

Message from the Mayor



Our staff do a fantastic job at keeping our community safe and I would like to take this opportunity to remind all road users to ensure they drive to the conditions of the road, and do not drive through flood waters.

Council Meeting Outcomes

Some of the outcomes from the Council meeting held 15 August 2022 are as follows:

Northern Tasmanian Waste Management Group

The Northern Tasmanian Waste Management Group (NTWMG) provides advice, funding, education, and advocacy on managing waste and recycling across Northern Tasmanian communities, businesses, and local governments, including City of Launceston, West Tamar, Meander Valley, Dorset, Break 'O Day, Northern Midlands, and George Town.

Council endorsed the proposal that the Councils consider a new governance model for the NTWMG, hosted by NRM North, who is a trusted partner with NTWMG member councils, that will better position it to respond to growth, significant budget responsibilities, and a new funding structure in the State Government landfill levy which was implemented 1 July 2022.

Launceston City Council's Homelessness Advisory Committee

Homelessness is a multi-dimensional challenge and many of the resources to combat it such as the provision of public housing and mental health services are outside the control of local government.

The City of Launceston has established a Homelessness Advisory Committee which includes a representative from neighbouring Councils to support a region wide approach to addressing the issue of homelessness.

Council agreed that Cr Janet Lambert will represent Northern Midlands Council as part of the Committee to provide a region wide perspective on both the scale of the issues and the scope of solutions.

Youth Advisory Group

Council supported the establishment of a Northern Midlands Youth Advisory Group which will:

- Ensure young people's views are heard in Council.
- Enable issues related to youth to be raised with Council.
- Provide ideas and unique perspectives to Council.
- promotes inclusion.
- provide guidance to Council on development.
- place young people at the center of the decision-making process.
- reduce costs to Council by effective spending and investment; investing in projects young people want to see and participate in. (for example pump tracks and skate parks).
- promote leadership and skill development opportunities.

The Youth Advisory Group would meet once per month after school and will be primarily driven by the youth (with assistance from the Youth Officer), providing feedback to Council on outcomes and action items.

The Youth Advisory Group will also be involved in the planning and implementation of youth events.

Membership: Multicultural Council of Tasmania (MCOT)

Council agreed to become a member of the Multicultural Council of Tasmania, which is the peak body representing more than 100 multicultural organisations across Tasmania.

A member-driven organisation, MCOT advocates on behalf of members. With an office now established in Launceston, MCOT offers support to culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities and individuals across Tasmania while also engaging the wider communities and the three tiers of Government.

<https://northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/documents/publications/council-meeting-minutes>

Mary Knowles OAM

Mayor

Project Updates

Cressy Swimming Pool Upgrade

Upgrades at the Cressy Swimming Pool are progressing well. The concrete concourse is almost complete and new pool fencing will be installed within the next week.



Works undertaken to date include:

- Younger children's playground .
- Renovated kiosk/office and storage area.
- New complex entrance.
- New raised sun deck.
- Gel coating of the 2 pools and relining of main pool.
- New shade structure over toddler's pool.



Other works to be completed include

- Tiling on the edge of the pool.
- Sealing of car park.

Northern Midlands Council Further Education Bursary Program 2022

Each year Council awards five bursaries through the Further Education Bursary Program. Each bursary is valued at \$2,000 payable as \$1,000 each year over two years.

To be eligible for a bursary, applicants must:

- Have a northern midlands home address.
- Be enrolled in Year Ten.
- Intend to pursue further education or training (including apprenticeships) for at least two years post-year ten.

Applicants are assessed on economic need, their passion for pursuing a further education/training pathway, and their academic and community achievements to date.

Application forms can be downloaded from Council's website: northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/.../your-community/youth

A hard copy can also be requested by contacting Council on 63 977 303.

Applications close 5pm Wednesday 21st September 2022.

VACANCY - LOCAL RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Local Recycling Committee currently has three (3) vacancies.

To view the Recycling Committee MOU and download an application form go to council's website: <https://northernmidlands.tas.gov.au>

The future of local government review

The Tasmanian Government commissioned the Local Government Board to undertake a Review into the future of local government in Tasmania the Stage 1 Interim Report is now publicly available.

The Local Government Board, want to hear your thoughts on the findings including:

- Defining Council Role in the 21st Century
- Local Representation and good Governance
- Strategic and Regional Capability
- Efficient and Effective Infrastructure and Service Delivery
- Sound and Consistent Planning and Regulatory Services
- Operational Sustainability

Go to engage.futurelocal.tas.gov.au to read the Report and have your say. **Public submissions on the Report can be made until 25 August 2022.**

In accordance with the Northern Midlands Council Enterprise Agreement, the **Council Offices will be closed for AGFEST on Friday 26 August 2022**