

Mayors Message



Pictured (left to right): Mitchell Green, Phillip Williams, Vicki Purnell OAM, Jan Haege, Paul Eyre, Mayor Mary Knowles OAM, Fran Hoyle, Don Ives OAM, Val Kummerow, Fiona Oats and Aubrey Morgan.

Australia Day Awards 2022

Each year we recognise outstanding citizens and events within the community as part of the Northern Midlands Council Australia Day Awards and in spite of Covid-19, the nominations for 2022 were again, exceptional with many worthy nominations in each category.

We were joined by Tasmanias Australia Day Ambassador Vicki Purnell, who was the 2019 Australian of the Year Local Hero.

Vicki Purnell found a compassionate way to help families cope with the trauma of stillborn babies and help farewell them with love and dignity. She formed Bridie's Blossoms, creating beautiful outfits and keepsakes for stillborn babies which had previously been unavailable.

All our nominations are to be congratulated for their commitment to their communities. The winners are:

- Citizen of the Year:** Fran Hoyle
- Young Citizen of the Year:** Mitchell Green
- Event of the Year:** 8th Longford Jazz Festival

Northern Midlands Council Volunteer Recognition Awards

- Midlands Anglican Op Shop Volunteers
- Paul Eyre
- Ross Village Market Volunteers
- Aubrey Morgan
- Jan Haege
- Phillip Williams

Tooms Lake Camping Area Infrastructure Upgrade Project

Funding was sought through the second round of the Recreational Fishing and Camping Facilities Program to undertake several high priority new and renewal projects at the Tooms Lake camping area to address a number of infrastructure safety and quality concerns.

Council is pleased to advise that the Australian Government has approved an award for the full funding of \$80,000

The project components comprise:

- the construction of an additional pump-out toilet facility nearer to the dam wall
- an arborist assessment of the trees and the removal of dead/dangerous limbs and trees
- removal of large rocks from the camping

- area, and the placement of gravel/soil to create level camp sites
- separation of camp sites with landscape rocks
- drainage and resurfacing of the parking area adjacent to the boat ramp access road
- upgrading the walking path (100m) between the camping area and the boat ramp
- Upgrading of camp site and parking public signage.



The Tooms Lake Camping Area Infrastructure Upgrade Project will markedly improve and renew the camping area infrastructure, improve environmental outcomes and encourage more Tasmanians and visitors to the state to enjoy our sport and recreation assets.



The total cost of the project has been estimated as \$120,000 (GST exclusive).

Inland Fisheries Service have demonstrated the value of this project by the commitment of \$20,000 in cash, and further in-kind support through the provision of plans and specifications for the new toilet facility.

At the 15 November 2021 Council Meeting, Northern Midlands Council committed a co-contribution of \$20,000 from the 2022/2023 Council budget, ensuring the project is fully funded.

Better Main Roads for Perth and Campbell Town

Brian Mitchell Member for Lyons, and Catherine King MP, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, announced on Friday 28 January, that an Albanese Labor Government will commit \$8 million to upgrade Main Road in Perth and High Street in Campbell Town.



Improved pedestrian safety, installation of new street furniture and landscaping, play a key role in revitalising the centre of these two historic towns, while also increasing economic activity.

Mr Mitchell acknowledged that Perth's population has grown significantly and the bypass has increased growth potential.

This investment would be most welcome and would enable Northern Midlands Council to progress two vital projects which enhance the connectivity and liveability of the Perth and Campbell Town communities.

Mary Knowles OAM
Mayor



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