

## Mayors Message



### Auditor-General Report Shows NMC in Healthy Financial Position

The Auditor-General's report of the of the financial statements of State entities for the 2020-21 released last month, found Northern Midlands had substantially improved its position on previous years.

The audit showed Northern Midlands capital expenditure averaged 58.2 per cent of budget for the last two years.

In the current year, Council's total capital works program is \$23.7 million, however a number of substantial projects will be carried forward into 2022-23

### Food Organics, & Garden Organics (FOGO)

At the Council meeting held 11 April 2022, Council made the decision to call for tenders for a kerbside organics (FOGO) collection service commencing in 2023.

This service will be provided to all residences in the urban areas of the municipality. People living in a unit who may not have room to store the bin or might choose to share a bin with a neighbour, will be given the option to opt out of the service.

Collection services will continue to be fortnightly, and the size of the FOGO bin will be the same as your general waste bin (140L).

To make sure everyone in your household knows what can and can't go in the FOGO bin, a full list of what can and cannot go in your FOGO bin will be provided as the program is rolled out.

### Mary Knowles OAM

Mayor

### What is FOGO and Why Are We doing it?

In July 2022, the Tasmanian Government is planning to introduce a levy on all waste sent to landfill across Tasmania.

Under the levy, businesses, councils, and their communities who divert waste away from landfill will pay less than those who don't.



When FOGO (organic matter) is trapped in landfill, FOGO produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas that harms the atmosphere and environment.

The FOGO materials collected in a single bin, are used to create compost or soil conditioner.

Collecting the FOGO material reduces the amount of waste going to landfill and provides an easy way for residents to actively make a positive difference to our environment.

## Project Updates

There will be lots of activity in and around Perth during May.

- Drainage works are commencing at the new Perth Early Learning Centre site.
- The installation of the scoreboard at the Perth oval has been planned to commence in mid-May.
- The toilets in Talisker Street have been scheduled for demolition and rebuild.
- Perth Bypass (Southern End), a total of 1489 seedlings will be planted commencing late May/June 2022 creating a beautiful ribbon of Tasmanian native flora with interesting foliage colours and bark textures.  
Plantings will consist of:
  - ✓ 396 Allocasuarina littoralis
  - ✓ 329 Acacia melanoxylon
  - ✓ 449 Eucalyptus amygdalina
  - ✓ 223 Eucalyptus ovata
  - ✓ 208 Eucalyptus paciflora
  - ✓ 289 Eucalyptus viminalis

As preparations commence for the 2022/2023 budget, it's great to see current projects being finalised.

Barton Road: 1.8km section of road has been reconstructed.



The intersection of Barton Road, Valleyfield Road and Mt Joy Road has been asphalted.



Another section of paving has also been completed at Church Street in Cressy.



Fencing of the cricket nets at Morven Park is complete. Synthetic turf, small retaining wall and some plantings is all that's left to be done.



Secombe Street toilets in Perth are open with only painting of downpipes and steel to be completed.

