

Message from the Mayor



Flood Damage

Council staff have been busy monitoring roads and parks for flooding and damage with several areas being closed.

Our staff do a fantastic job at keeping our community safe and I would like to take this opportunity to remind all road users to ensure they drive to the conditions of the road, and do not drive through flood waters. The extent of damage to roads and submerged debris is only visible once the floodwater has receded.

Signage has been placed including speed restrictions and closed roads, for everyone's safety.

Do not ignore or remove signs. This puts your and everyone else's safety at risk.

Waste and Recycling

In 2021, Council launched a recycling trailer with the assistance of the "Waste Minimisation Grant".

The trailer accepts specialised recyclables which cannot be salvaged through kerbside bins such as batteries, mobile phones, eyeglasses, bread tags, X-rays, CDs, small E-waste, and printer ink cartridges.

It is designed to promote environmental awareness and good recycling habits. Council is currently seeking to engage schools, businesses, and community groups to host the trailer on site for short periods of time, raising awareness of its purpose and availability.

To find out more about how you can be involved please contact [Daniel Stearnes](mailto:Daniel.Stearnes@nmc.tas.gov.au) (Trainee Engineering Officer) at council@nmc.tas.gov.au or by phone 6397 7358

Local Recycling Committee Vacancies

The Local Recycling Committee provides a focal point for information relating to waste disposal and recycling between the Northern Midlands Council and the community. It also identifies and prioritises achievable local recycling initiatives.

If you would like to actively participate in considering and providing feedback to the Northern Midlands Council in respect to key strategic recycling issues, there are currently 3 vacancies on this special committee of Council.

More information about the Local Recycling Committee can be found on our website or by emailing council@nmc.tas.gov.au

Volunteering and 2023 Australia Day Awards

As we get caught up in our busy lives, it's easy to overlook the important acts that our volunteers do. Recognition is not the reason why most people give their time but showing a little gratitude in a meaningful way sure does go a long way in making people feel appreciated.



Australia Day

Volunteering can be formal or informal and the motivations for volunteering include a desire to contribute to community, to give back/make a difference, to do an activity that aligns with personal values, for enjoyment and social connection. With volunteers contributing over 200 hours each, and some much more than that, across their communities each year, you can show a volunteer how much you appreciate what they do by nominating them to receive an award at our Annual Australia Day Awards.

The nomination categories are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Volunteer Recognition

The awards ceremony will be held at our 2023 Australia Day event in Cressy and nominations close Thursday 1 December 2022. More details can be found on our website or by contacting Lorraine Wyatt on 6397 7303 or by emailing Lorraine.wyatt@nmc.tas.gov.au

Council Meeting and Strategic Outcomes

Council has made steady progress through its strategic plans over the past 4 years despite the challenges and disruptions of the Covid 19 pandemic. The Northern Midlands municipality is growing and with a population increase of 923 people since 2016, demonstrating the need for continual planning for the future and the increased demand for services.

I would like to thank our staff for their ongoing dedication in achieving such great outcomes while continuing to support our communities.

On Monday 24 October Council held its final meeting ahead of the result of the 2022 Local Government Elections.

Some of the outcomes were:

- Council agreed to allocate \$20,228 to the Round 2 Events Assistance Grant which will aid 10 events.
- Council will request the Transport Commissioner at the Department of State Growth to consider lowering the speed limit in Breadalbane to 60.
- Council agreed to replace the existing give way signs at the intersection of Mulgrave and Secombe Street with larger "B" size give way signs and will install rumble bars in the centre of the road.

Acting as Planning Authority, Council also dealt with 8 planning applications including subdivisions, a change of use to "food services", and development and use of a garage and two sheds.

Decisions made by Council are not always well received however they are always made in accordance with the best advice available and in line with planning for the future of the Northern Midlands municipality.

I would like to thank my colleagues for their dedication to their communities and the municipality more broadly, over the last 4 years.

Mary Knowles OAM

Mayor

Project Updates

After vandals destroyed a section of the newly laid concrete at the **Longford Road Safety Park**, that section has now been replaced and it's exciting to see the concept become a reality.



The **Perth Train Park Sculptures** are progressing well with brand new carvings being meticulously created.



Morven Park Cricket Nets are all done, except for the batting crease line marking.



Evandale Memorial Hall is getting a new roof. The old roof is off and the new one on. The project is progressing well with approximately 50% of the work complete.

