

Mayors Message



The Council meeting was held on Monday 21 March 2022.

At item 9.5, Council has been invited to participate in the next phase of consultation being undertaken by the Tasmanian Government to ensure that contemporary legislation is in place to protect our rich Aboriginal cultural heritage and the significance of this heritage to Tasmania's Aboriginal people, and all Tasmanians. Council will prepare a submission.

Outcomes of Planning Reports included:

14.1 Draft Amendment 04/2021: PLN-21-0301: 17 Church Street, Campbell Town: This was initiated by Council and will go to public exhibition for community feedback the weekend of 26 March.

14.2 PLN21-0323: 87 Bulwer Street & Bulwer Street, Catherine Street, Lewis Street & Burghley Street Road Reserves, Longford: council approved a 28-lot subdivision on the southwest side of Longford.

14.3 Draft Amendment 01/2022 to Insert 873 Illawarra Road, Longford, and Adjoining Section of Illawarra Road into The List of Local Heritage Places: Initiated but not certified by Council. This item will be returned to council before being presented for public exhibition and comment.

14.4 Report on Representations to Draft Local Provisions Schedule: Council accepted a report on the Draft Local Provisions Schedule. For changes, please review the minutes on council's website.

Badajos Street Railway Crossing, Ross

The narrowness of the road approaches to the Badajos Street railway crossing have been raised many times over the years.

The most common complaint was that two opposing vehicles could not pass simultaneously. That led to multiple requests to widen the crossing at a cost of \$250k, which could not be justified for low usage.



Instead, Council has installed a "Give Way to Oncoming Vehicles" sign on either side of the crossing.

The **Soaring Club of Tasmania** started its operations in 1974 at Woodbury airfield however relocated its operations to Tunbridge Airfield recommencing operations at the Tunbridge Airfield in October 2019.

The new operations included the installation of a new hanger, which I was pleased to formally open on Sunday 20 March.



Free2B Girls Program

The Free2B Girls program has recommenced in Longford and Campbell Town. The program provides up to 20 girls a space where they can develop their own agendas and activities within established boundaries of safety, tolerance, and respect. Building self-belief and identity in girls by focusing on their creative capabilities and positive attributes.

Mary Knowles OAM
Mayor

PROJECT UPDATES

Ross Village Green is now open. The Green was informally opened on 16 March. A formal opening will be held later.



Above: Mayor Knowles inspects the Perth Early Learning Centre Plans, on site with Project Manager, Trent Atkinson.



Above and below: concept designs.



Perth Early Learning Centre

Earthworks have commenced at the new Perth Early Learning Centre.

The current Childcare Centre originally opened in 2003, for 2 days a week at the Perth Community centre catering for 20 places. Then demand, saw the service expand to five days per week.

Nowadays, the Centre caters for children from Perth, Evandale, Devon Hills, Longford, Cressy, Bishopsbourne and the surrounding rural properties but it reached capacity some time ago and has a waiting list.

The need to expand the service is a high priority project for Council. This purpose-built Early Learning Centre will cater for 42 long day care places and 49 out of school and vacation care places.

MEMBERSHIP OF NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Residents and representatives from community interest groups are invited to apply for membership of the Northern Midlands Council Bicycle Advisory Committee, in particular membership from the following sectors is sought:

- One Health Sector Representative;
- One Recreation Sector Representative;
- Three Community Members representing the Cycling Community

As a Special Committee of Council, members will be appointed and meet in accordance with the Terms of Reference to provide advice and recommendations on:

- Preparation of the Northern Midlands Council: Municipal Bicycle and Shared Path Plan; and
- Implementation of actions identified in the Northern Midlands Council: Municipal Bicycle and Shared Path Plan that include:
 - Planning for the development of bicycle pathways and routes which link key assets of our municipality;
 - Prioritisation of developments, ensuring changes are coordinated and reflect the needs of the community and users;
 - Improvements to the safety of users and community members accessing the bicycle pathways;
 - Opportunities to increase participation in cycling usage across the municipality.

The term of appointment will be until June 2023. The Terms of Reference and Application form are available from the Council Offices at Longford or can be downloaded from Council's website: www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au

Applications for membership must be addressed to the General Manager, PO Box 156, Longford TAS 7301 or email to council@nmc.tas.gov.au to be received by **Thursday, 4 May 2022**.