

NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

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NORTHERN MIDLANDS TO BENEFIT FROM RAFT OF ELECTION PROMISES

Communities in the Northern Midlands will be well supported after this year's state election, with both the Tasmanian Labor and Liberal parties promising several commitments in the municipality, should they be elected on 1 May.

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM said Council welcomed the Tasmanian Labor Party's \$1 million commitment towards the revitalisation of Perth's main street should it be elected on 1 May.

"The million-dollar promise – made on 17 April – is part of a targeted plan that will assist Council to carry out the Perth Main Street Redevelopment Plan, which includes the upgrade of existing amenities, improvement to urban furniture and implementation of pedestrian crossings and other traffic calming measures to further attract visitors and tourists to the area," Mayor Knowles said.

"The Labor Party has also released its 10-year multi-billion-dollar Infrastructure Transport Plan which promises to fix congestion on Tasmania's roads, improve the state's public transport system, enhance safety and create jobs.

"This includes funding for the long awaited TRANSlint Intermodal Facility at Evandale and upgrades to Sticky Beak's corner at Longford."

Meanwhile, the Tasmanian Liberal Party has committed \$23.7million to supersize irrigation schemes to meet increased demand for the Don, Tamar, Sassafras, Northern Midlands & Fingal areas.

"As well as seeking up to \$100 million additional funding from the Australian Government, this commitment from the Liberal Party would go a long way to ensuring agricultural communities in the Northern Midlands have secure access to the water needed on their properties," Mayor Knowles said.

"The Liberal Party has also announced a \$100,000 commitment to develop a road safety park at Longford, which will feature line marked roads, crossings, roundabouts, road signage and traffic lights, to provide children a safe space to learn road safety skills in our municipality."

Overall, Tasmanian Labor has committed:

- \$75 million towards the TRANSlint intermodal facility at Evandale
- \$2.5 million towards upgrades to Heritage Corner, Longford
- \$1 million towards Perth Main Street Upgrades
- \$355,000 for the Cressy Recreation Ground (pictured below)
- \$90,000 to the Longford Golf Club for greens equipment & facility upgrade
- \$25,000 for the Longford Bowls and Community Club
- \$20,000 for the Midlands Bowls and Community Club
- \$15,000 to support the Longford Cricket Club towards equipment for the team
- \$10,000 to Helping Hand Longford for equipment & supplies to assist vulnerable people in our community.



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Meanwhile the Tasmanian Liberal Party has promised:

- \$23.7 million to supersize irrigation schemes to meet increased demand for the Don, Tamar, Sassafras, Northern Midlands & Fingal areas
- \$2 million to Campbell Town District High School to upgrade and consolidate agricultural facilities
- \$100,000 towards a children's road safety park Longford (pictured below)
- \$100,000 to Longford Golf Course to replace their ageing fairway mower and undertake upgrades to their change rooms
- \$50,000 towards installation of pillars at the Longford Railway Bridge (pictured below)
- \$30,000 to assist the Tasmanian Working Sheepdog Association in hosting a major national & international working sheep dog event in Campbell Town this October
- \$25,000 to Longford Bowls & Community Club to refurbish their kitchen and upgrade kitchen appliances
- \$24,200 for equipment to transition between football and cricket seasons at various Northern Midlands Ovals
- \$20,000 to install heavy duty, rust and slip-resistant dog exercise units at Perth Dog Park
- \$18,000 for upgrades to amenities at Longford Showgrounds
- \$15,000 to improve safety at Perth Recreational Ground
- \$13,000 to Toosey Aged & Community Care to construct and install shade sails.

"It's gratifying to see both major parties have identified the Northern Midlands as an area of growth and planned to invest strongly in upgrading and developing the region for its local communities and visitors," Mayor Knowles said.



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