to be diverted to forestry roads through Geeveston. Not through Lonnvale & Judbury/North Huon. - School Bus driver, Tammy, reiterated the amount of damage to school bus. Since January 2x engine mounts, 4 tires & a new door mechanism. Mentioned that this journey is considered a 'heavy journey'. - Other vehicle damage. \$3000 car damage. \$1000 car damage. New shocks in a 5 year old car. - Q. As a collective can we deem the road as 'unsafe'. Nature of the material used on the roads to be questioned as it is poor quality. - Remarks – Council using inadequate material on roads. Where is the extra \$2.5m from Fed Gov going? - Remarks Ken Saville — Nth Huon Rd is a transit corridor to Hobart. A Significant road which carries heavy vehicles, residents, school busses. Population growing. A bypass for Huonville etc. - Remarks – What about essential services? Ambulances, Fire, Police? There could be a lengthy delay to assist in emergency with bad quality roads. - WHS – Must be fit for use. Lives/Injury. - MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE – Derek Smith mentioned duty of care of Council and their legal obligations. – failed to gather support. - Reiteration of wanting to work co-operatively and collaboratively with Council. -
6.	Next Steps & Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need help with Data Analysis. Encourage more members of NHC. - Working toward meeting with HVC, and possibly with Kerry Vincent Local MP for roads & infrastructure.

