

NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

April Update #2

INSURANCE CHECKUP

Tasmania has its fair share of bushfires, floods, storms and other extreme weather events.

Depending on where you live, you may have more risk of loss or damage to your home, business or belongings if a natural disaster comes your way.

A new toolkit has been launched to encourage Tasmanian households and business owners to think about whether they are appropriately insured for natural disasters.

Start your insurance checkup now and find out more: InsuranceCheckup.tas.gov.au



TASMANIAN WEEDS ACTION FUND

The Tasmanian Weeds Action Fund (WAF) is a \$5 million state government initiative that supports farmers and other community organisations tackle weeds impacting valuable agricultural and environmental assets across the state. Round 2 of the Grants Program closes on 5 May 2021.

Find out more: <https://nrmnorth.org.au/land/weeds-action-fund/>

(Pictured: Chilean needle grass (*Nassella neesiana*) has a damaging effect on sheep as long, sharp seeds injure the animals, downgrading lamb and sheep meat, wool, skins and hides)



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YOUTH PROGRAMS UPDATE

Free2b Girls Longford and Campbell Town (funded by Tasmanian Community Fund grant):

The Longford group averages 12 per group ages 10-12, held at Longford Memorial Hall on Thursdays. We have 2 volunteer helpers Wendy and Jacqui as well as our facilitator Emily. Activities include group chat and eating time, art and craft (wool, magnet and card making, painting, drawing, sewing), dancing and performing plays, playing games and going to the playground.

Some of the girls thrive on group activities while others like to have quiet time by themselves or 1:1 with the facilitators. Feedback from Longford Primary School and parents has been very positive indicating that the girls who are attending are those in need of a safe and friendly space to come to. The success of the Longford group has been further demonstrated by the former girls group participants who are going to high school now popping in to help, chat or join in with the current group.

The Campbell Town group averages 8 per group, ages 12-14, held in Campbell Town on Wednesdays. We have 2 volunteers Sarah and Amber as well as our facilitator Holly. Activities include group chat and eating time, art and craft, games, listening to music or going for walks around town. The girls enjoy either breaking off into groups, individual quiet time or 1:1 time with the facilitators.

Feedback from Campbell Town District High School and parents has been very positive and the group of girls who attend are in need of a safe and friendly space to come to. One of the highlights has been that a group of students at Campbell Town school has donated funds (\$300) to the Free2b Girls Group raised by making and selling goods at the Campbell Town Market.

Active Youth Program – Campbell Town and Cressy (funded by Healthy Tasmania – Tasmanian Government grant)

The program is being facilitated at both Campbell Town and Cressy schools during lunch times. Activities include cricket, football, basketball, soccer, archery, boxing, badminton, dodgeball, handball, fitness challenges and games. The Campbell Town school principal has commended the program saying that there are children joining in who do not normally participate in sports or team activities.

Junior Action Group – Evandale Primary School

This group will be reformed in Term 3 and will involve year 5-6 students in a school garden project. It is anticipated that the JAG group will work to revamp the existing school garden and orchard to be able to raise funds for the school and eventually have a produce stall at the Evandale Market.

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