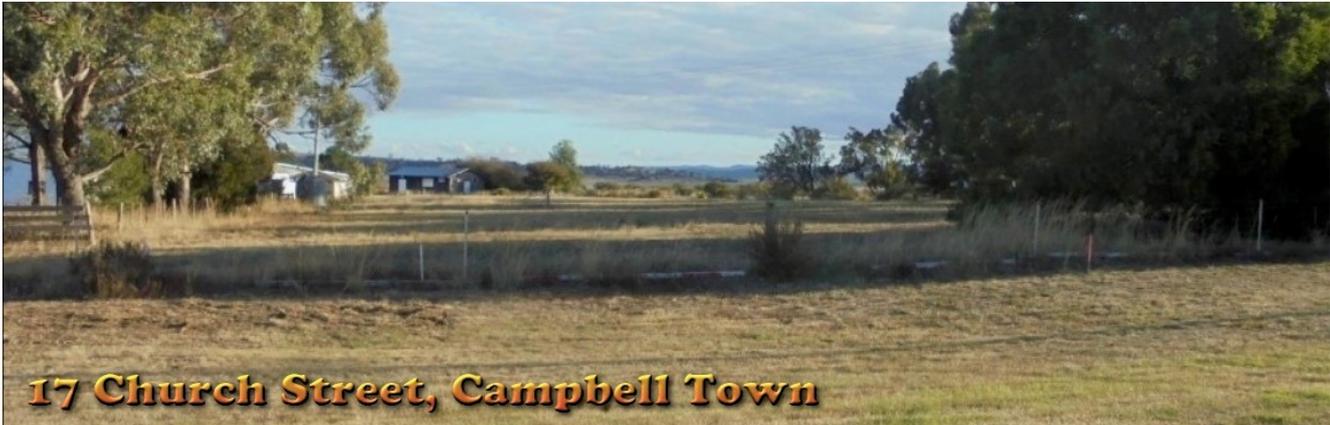


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**From:** Kim Peart <kimpeart@iinet.net.au>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 23 July 2022 4:55 PM  
**To:** TPC Enquiry  
**Subject:** Re: New proposed Fire Station, 17 Church Street, Campbell Town  
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Re: New proposed Fire Station, 17 Church Street, Campbell Town

To Tasmanian Planning Commission,

I include an attachment with the form filled in to participate in this hearing on-line.

I also offer a couple of additional documents.

I am rather concerned to see an expensive Traffic Impact Assessment being lodged in the Commission .....

Traffic Impact Assessment  
Pitt & Sherry, 4 July 2022

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Should this document have been made available to the community during public exhibition, and to the Councillors in making their decision? If yes, then should this matter be sent back to the Council for another public exhibition with this document now available? At the time we were puzzled as to why the Council did not request such a document, as

traffic and road safety concerns are quite a fundamental issue, especially when building a new Fire Station on a quiet back-street in a country town.

If anything, Council planners appeared to suppress consideration of traffic issues, which I raised in my representation, by editing out the traffic concerns with the aerial photo that I included in my representation. I include the full image below. This photo shows that for at least two days every year there is a heap of traffic in Church Street, when the Campbell Town Show is held, with cars, trucks and horse floats moving around and parking on the street. Why would Council planners keep this visual information from the Councillors?

Should the Campbell Town School have been consulted about the traffic report, as the school is located where the fire engines would be roaring by? Should the Education Department and the Education Minister have been consulted?

It turns out that 17 Church Street was a cemetery for soldiers who died at the Military Hospital in Campbell Town during WWII. I include an article on this below. Should this role be considered, and whether the site would be better suited as the location for a memorial for the military personnel who served and died in the region during WWII, which included a base and ammunition storage at Mona Vale, an RAAF fuel depot at Ross, at least two military air strips, the Military Hospital at Campbell Town, and a Military Prison at Conara.

It is of particular concern to me that there was no consultation with the community over the best location for a new Fire Station in Campbell Town. I have been exploring the prospect of a Civic and Cultural Centre being established on public land next to and including the Town Hall, where the Fire Station is located now. When I later considered the public land, I could see that an area behind the Town Hall would be quite large enough for a new Fire Station.

Why is only one location being considered in Campbell Town for this essential public service? It is confronting to see so much energy and money driven into 17 Church Street, without any open consideration of any other location.

Yours sincerely,

Kim Peart



# Digging deep: paddock with a past

THE paddock proposed as the site for a new combined SES and fire brigade station at Campbell Town was, for a brief time, one of Tasmania's few military cemeteries, says Campbell Town historian Bill Chugg.

"It was at the time of the military hospital, at Merton Vale, during World War II," Mr Chugg said last week.

"They had to have a cemetery as well."

Mr Chugg said that not many people were aware of the military hospital, let alone the cemetery alongside the old Anglican cemetery.

"Thousands of patients went through the hospital between 1942 and 1946," Mr Chugg said.

The 111th Australian General Hospital started life in a building at the Royal Hobart Hospital in the depths of World War II when there were still fears of a Japanese



**RESTING PLACE:** The proposed site of Campbell Town's new emergency services headquarters was once used as a military cemetery.

invasion of Australia from the north.

Hobart was considered a danger area so Campbell Town was chosen as a safer site for a military hospital.

During construction of a camp hospital, on 17 hectares, at Merton Vale, a couple of kilometres outside Campbell Town, some of

the staff were moved from Hobart to a little cottage opposite Campbell Town's own hospital.

A hall was re-erected at this site to provide ward accommodation for 24 patients while the rest were housed in tents while the Merton Vale accommodation was finished.

It was a field unit with a cook-

house in a lean-to in the corner of the grounds.

When completed the field hospital could accommodate 600 patients in an emergency.

Mr Chugg said that land for the supporting military cemetery at the time was provided on part of the land granted to the Anglican Church in the 1930s.

It was sold on to the Midlands Agricultural Show Society, in the 1960s, long after those buried there had been moved to be reinterred in cemeteries close to their homes, Mr Chugg said.

He was talking to an older Campbell Town resident a few years ago who remembered when the bodies were moved.

"She was walking up past the cemetery with her older sister one day and saw lots of little tents all along the fence line and she asked her sister what was happening," Mr Chugg said.

"Her sister told her they were digging up the soldiers to take them home.

"There could have been 20 or 30 people interred there."

Mr Chugg hopes that there will be more investigation of the history of the site.

"No-one seems to know anything much about it," he said.



> On 11 Jul 2022, at 4:49 pm, TPC Enquiry <tpc@planning.tas.gov.au> wrote:

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> Good Afternoon  
> Please find documents attached in relation to the upcoming hearing for draft amendment 04-2021.  
> Kind regards

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