

Mayors Message



The **Longford Legends** Trail Walk is a community project inspired by the Longford District Committee which was launched in 2020. It recognises people, organisations and events that made a strong contribution to the Longford community.

On Monday 14 March, I had the pleasure of opening the Lychgate which marks the entrance to the trail.

An additional six legends were added to the trail bringing the total inductees to 13.



You may have heard the promotions on the radio or seen the post on the Northern Midlands Council Facebook page about the **Hearing Lived Experience Survey 2022**. Well, the Tasmanian Government has commenced community consultation for the third, Family and Sexual Violence Action Plan.

With victim-survivor voices at the centre of the Government's approach, the five key elements of community consultation are:

1. Hearing Lived Experience Survey 2022
2. Establishing a Victim-Survivor Advisory Council
3. Targeted workshops with key stakeholders, including a focus on diverse communities and priority areas for action
4. Partnering with Tasmanian Aboriginal community-controlled organisations
5. Public written submissions



The Hearing Lived Experience Survey 2022 needs to hear from adults with lived experience of family and/or sexual violence, is currently open and will remain open, for 12 months. To take the survey: safefromviolence.tas.gov.au/

For people who can't access the internet, there is a shortened version of the Survey as a hard copy Booklet, available from Service Tasmania outlets and Neighbour Houses.

Some people may find the Survey to be confronting or triggering, so if you require support and information including 24 hour helplines: safefromviolence.tas.gov.au/.../service...

Project Updates

Our Works Department projects are continuing.



Works Department along with contractors have been placing a missing section of kerb and channel at Murfett St Cressy.



Contractors have completed a section of footpath on Pultney St between Burghley St and Catherine St Longford.



A 2km section on Barton Rd (between Midlands Highway and Valleyfield Rd) is in the final days of completion. This section was sealed on Friday 11 March 2022

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Mayor

Public Attendance Council Meetings is being undertaken in accordance with the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (*Miscellaneous Provisions*) Act 2020 and is subject to the capacity limit of the meeting room.

While COVID-19 restrictions remain in place, Council is mindful of the need to ensure community safety and compliance about social distancing and limitations on the number of persons who may gather. This obligation is balanced with the need to minimise disruption to the business of Council.

From Monday 21 March 2022, limited public access to Council meetings is again permitted; however, public attendance is restricted to those who wish to make representation or present a statement in person at the meeting.

Preference will be given to individuals:

1. making representations relating to planning applications which are subject to statutory timeframes (limit of 4 persons per item), and
2. those making statements or representations on items listed in the agenda for discussion (limited to 2 persons).

To ensure compliance with Council's COVID-19 Safety Plan, any person wishing to attend is required to register their interest to attend. Registration requests must be received by Council before 12noon, 4 days preceding the meeting (i.e., Friday 18 March) by emailing council@nmc.tas.gov.au or phoning Council on 6397 7303.

On arrival attendees will:

- be required to complete the health declaration section of their registration form; and
- receive direction from council officers (or Council's delegate) in relation to their access to the meeting room.

Public Question Time commences at 6.45pm however, access to the Municipal Building is only permitted prior to 5.00pm, and between 6.30pm to 6.40pm.

Alternatively, members of the public who cannot attend the meeting but would like to ask a question or make a representation to the Council, during Public Question Time, may forward their question/representation to council@nmc.tas.gov.au submissions must be received by Council before 12noon 4 days preceding the meeting (i.e. Friday 18 March). Any questions/representations received will be circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, tabled at the meeting and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

These arrangements are subject to review. Council will continue to ensure minutes and audio recordings of Council meetings are available on Council's website.

The Future of Local Government Review

The Tasmanian Government has commissioned the Local Government Board to undertake a Review of the role, function, and design of local government in Tasmania.

The review will look at:

The fundamentals of the local government system
The role it should play in supporting communities
The services it should be delivering, and
The most effective ways of doing so.

At the end of the 18-month Review, the Board will make recommendations to the Government the reforms it believes are needed.

All Tasmanians will have an opportunity to have their voice heard, and more information about this will be published in the coming weeks including what opportunities for consultation will be available, both online and in your local area.

More information can be found at: futurelocal.tas.gov.au/