

NORTHERN MIDLANDS LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE

INSTRUMENT OF CERTIFICATION

The Northern Midlands Council resolved at its meeting of 18 May 2026 to certify that draft Amendment 22-2026 of the *Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule* meets the requirements specified in sections 32 and 34 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

Draft Amendment 22-2026

A. Apply the local heritage place overlay to the land at 55 Smith Street, Longford.

AND

B. Amend clause NOR-Table C6.1 Local Heritage Places by inserting a new clause, NOR-C6.1.469, as follows:

Reference Number	THR Number	Town/Locality	Street Address	Property Name	Folio of the Register	Description, Specific Extent, Statement of Local Historic Significance and Historic Heritage Values
NOR-C6.1.469	Not applicable	Longford	55 Smith Street	Longford Recreation Ground	Not applicable	Refer to attached Datasheet NOR-C6.1.469

AND

C. Amend clause NOR-Table C6.1 by inserting Local Heritage Places Datasheet - NOR-C.1.469 (attached).

The **COMMON SEAL** of the)
Northern Midlands Council is)
affixed hereto, pursuant to the)
Council's resolution of)
18 May 2026 in the presence of:)



.....*M Knowles* OAM
Mayor

.....*MH Brackenell*
Acting General Manager

Description

Specific Extent

Figures for specific extent

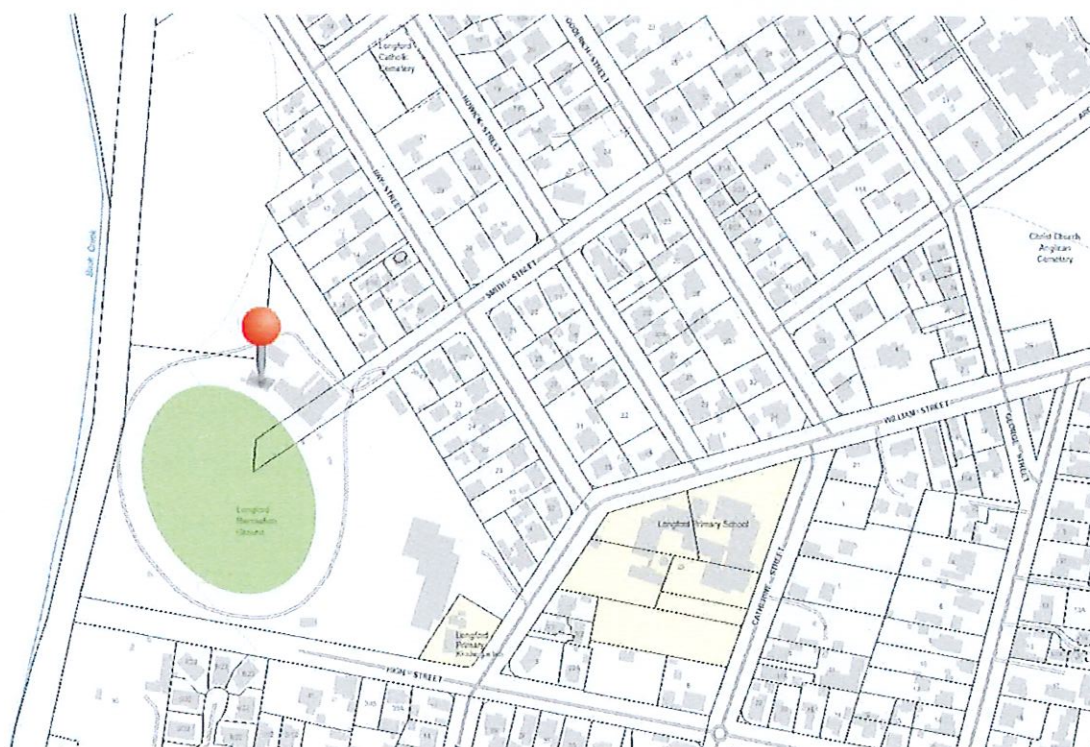


Figure NOR-C6.1.469.1 – Site Location



Figure NOR-C6.1.469.2 – Specific Extent

Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

- (i) local history;
Not applicable.
- (ii) creative or technical achievements;
Not applicable.
- (iii) a class of building or place;
Not applicable.
- (iv) aesthetic characteristics;
Not applicable.

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

- (i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons; or

The Longford Football Club was a founding club of the South Esk Football Association in 1890. The club won the first 10 premierships (1890 through to 1899) and won the 1901, 1904 and 1906 premierships.

From 1926 until 1986 the club played in the original Northern Tasmanian Football Association (NTFA).

Longford had their strongest decade in the 1950s when they claimed three NTFA premierships, including their breakthrough triumph in 1955. They had previously never won the competition but had been runners-up in 1931, 1940 and 1953.

