

Strategic Outcomes - Key Priorities

Lead	Progress	People	Place
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve with honesty, integrity, innovation, and pride. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic health and wealth - grow and prosper. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural and society - a vibrant future that respects the past. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurture our heritage environment.

The 2016 Census data showed the Northern Midlands Local Government Area had a population of 12,822 with 49.6% being male and 50.4% being female.

The 2021 Census data will be released from 28 June 2022, and it is estimated that the population of Northern Midlands will have increased to 13,852. That's an additional of 1030 people living in our communities.

This data is important because it is one of the tools Council uses when identifying community need and the level of service required to meet those needs when planning for growth, building capacity, ensuring economic sustainability within our communities.

The provision of infrastructure such as roads and buildings, open spaces (including parks and reserves), and services such as waste management, are identified in Council's Asset Management Plans, Policy & Strategy which can be found at:

northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/documents/strategic-annual-plan/annual-plan-and-financial-documents

Northern Midlands Council has completed many studies and masterplans, committing funding for initial work on many projects with benefits accruing to multiple stakeholders and extending beyond Council boundaries, however, many of these projects cannot be funded by Council alone and may need to be completed in stages over multiple financial years as funding becomes available.

Stormwater Asset Management

Council provides a stormwater network within town areas to drain the majority of properties, roads reservations and public open spaces and the network includes 90 kms total length of pipes and manholes, pits and grates, plus council-maintained water entry pits, pollutant traps, and detention storage facilities, with ongoing and staged operations and maintenance needs.

Sheepwash Creek runs through the northern section of Perth and forms part of the town's stormwater network draining into the South Esk River. It utilises a water sensitive urban design (WSUD) to make use of natural features to improve the quality of stormwater runoff between Edward and Phillips Streets in Perth.

The works included creek widening, removal of trees, removal of fencing, and construction of a walkway, mitigating flooding from Sheepwash Creek and protecting the adjacent properties from flooding and facilitating:

- Better management of the creek due to widening and a reduction in the embankment slopes,
- Better maintenance and improved safety for Council workers and the community

- Creation of a multi-functional and attractive open space for residents and visitors in west Perth, enhancing Perth's natural charm.
- Better quality water releasing less silt into the river system.



Stormwater System Flood & Risk Studies exist for all urban areas in the municipality with plans to provide Stormwater services for operation, maintenance, renewal, and upgrade of stormwater to meet service levels set by Council in annual budgets.

At the Council meeting to be held on 27 June 2022, Council will consider the 2022/2023 draft budget which includes submissions from local district committees and community groups. Council will strive to facilitate healthy communities with a strong sense of wellbeing through the development of community services and activities while continuing to lobby the Tasmanian Government, Australian Government, and private industry to deliver the projects and meet the aspirations of the communities delivering on its vision of **Northern Midlands**, being **an enviable place to live, work and play**.

Project Updates

Perth Early Learning Centre



The Perth Early Learning Centre concrete pour in the after-school care area.

Talsiker Street Public Toilet



Talsiker Street public toilet slab will be poured in the coming days.

Local District Committee Vacancies

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

- Campbell Town District Forum (2)
- Evandale Local Advisory Committee (5)
- Longford Local District Committee (2)
- Perth Local District Committee (2)
- Cressy Local District Committee (1)

The Key objectives of Local District Committees are to:

- Provide a focal point for information between the Northern Midlands Council and the local community.
- Identify and prioritise needs of the local community.
- Consider and provide feedback to the Northern Midlands Council in respect to key strategic issues for the local community.

More information about how to become a committee member can be found at:

northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/council/council-committees

Committee Vacancy – 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 vacancies.

The purpose of the Local Recycling Committee is to:

- Provide a focal point for information relating to waste disposal and recycling between the Northern Midlands Council and the community.
- Identify and prioritise achievable local recycling initiatives.
- Consider and provide feedback to the Northern Midlands Council in respect to key strategic recycling issues.

Membership consists of:

- Seven Community Members
- Two Councillors
- One Council Officer

To view the Recycling Committee MOU and download an application form, follow this link: <https://northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/council/council-committees/other#recycling-committee>