

Message from the Mayor



Council's tree plantings considers habitat biodiversity, and the dedicated tree planting program provides for a range of heights and densities, providing protection for wildlife on the ground and in the canopy.

To achieve this, planting on mass is undertaken such as the almost 1500 trees planted during June and July along the **Perth Bypass Southern End**, seedlings or tube stock of Australian natives were planted consisting of:

- 396 **Allocasuarina Littoralis**: Commonly known as Black Sheoak, Black She-oak, or River black-oak. Medium-sized, fast growing.
- 329 **Acacia Melanoxydon**: A hardy shade tree indigenous to Tasmania, this tree will grow to about 15m.
- 449 **Eucalyptus Amygdalina**: Commonly known as Black Peppermint that is widespread in the Tasmania.
- 223 **Eucalyptus ovata**: Australian native, fast-growing upright gum, commonly known as Swamp Gum or Black Gum. Attracts native birds and insects.
- 208 **Eucalyptus Paciflora**: This Eucalypt is also known as Snow Gum, Cabbage Gum, or White Sally.
- 289 **Eucalyptus Viminalis**. Growing to a height of around 50m

At Stokes Park Longford, council planted advanced trees consisting of **15** Autumn Blaze, **26** Autumn Applause (White Ash), **22** Tulip trees (*Liriodendron Tulipifera*) and **7** *Pyrus nivalis* (Snow Pear - ornamental). These fast-growing trees have been planted for both their environmental and aesthetic properties. The proximity to the Macquarie River and being located within a flood zone, these trees will help to absorb excess water while providing shade for outdoor recreation and activities.

Trees also provide communities with irreplaceable cultural heritage and identity, such as the Dutch and Golden Elms that line the entrance to **Ross** on Chiswick Road. Inspiring cultures around the world demonstrate their civic pride through their environment including trees a symbol of unity when planted during communal events.

Council planted 10 advanced Fairview Flames in **Blackburn Park (South)** and these stunning red maples are now well established. Growing to more than 10 metres, the aesthetic properties of trees is soothing and makes people feel good, even encouraging productivity. Feeling relaxed reduces stress therefore increasing individual and community wellbeing while also providing shade coverage reducing exposure to cancer causing ultra-violet rays by as much as 50%.

Strategically planting trees around the home is an inexpensive way of cutting back on your heating and cooling needs, reducing your energy costs. Leafy, deciduous trees are particularly recommended and if they are planted around the house, it cushions the building from the heat of in summer. Evergreen trees planted upwind, can protect the house from extremely cold winter winds.

Northern Midlands Council currently maintains 5,000 trees on its asset register across its communities that require ongoing monitoring and maintenance.

Future plantings in 2022 include the **Secombe St Perth Roundabout**. Council will plant frost and drought tolerant advanced trees including Musashino (*Zelkova Serrata*) and Early Fall Pin Oak (*Quercus Palustris*). These plantings will assist with soil erosion.

Perth Early Learning Centre

I had the pleasure of viewing the construction progress of the Perth Early Learning and it is exciting to see the development come to life.



Northern Midlands Council is currently investing in a new \$3.7 million-dollar Early Learning Centre in the community of Perth, to cater for population growth in the area.

The new purpose-built Early Learning Centre will replace our existing facility. Due to open in early 2023, the new centre will cater for 42 long day care places and 49 after school care places.



When the centre progressively opens, it will create employment opportunities in a variety of full time, part time, and casual positions for qualified Early Childhood Educators.

Mary Knowles OAM
Mayor

Project Updates

Longford Road Safety Park

Work has commenced on the new Longford Road Safety Park. Located on the corner of Latour and Archer Streets, the park will include a one-way lane, railroad crossing, shopping area, emergency area, pedestrian crossing with lights and a petrol station



Gatty Street Detention Basin

Council is currently constructing a stormwater detention basin to the west of Gatty St in Western Junction.



The work is being funded through Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and the Natural Disaster Risk Reduction Grants Program.

The basin is designed to capture water run-off from the Devon Hills area and release it slowly through a small diameter pipe to reduce the amount of stormwater that flows through the TRANSlink Industrial Precinct in Western Junction during a rainfall event.



It will provide additional protection for properties in the TRANSlink and Western Junction area.

Public Notices

Office Closures

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

Notification of Proposed By-Law Footpath Trading By-Law No. 1 of 2022

Members of the public are invited to make submissions regarding the proposed Footpath Trading By-Law No. 1 of 2022. Submissions are to be made in writing and by posting or emailing them to:

Northern Midlands Council
Attention: General Manager
PO Box 156
Longford Tas 7301
council@nmc.tas.gov.au
Submissions close at 5:00pm 22 August 2022.

A copy of the Footpath Trading By-Law and Regulatory Impact Statement are available and at the Council Office, 13 Smith Street, Longford or on the website: <https://northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/documents/strategic-annual-plan/council-policies-and-by-laws#by-laws>