

Message from the Mayor



Flood Damage - The rain that has drenched the eastern side of Australia certainly didn't miss the northern midlands with flood damage to roads, bridges and other infrastructure estimated to be in excess of \$1.13million at this time however, the final figure could be higher.

Between 13 October to 16 October, Council staff were required to work an additional 140 hours in very trying conditions, as they inspected roads and other infrastructure, monitored flood waters, closing roads and parks, keeping our community safe.

But sometimes we need a little extra help, so we also engaged contractors from 15 October, up to and including the night of 16 October, who also contributed combined working hours totalling 192 hours.

Once flood waters receded, Council staff and contractors worked together ensuring roads were made trafficable by the Sunday night, except for one road which had been completely washed away, and from Monday 17 October, Council staff collectively worked an additional 20 hours per day for a week to make our roads as safe as possible. That's a remarkable effort.

The repairs required range from minor to major works and Council is aiming to complete repairs within 3 months. However, that is dependent on weather conditions and the availability of contractors.

Your Council Elect - The Elections are over. Votes have been counted and your council elect is:
Mary Knowles (Mayor),
Janet Lambert (Deputy Mayor),
Dick Adams,
Matthew Brooks,
Richard Goss,
Richard Archer,
Andrew McCullough,
Alison Andrews, and
Paul Terrett.

I would like to thank everyone for having the confidence to vote me back in and congratulate my fellow Councillors elect.

Council has achieved a lot in the past 4 years, and I would like to thank Andrew Calvert, Michael Polley, Ian Goninon and Jan Davis who contributed to that fantastic achievement.

The next 4 years will see a number of major projects come online including the TRANSLink precinct, which has grown from a small nucleus of low-key business developments in the late 1980s, to a thriving business estate engaged in a diverse array of activities.

The project will open an extra 59 hectares for new development adjacent to the airport, and create 490 new jobs in the region, ensuring the continued viability of existing precinct businesses, generating an extra \$33.6 million product annually in the Northern Tasmanian Region through the more efficient movement of freight, and improved market access for high-end and perishable goods.

The community can also expect a stronger focus on environmental issues, mental health, and well-being.

Mental Health Day held at Campbell Town District High School - At the end of Term 3, Campbell Town District High School held an event for Mental Health Week. The event was jointly coordinated by NMC Youth Officer, Campbell Town DH School Nurse, and Mental Health Worker from RFDS.

It was a great day and the feedback received from staff and students included comments such as: 'this is so much fun, thank you' and 'best day ever', along with 'this is all for us?'

Service Providers set up stalls offering information and activities including the RFDS very popular 'Slushy Bikes' where students could make their own slushie by pedalling on a bike to power the blender. Headspace Launceston had "make your own Lava Lamp Jars", while Relationships Australia offered friendship bracelet packs to name a few.

Games were set up to have fun with peers, yoga/mindfulness space set up under a tree with and music playing in the background. The incredible Rotary Longford very kindly donated BBQ sausages for all to enjoy which was very much appreciated.

A big thank you to all service providers for making the day possible including Royal Flying Doctors Services, Rural Alive and Well (RAW), StandBy, Relationships Australia, Headspace Launceston, Rural Youth, Positive Solutions, Rotary Club of Longford, Banjos Longford, and Ambulance Tasmania. Students finished the day by enjoying a Colour Run.



FOGO Update

The roll out of the **FOGO** bins will commence in mid-January 2023 with a view to the first collection occurring in the beginning of February.

Your bin, which will be black with a lime green lid, will be 240litres and collection will occur on the opposite week to your current waste collection.

Organic waste can contain high amounts of moisture which means your bin could become heavier than the mechanical arm of the collection vehicle can lift. Some tips to help manage the weight of your bin include:

- Mow lawns when they are dry (wet grass is heavier than dry)
- Ensure leaf matter/clippings are dry
- Aerate the **FOGO** from time to time to release moisture
- Follow what can and can't go in the bin guide
- Shake soil off all weeds and unwanted plants
- Don't add large limbs or trunks from trees and shrubs

Compostable and biodegradable bags **cannot** be placed in your **FOGO** bin.

Mary Knowles OAM
Mayor

Project Updates

The Cressy Pool upgrades (stage 2) are now complete and council is very pleased with the outcome.



Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule

The Tasmanian Planning Commission has approved the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule as part of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

Applications lodged since 12 October 2022 are being assessed against the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Northern Midlands.

The Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule is available on the Council's website.