

# NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

## April Update #1

### MAYORS MESSAGE

We have three of our towns celebrating their bicentenaries this year. Ross, Campbell Town and Perth will each celebrate 200 years since they were established in 1821. Community members have set up committees in each town to organise events to celebrate and commemorate the milestone event. We look forward to seeing their events come to life!

Our Youth Officer has been very busy organising and facilitating several youth programs and groups to offer in the Northern Midlands. These include the Free2b Girls Group, Active Youth Program and working alongside our schools

We had heavy rain throughout Tasmania in late March which made quite a mess of the Northern Midlands. We were forced to close several of our roads, reserves, and campgrounds due flooding and our Works Department are still continuing with the ongoing clean-up. A very big thank you to our works Department staff for their hard work.

Shortly we will commence the 2021/2022 Municipal Budget process and hope to continue with our proactive capital works program and continued support for our community. In the last financial year we have seen several major projects almost completed, including the final stage of the Longford Sports Centre and the Ross Village Green. We are aiming to have the Ross Village Green completed by the end of June, with an expected official opening to be planned for later in the year.

**MARY KNOWLES OAM**  
MAYOR

### OVERHANGING TREES

It's time to trim your foliage!

Many people use our footpaths, nature strips and horse trails; postmen, school children, joggers, horse riders, people with disabilities and the elderly.

To ensure that everyone can safely use our footpaths, nature strips and horse trails, the following should be used as a guide:

- Footpaths a clear height of 2.5 metres;
- Nature strips a clear height of 4.5 metres;
- Horse trails a clear height of 3 metres;
- Road ways a clear height of 6 metres

All foliage and vegetation should be cut back to your boundary fences to ensure there are no trees or foliage that may cause injury to person or property.

Public liability claims may be generated by damage sustained to people using these areas, if branches of trees, foliage and hedges are not of sufficient height or are in the direct path of users.

Want to find out more? Please contact our Compliance Officer on 03 6397 7303.



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### FREE2B

The Free2b Girls Program is an early intervention approach to the personal development and social inclusion of girls aged 10-15 in regional communities around Australia. The program helps build self-belief and identity in teenage girls through focusing on their creative capabilities, positive attributes and contributions to their local community.

Free2b Girls groups provide participants with positive experiences of themselves, other women and their communities. Up to 15 girls are given the responsibility of looking after the space where they can develop their own agendas and activities within established boundaries of safety, tolerance and respect.

The Groups run weekly for approx. 2 hrs and are assisted by local volunteers trained in the Free2b approach to helping foster the girls' interests, passions and individual personalities.

We currently have groups running in Campbell Town (Wednesdays) and Longford (Thursdays) from 3 - 4:30pm.

Please contact our Youth Officer on 03 6397 7303 if you would like to get involved.

### CURRENT JOB VACANCIES

We are currently recruiting for the following roles:

- On-Call Animal Control Officer (Casual/ on call)  
Closing Date: 18/04/2021
- Environmental Health Officer (Full time)  
Closing Date: 18/04/2021

The full job description and selection criteria can be found on our website under the *Careers* section.

The Northern Midlands Council is an equal opportunity employer and we encourage all applicants to apply, regardless of gender, race, colour, nationality, age, religion or disability.

If you have any questions, please contact the People and Culture Business Partner on 03 6397 7303, otherwise we look forward to receiving your application.

