

Mayors Message

Welcome to 2022 everyone and what a start it has been.

Office Closures: Northern Midlands Council is mindful of the increased risk of COVID-19 transmission within the community and is taking steps to ensure it contributes to the keeping our communities safe. However, unfortunately, we have not escaped COVID-19 and its impact on our ability to resource Council adequately at this time.

To ensure Council maintains an appropriate level of service to the community and to ensure the safety of Council's employees and the community, Northern Midlands Council Administration and Depot Offices are currently closed to the public until further notice.

Individuals can still conduct business such as payments, by phone, email, post or online via the website: <https://northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/> If you don't have the correct biller code and reference number available, please contact the Administration Office on (03) 6397 7303.

All persons requiring a meeting with council officers, may make an appointment, if your business cannot be conducted by phone, zoom, or Microsoft teams. We are continuing to social distance and practicing good hand hygiene so if you require an "in-person" meeting and we do not shake your hand, please remember, that it's not personal.

Face masks and scanning the Check in Tas QR code is mandatory at all Northern Midlands Council facilities. We ask that you abide by the check in requirements for your safety, and that of the staff.

We will keep you informed of any changes via our website and Facebook page.

Australia Day Awards The marking of 26 January is an important date in Australia's history which has changed over time. The Northern Midlands Council has over 100 volunteers contributing their time to Council, whether it be in an advisory capacity, or in a practical capacity, our volunteers are crucial to maintaining the services and facilities that Council provides. Each year we recognise outstanding citizens and events within the community as part of the Northern Midlands Council Australia Day Awards. In 2022, this would have been held at the Cressy Recreation Ground however, due to the current Covid-19 transmission rates, Council will now be holding a private function for award recipients at the Administration Office.



Mary Knowles
Mayor

Permits Required: Self-Contained Vehicle Overnight

Rest Areas: The Northern Midlands towns offer a range of Self-Contained Vehicle friendly, resting areas for everyone to enjoy however, in order to utilise one of our rest areas, you *must* obtain a permit to stay overnight. And cannot stay longer than 48 hours. Permits are FREE for up to 48 hours and are available 24/7 via a form on our website with your permit number emailed to you immediately.



Make sure your vehicle is self-contained, and that you leave nothing behind. Please take note, "Self-contained", means shower, washing, toilet, cooking, and sleeping must be contained WITHIN YOUR VEHICLE. No grey or black water, or other liquid is to be let out onto the ground, around trees, or into the river.

More information about permits, can be found on Councils [website](#)

Waking Up in Perth



There really is nothing more beautiful than watching the sun cast shadows as it rolls across the hills and watching this early in the morning in Perth is certainly no exception. If you are lucky enough to be up that early as our Works Manager (aka: photographer) is, you too would be able to appreciate the transformation that is occurring in Perth. The three roundabouts which are located at the entrances to Perth have now all been seeded and it won't be long until they become grassy hills instead of dusty mounds. More trees will also be planted in the future and irrigation will be installed on the southern and the Seccombe Street roundabouts when time permits. Take a peak on your next early morning walk.



Perth Dog Park



Not to be outdone, don't forget your best mate. Mulgrave Street Dog Park now has new training and exercise equipment installed and feedback received from community members and visitors has been very positive. The dog park is a great place to take your dog off-leash, but always remember, your dog, is your responsibility.

It is important to have control of your dog by voice command. Always ensure your dog is in vision range and that it is well socialized from an early stage. Training of basic manners and recall is the best way to ensure your dog is the most popular at the dog park for good behaviour. Lastly, pick up after your dog to keep the park clean and friendly for everyone.

