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## Mayors Message

In May of 2016, Northern Midlands Council acquired land at 33 Church Street, Ross with the intention of developing the site for public open space.

The aim of the project was to improve the amenity of the town centre for residents and visitors to complement the town's existing range of recreational facilities.

Located on the Macquarie River, the Ross village with its historic charm, wide tree lined streets and quiet rural environment, all contribute to its unique character.

Traditional buildings in Ross comprise simple colonial forms, while the prominent elements are its significant trees and Church spires. Linear views out to the surrounding countryside contribute to the quiet, rural feel of the township complemented by a mix of businesses serving local needs, tourism and historic interpretation.

Community consultation indicated that the desired outcome was for a simple, landscaped space for passive recreation and community events and the name, Ross Village Green, was determined as a "suitable," name.



Above: December 2021. Below: February 2022



At a total cost of around \$1.1m, the project received \$385,000 from the Federal governments, Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. Incorporating nature play equipment, public barbecue facilities, public toilets, open space, an amphitheatre and more, the Ross Village Green is almost complete with the gates set to open within weeks as the grass becomes thicker in readiness to sustain foot traffic.

## Project Updates

In 2021 Northern Midlands Council adopted its Priority Projects Plan 2021 which includes five foundation projects (expected to have a transformational impact on the community across multiple investment drivers) and 20 enabling projects. For a full list of these priorities see Councils website.

Community infrastructure is the cornerstone of regional prosperity. Infrastructure creates jobs, enables sustainable growth, protects the environment and fosters a thriving community by bringing people and businesses together.

Projects such as Campbell Town Recreation precinct public toilets and the Sercombe Street park upgrades in Perth, are examples of these ongoing developments that are progressing according to plan.

**Mary Knowles OAM**  
Mayor



Campbell Town Recreation precinct public toilets (above) and the Sercombe Street park upgrades in Perth (below).



## Parking of Vehicles on Footpaths

Before you park your vehicle, ask yourself:

- ✓ Is it safe to park here?
- ✓ Is it legal to park here?
- ✓ Will it cause trouble to other road users if I park here?

To 'park', means to allow the vehicle to remain stationary *whether the vehicle is attended or not*. Parking on your own nature strip is legal so long as it does not impact other road users or pedestrians.

You are **NOT** permitted to:

- × Drive over the road kerb to access your property or nature strip,
- × Park partly or wholly over a footpath
- × Park within the nature strip adjacent to your neighbours.

### Where to park

Where there are not any parking signs or lines you must:

- park parallel as close as you can to the kerb or side of the road
- face the same direction as vehicles travelling along that side of the road
- leave a gap of *at least 1 metre* between your vehicle and other vehicles in front or behind (where there are no parking bays)
- leave a gap of at least 3 metres between the side of your car and double continuous dividing lines, a single continuous dividing line or a median strip, and
- leave at least 3 metres of the road next to your car clear, so traffic can pass when there is a broken dividing line or no dividing line or strip.

TasNetworks has an opportunity for young people in the Northern Midlands Council area to join their Youth Panel based in Tasmania's north and north-west.



TasNetworks are seeking online applications from, and **nominations** on behalf of, any 18–25-year-olds living in one of six Local Government Areas, including **Northern Midlands**, for a TasNetworks Youth Panel. This is an inclusive process. Participants will receive \$1200 for their time, and all successful applicants will be provided with the opportunity to discuss individual requirements to enable them to participate and contribute fully; whether this be transport to and from meetings or accessing a laptop, or any other form of support.

All information, and links to the Youth Panel forms, can be found at:  
<https://www.tasnetworks.com.au/youthpanel2022>