

Timeline leading to Teen Challenge endorsed as preferred tenant for Meander Primary School site

Date	Item	Information source
17 Mar 2015	Department of Education letter to Meander Valley Council with offer to pass ownership of school to the Council, provided there is "ongoing community benefit into the future".	Council Agenda , May 2015
12 May 2015	Council passes motion to <u>not</u> to take ownership of school (<i>but not recorded in <u>May 2015 Minutes</u></i>) Same day presentation by Teen Challenge to Councillors & Council Staff on vision for school site. Universal agreement by Councillors to call a Special Council Meeting in August to review previous decision about school site.	Special Council Meeting Agenda , August 2015
10 Aug 2015	Date on letter supporting Teen Challenge sent to Meander Valley Council by Secretary of Meander Hall Committee	Teen Challenge EOI
18 Aug 2015	Special council meeting to reconsider May 2015 decision, in light of Teen Challenge presentation. Motion passed to accept <u>in principle</u> the Department of Education offer to assume ownership of school.	Special Council Meeting Minutes , August 2015
11 Nov 2015	Dates on letters of endorsement of Teen Challenge by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guy Barnett, Liberal Member for Lyons • Jane Douglas, Department Health & Human Services, Community Youth Justice North, Area Manager • Shireen Thomas, Principal, Brooks High School, Launceston 	Teen Challenge EOI
16 Nov 2015	Expressions of Interest (EOI) called for school site.	Council website
8-10 Dec 2015	Dates on letters supporting Teen Challenge from several locals, and Greg Hall, MLC, Independent, Western Tiers	Teen Challenge EOI
11 Dec 2015	Expressions of Interest closes 5 pm	Council website
21 Mar 2016	Council holds public meeting at Meander Hall to hear speakers for three EOIs: Butterfly House rehab centre, Teen Challenge rehab centre, and a Digital Media Training Centre*.	
12 Apr 2016	Council commissions a survey of Meander residents about proposed uses of school site.	Council Minutes , April 2016
20 & 21 May 2016	Survey undertaken. Options for school reduced to two: Teen Challenge rehab centre or Butterfly House rehab centre. Respondents also asked if TC or BH option would be good or bad for community. Council does not formally receive IPM survey report. Council officers comments in Council Agenda: " <i>The indisputable conclusion following the survey is that the community is clearly divided on the proposals and none of the options presented thus far are likely to bring the Meander community together, given the information provided to date.</i> "	Council Agenda , June 2016
7 June 2016	Petition against use of school for drug rehabilitation tabled and received by Council. >100 signatures.	Council Minutes , June 2016
7 June 2016	Council passes motion (5 for/4 against) to accept ownership of school, and endorse Teen Challenge as preferred tenant.	
12 July 2016	Council considers Notice of Motion from Councillor White to rescind motion passed at the June 2016 Council Meeting. Motion lost 6/3. Councillor White further moves that Council <i>receives the IPM survey report</i> , and retain the School site but look at alternatives. Motion lost 5/4.	Council Minutes , July 2016

* The public meeting was the first time most of the community knew that options for the school were even being considered.