

Message from the Mayor



Spring is here and with it comes a hive of activity across the municipality starting with the 9 Longford Jazz Festival from Friday 16 Sunday 18 September. The Jazz Festival is a fantastic event that brings together talented musicians and various performances and activities, across several venues.

Blenheim Gallery and Garden at Longford is hosting the "Inside, Outside Exhibition", an exhibition of Tasmanian and interstate gallery artists featuring contemporary works produced in various mediums.

Artists include Pamela Horsley, Carlton Cox, Sarah Gabriel, Lucy McEachern, David Chapman, John Peart. Opening hours are Wednesday to Friday 10.30am to 3pm. Saturday 10.30am to 2pm.

For lovers of all things floral, you are spoilt for choice. On Saturday 24 September the "Early Spring Flower Show 2022" is presented by the Launceston Horticultural Society at the Evandale Memorial Hall. With parking available at 8 High Street Evandale, this event includes floral art and flower judging.

Also on 24 September, 'Strathmore' at 286 Nile Road will also have an Open Garden which includes a presentation by Clive Blazey AM, co-founder of the Diggers Club called, "We speak for the trees". Clive will discuss the impact gardeners can have by selecting trees for climate suitability, shade, habitat protection and bushfire prevention. This is a ticketed event. Tickets are available from: <https://events.humanitix.com>

On 1 October is the Spring Flower Festival at Avoca, including a Floral and Photography competition. Starting at 9.30am the festival will include: art and craft display and sale; vintage cars on show; children's craft workshop; Devonshire tea; BBQ; and market stalls. Held at the Avoca Memorial Hall, entry is by gold coin donation. Further information, or if you would like a stall, contact Shirley Freeman 6384 2129.

And don't forget the community markets.

18 September is the Evandale and Ross Village Market. 24 September is the Longford RSL Market and Car Boot Sale.

To see what else is happening, look at the Community Calendar on our website: northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/calendar

With all the rain we have had recently, Council staff have been busy monitoring roads and parks for flooding and damage and are continuing to close roads when required with updates regularly posted on our Facebook page.

There is also a new SES Flood Warning System, with all warnings including Tasmania Fire Service warnings, being communicated through the new TasALERT website when required. Part of the Australian Warning System (AWS), the AWS is a nationally consistent three level warning system for 5-hazards (bushfire, flood, storm, cyclone, and heat) and there are there are plans to adopt the AWS for storm emergencies from 2023. By adopting a national plan, people will know what to do when they see the same warnings, no matter where

they are in the country or what type of emergency is occurring. For more information have a look at the SES website: ses.tas.gov.au

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all road users to ensure they drive to the conditions of the road. Take care and slow down, particularly around roadworks. Be alert. Keep a good look out for all the signs and for road workers.

Mary Knowles OAM
Mayor

Project Updates

Perth Early Learning Centre



Roof trusses are on at the Perth Early Learning Centre and, roofing iron will be commencing soon.

Works and Infrastructure

Trees planted on the southern and northern entrance to Perth.

At Ross, the works team will be assisting the Ross Sports Committee by planting the trees funded by a grant for the Queens Jubilee.



At the Council meeting held 11 April 2022, Council made the decision to call for tenders for a kerbside organics (FOGO) collection service commencing in 2023. This service will be provided to all residences in the urban areas of the municipality. People living in a unit who may not have room to store the bin or might choose to share a bin with a neighbour, will be given the option to opt out of the service.

Collection services will continue to be fortnightly, and the size of your FOGO bin will be 240L. The new FOGO bin service will divert a significant amount of organic waste from landfill, which will be recycled into compost. Turning it into compost reduces the impact on the environment and allows waste to become a usable product.

To make sure everyone in your household knows what can and can't go in the FOGO bin, a full list will be provided in coming weeks as the program is rolled out.

Free2b Girls Campbell Town has recommenced and off to a great start. It has been wonderful to see the support from the community including the team at Banjos Campbell Town who are generously supporting the group each week with some delicious treats to share. The group commenced in August and has been welcoming young people aged 10-16 years old. The weekly groups are run in a way that enables freedom, choice, and creativity to thrive, whilst respecting agreed upon group and individual boundaries of safety and care.

Free2b Girls groups aim to be safe places where girls between the ages 10 to 16 years can feel 'free2b' themselves in. The group is looking for inspired Northern Midlands women who are keen to volunteer and support future generations to come, to enable the program to run long term.

Activities on offer often include craft, cooking, talking, music, and anything the girls feel like doing on the day with a focus on being a welcoming and supportive space.

Northern Midlands Council Australia Day Awards

Nominations are now open for our Annual Australia Day Awards. The awards ceremony will be held at our 2023 Australia Day Event. The 2023 event will be held in Cressy.



Nominations are to be considered for the following:

- Citizen of the year
- Young Citizen of the year
- Community Event of the year

Nominations can also be made for:

- Volunteer Recognition
- Business Presentation

Nomination forms are available on our website on the below link, hard copies can also be sent upon request. Completed forms must be returned by **Thursday, 1 December 2022**. Please contact Council's Executive & Communications Officer, Lorraine Wyatt on lorraine.wyatt@nmc.tas.gov.au or on 6397 7303 if you have any questions.

Committee Vacancies

Local District Committee Vacancies

There are presently vacancies on the following Committees until 30 June 2023:

- Campbell Town District Forum (1)
- Evandale Local Advisory Committee (6)
- Longford Local District Committee (1)
- Perth Local District Committee (3)
- Cressy Local District Committee (1)

Local Recycling Committee

The Local Recycling Committee was established as a special committee of the Northern Midlands Council on 20 January 2020 and currently has 3 vacancies. The purpose of the Local Recycling Committee is to:

For more information about how to become a committee member:

<https://northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/council/council-committees>