

Message from the Mayor



Northern Midlands Council provides both formal and informal enabling infrastructure to promote active participation opportunities across the municipality comprising, ovals, lighting, changerooms, recreation facilities, swimming pools, outdoor gyms, outdoor play equipment for community parks, walk trails, bike paths, skate parks and more.

Facilities were aging with some nearing the end of their useful life, so Council took a holistic view of its infrastructure, identified participation levels and potential growth areas, and undertook to develop high quality, fit for purpose community infrastructure, capable of catering for the current and future volume of participants.

In 2017, Northern Midlands Council commenced a staged infrastructure program to upgrade and/or renew its sporting and recreation facilities, and infrastructure throughout the municipality as follows which has included:

Campbell Town War Memorial Oval Precinct – All new multi-function centre, meeting rooms, inclusive changerooms (4), carpark/kerbing, lighting; IT facilities; function centre/kitchen; tennis and multi-purpose courts and hit-up wall; interchange benches; electronic scoreboard; new public toilet facility, new oval irrigation system and tennis pavilion.

Perth Recreation Ground: New electronic scoreboard and new goal net system

Morven Park (Evandale): Installed entrance signage and a storage shed. Development of inclusive changeroom facilities and new cricket nets.

Longford Recreation Ground: Constructed ticket booth, umpires' rooms, inclusive changerooms, club rooms, storage shed and amenities; refurbished the main grandstand, the Fred Davies Stand and public amenities; new entrance interpretation panels known as the Fred Davies memorial entrance.

Longford Sports Centre: Construction of a new gym with toilet and shower facilities, aerobics area, meeting rooms, childcare area, staff amenities, car park and associated landscaping, renovation of the office/reception area, entrance, foyer, squash courts, storage area and construction of mezzanine floor.



Cressy Swimming Pool: Renovated kiosk/office, storage area; new complex entrance; new raised sun deck; gel coating of 2 pools, relining of toddler's pool, and new shade structure. Stage two of this project is now underway which includes the concourse upgrade, sealing of the car park and fencing.

Cressy Recreation Ground: Development of inclusive changeroom facilities for players and umpires, upgrade of clubrooms including roof replacement.

On 23 August I had the pleasure of formally opening the Longford Sports Centre with fellow Councillors and special guest Federal Labor Member for Lyons Brian Mitchell, which is just one of the outstanding facilities throughout our municipality.



(L-R) General Manager Des Jennings, Cr Ian Goninon, Annette Coker-Williams representing Health Revival, Cr Andrew Calvert, Cr Janet Lambert, Federal Labor Member for Lyons Brian Mitchell, Mayor Mary Knowles, Cr Dick Adams, Deputy Mayor Richard Goss and Cr Michael Polley

This \$1.92M project, was made possible with the Federal Government contribution of \$595,936 from Local Roads Community Infrastructure (phase 1) towards the centre redevelopment, and \$50,000 Local Roads Community Infrastructure (phase 2) funding for the squash courts upgrade.

Community infrastructure includes more than a place to play sport. Participation in all recreation provides an array of health benefits that improve our quality of life and often defines our lifestyle, influencing where we want to live, work, and raise a family. Our parks, trails and campgrounds provide spaces for both passive and active recreation and lifestyle choices and opportunities.

The Ross Village Green provides another unique community open space, that Incorporates nature-based play and a smooth access path, and multi-use shelter and rotunda that can be used for music performances and other public events, increasing opportunities for visitation and economic prosperity for the Ross community, while acknowledging the existing local Georgian character and the heritage value of the town.



Mayor Knowles and Federal Labor Member for Lyons Brian Mitchell (Photo credited to Steve Robinson)

This \$1.07m development was made possible with a \$385,000 contribution from the Australian Governments, Local Roads, and Community Infrastructure Program and the Ross Village Green was formally opened on 23 August.

Longford Grand Prix Expo 2023

There are many reasons for visitors to stop and explore historic Tasmania and the history of 'motor racing' is just one reason. Longford has a motor racing history second to none in regional Australia.

Longford is especially recognised for its racing circuit on public roads back in its heyday of the 50's and 60's. The first race meeting was held over the long weekend in March 1953 drawing huge crowds as competitors tried their luck on the circuit, and that continued for around 15 years.

Motor racing brought economic growth to Longford and the community grew and prospered, as local businesses provided services to competitors and tourists, delivering both national and international exposure and enhancing business opportunities.

A rich history, full of wonderful stories, the Longford Grand Prix will replace Motorama and will continue to provide that point of difference for Longford, as it continues the motoring legacy, that is synonymous with our heritage, both locally and more broadly.

Northern Midlands Council is proud to support this event which will create a vibrant future that respects the past, also maintaining the community's motoring identity through story telling. It will also continue to provide the economic benefits and will enhance our community prosperity and wellbeing, marketing our uniqueness once again to the national and international community as an enviable place to live, work and play.

Mary Knowles OAM

Mayor

Project Updates

Cressy Swimming Pool Upgrade



The concrete pour for the new concourse (pool surrounds) has now been done with tiling starting this week.

2022 Local Government Elections – Key Dates

Notice of election to be published:	Saturday 3 September
Electoral rolls close:	6.00 pm Thursday 8 September
Nomination period:	5 September – 19 September
Nominations close:	12 noon Monday 19 September
Nominations announced:	12 noon Tuesday 20 September
Ballot material posted to electors:	3 - 7 October
Polling period:	3 - 25 October
Close of poll:	2:00 pm Tuesday 25 October
Results released as available:	26 October – 2 November