Longford were Tasmanian State Premiers in 1957. After accounting for Ulverstone,

premiers of the North West Football Union, in the preliminary match, Longford defeated North Hobart by 21 points in the decider at York Park.

Best of Country Football – Northern Tasmania: Longford Tigers, 1957

The Longford Tigers were to peak in the mid and late 1950s at both the regional and state level under the leadership of ex-Carlton premiership star Fred Davies.

In the state premiership final the Tigers burst out of the blocks and could have taken a stranglehold on the title except for inaccurate kicking. To their credit, North Hobart hit back in the second quarter and led at half time. The Tigers were not to be denied a second time, however, and prevailed comfortably in the second half to become the first NTFA 'country' team to take the state title.

The Longford Tigers golden era extended to one more premiership in 1958 and numerous more runner-up appearances following this triumph. Although there is little argument that the mantle of best country team in Northern Tasmania was taken up by Scottsdale for two decades from 1964, the Longford team of 1957 will always be remembered as the pioneers of the cause of country football in the region. (TAS AFL Hall of fame)

It is a wooden grandstand, nailed and bolted together more than 100 years ago, which stands as an enduring legacy of when Longford had the best football team in Tasmania.

- (ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region.

The grandstand has cultural and social significance to the Longford community and is named in honour of Fred 'Mulga' Davies - a Carlton champion and premiership player who transferred to Tasmania to become a player-coach for Longford in 1952, lifting the Longford Tigers to three regional and one state premierships.

The Fred Davies grandstand is named in honour of the late Fred Davies who was an icon of the Longford Football Club in the years between 1954 and 1960 when he was coach, and the club won the NTFA and Tasmanian Premierships.

Longford hadn't won a premiership in the NFTA before 'Mulga' coached the team to NTFA premiership wins in 1955, 1957 and 1958 and to the State title in 1957. As of 2026, Fred Davies remains the only coach ever to lead Longford to a State title.

Figures for statements of local historic heritage significance and heritage values



Figure NOR-C6.1.469.3 – Photograph of the grandstand

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NEWS

'It was a privilege' to play with Mulga Fred

OUR PEOPLE
BY JOE COLBROOK

FRIENDS and family of the late, great Fred 'Mulga' Davies joined in Longford to celebrate the town's footballing legacy and the start of a new NFA season.

A memorial to the town's star footballer, who led Longford to victory at the 1957 state championship, was officially opened at the entrance to the oval now named the Fred Davies Memorial Ground.

Dina Cronin, one of Davies' nieces, had travelled from Victoria to visit Longford for the first time having heard so much about the life in family stories.

Ms Cronin said she never met her uncle before he died, but was eager to hear more about him from his former teammates.

"I just think the memorial is significant," she said.

"One of the things I'd like to find out about Fred is what makes him so revered. He was quite shy, but was absolutely at his best on the football field and a great commander."

Ms Cronin had initially planned to visit the town with her sister, but after discussions with other family members the event became a fully-fledged family reunion and more than 30 relatives travelled to Tasmania.

Community historian and one of the few surviving members of the 1957 team Bob Pitt said Davies was one of a kind.

"He was absolutely marvellous," Mr Pitt said.

"He was a leader of men. He would not yell or swear or try and drag you down. He would be encouraging us all the time."

Mr Pitt said it was wonderful to see his late captain's legacy commemorated with the memorial, and as part of the opening event read a poem about Davies written by his brother Doug Davies.

Several members of Northern Midlands Council also attended the opening, and deputy mayor Janet Kimbert said the new memorial highlighted how important Davies was to Longford.

"Today is both a reflection and celebration of the man who had such a positive influence on those around him," Cr Lambart said.

"He had such a unique ability to bring out the best in his teammates and the best in his colleagues."

The deputy mayor also paid tribute to the community members who pushed for recognition of Davies and helped bring the memorial into being.

These included Neil Kerrary, who was a friend of Davies' late son Ian Davies and has campaigned for several years for a memorial.

"What a fabulous day this is," Mr Kerrary said.

"Worthy recognition of Longford's greatest legend and its worthy players."

"What a terrific entrance to the ground and thanks to the council for making something so special."

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REMEMBERING 'MULGA' FRED DAVIES

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By Bob Pitt

1957 premiership winners Bob Pitt, Charlie Gonlon, Bob Hay, Ted Bricknell, Don Gonlon, Don Brooks and Jack Jones at the Fred Davies memorial. Picture by Joe Colbrook

Members of Fred Davies' extended family journeyed from all across Australia to visit. Picture by Joe Colbrook

Figure NOR-C6.1.469.4 – Examiner article 18 April 2023