

Mayors Message



With almost three months left of this financial year, budget preparations are well underway for the 2022/2023 year.

District Committees have been busy submitting their recommendations for Council to consider in conjunction with Council's strategic priorities.

On a lighter note, on 29 March I attended the Northern Midlands Visitor Information Centre biannual meeting, where ideas were exchanged, issues raised, and concerns addressed. I thank all the volunteers who give their time sharing their knowledge and passion about their local area when welcoming visitors. Many groups also coordinate and run their local museum, cataloguing, recording, and setting up exhibits and without the volunteers these assets would not be cared for and open to the community and visitors. Council's Tourism Officer regularly assists each group, and this is greatly appreciated.

The Missing

On 4 April I attended a morning tea to celebrate the work of prominent Trawlwoolway artist, writer and curator, Julie Gough who, in conjunction with Mona Foma, undertook a project to situate three metal silhouettes in the landscape of the Midlands Highway. Truth telling what occurred in the regions during the 1820's and 1830's.

The silhouettes are in addition to the colonial silhouettes already located along the highway, and represent the Aboriginal presence, telling the story that is Missing'.

At 3.2metres high the silhouettes depict

- an Aboriginal man walking with a firestick, to honour 50,000 years of cohabitation with Country
- a lone woman holding a baby, which represents the Aboriginal children taken from their families and the slavery endured
- A colonist and an Aboriginal person, shooting and spearing each other.

I would also like to thank the landholders on whose land the silhouettes are located. Acknowledging our combined history can still be difficult for some and without this collaborative approach to embracing our shared histories, this project may not have been possible.

Our Youth Space is again starting to find consistency



since appointing a new Youth Officer with Free2b Girls Longford and Campbell Town recommencing in Term 2.

Free2b is a supportive welcoming and creative environment where your 10 to 16 year-old can make new friends without judgement. Consider joining Free2b Girls.

If you can commit 1.5 hours monthly, fortnightly, or weekly reach out to Natalie for more information: Natalie.dell@nmc.tas.gov.au or visit: Free2b Girls - Home

All volunteers must hold a current WWVP.

Easter is a time of hope, renewal, and new life.

If you're travelling around the state over the Easter break, make sure you are well rested before you commence your trip, plan a rest stop into your drive and have a break at least every two hours.

Anzac Day

Australians commemorate the service and sacrifice of those who have served in the defence of our nation and attend Anzac Day commemorations.

Roads will be closed, and traffic management will be in place. Services will be held in your community at the following times.

Campbell Town Cenotaph	6:00am and 11:00am
Evandale Cenotaph	6:00am and 11:00am
Longford Cenotaph	6:00am and 11:00am
Ross Cenotaph	6:00am and 11:00am
Cressy Cenotaph	9:00am
Perth Cenotaph	9:00am
Bishopsbourne Cenotaph	9:00am
Avoca Cenotaph	11:00am

Enjoy a happy and safe Easter with lots of family fun.

Mary Knowles OAM
Mayor

PROJECT UPDATES

Council is working on the intersection of Barton Road/Valleyfield Road and Mt Joy Road. Weather permitting, this intersection will be asphalted later next week.

Stormwater works have recommenced at Cromwell St Perth. After having a water main lowered to allow for the culvert pipes to be correctly located, works can now be completed in the coming weeks

Council staff have replaced the roof on the Epping Hall.



Elite are progressing with footpaths. Below: Pultney St between Pakenham and Burnett St Longford (Crossroads)



Church St Cressy from Main St to Charles St.

