

## Northern Lights: Northern Midlands Council Lights the Way in Sustainable Streetlights.

Nominate your Local Heroes: Australia Day Award applications are now open!



### Leading the Way in Sustainability: Northern Midlands Council's Commitment to Energy Efficiency

As part of a broader effort among Tasmanian councils to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance energy efficiency, the Northern Midlands Council has been actively participating in initiatives that set benchmarks for sustainability.

By joining forces with other councils in northern Tasmania, including Meander Valley, Break O'Day, West Tamar, George Town, and the City of Launceston, the Northern Midlands Council has helped make Tasmania's LED streetlight deployment the largest in the country by percentage. This collaborative approach has enabled the councils to take advantage of bulk purchase prices, effectively reducing supplier and project costs.



The switch from outdated and inefficient lighting to LED technology has already resulted in substantial savings for the Northern Midlands Council. Over the past few years, the

council has seen a significant reduction in energy use and maintenance costs, highlighting the economic benefits of sustainable practices. From 2019 to 2023, streetlighting energy use decreased by approximately 23%, despite the overall number of streetlights increasing by 25 during that period.

This achievement was primarily due to the replacement of about 240 streetlights with more efficient LED technology, demonstrating the powerful impact of these energy-efficient solutions.

The transition to LED lighting has also led to a decline in emissions from unmetered public streetlighting, further contributing to the council's environmental goals. Looking ahead, the Northern Midlands Council is exploring additional areas to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption. Plans are underway to upgrade lighting in parks, sportsgrounds, footpaths, and car parks to LED, with the potential for these lights to be controlled by timer and sensor technology.

In some cases, it may be cost-effective to install solar panel and battery-powered lights, providing a sustainable and independent energy source.

Residents can also reduce electricity use by up to 60 – 90% as well as emissions by switching to LED lighting at home and installing motion sensors to switch off lighting when not needed.

By embracing these initiatives, both the council and residents can contribute to a more sustainable and energy-efficient future. The Northern Midlands Council's efforts are not just about reducing costs but also about setting a standard for environmental stewardship and community responsibility. Together, we can continue to build a greener, more sustainable Tasmania.

### Cressy Dump Point Now Open and Operational!

Great news for travellers and locals alike! The new dump point in Cressy is officially open and fully operational. Conveniently located at the Cressy Recreational Ground, 2 Macquarie Street, Cressy this facility offers a safe and accessible place to disposed of waste, ensuring a cleaner camping experience for all.



Cressy Recreational Ground newest dump point

### New Playground Brings Fresh Fun to Cressy's Bartholomew Park

Bartholomew Park in Cressy has been given a vibrant makeover with a brand-new Playground that is now open to the public. The updated space includes features a colourful boat with slides and climbing nets, tic tac toe, rocking fish, monkey bars and lots of fun activities for the kids. The park is now more family friendly with the BBQ, sheltered pavilion and toilets block.



Bartholomew Park, Main Road, Cressy.

### Northern Midlands Council 2024 Further Education Bursary Program

To be eligible for a bursary, applicants must:

- Have a Northern Midlands home address
- Be enrolled in Year Ten
- Intend to pursue further education or training (including apprenticeships) for at least two years post-year ten.

Applicants are assessed on economic need, their passion for pursuing a further education, training pathway, and their community and school achievements to date.

To apply please download the form from our website [www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au](http://www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au) A hard copy can be requested by contacting Council on 6397 7303.

**Applications close 5pm Friday 20 September 2024.**



### Northern Midlands Council Australia Day 2025 Awards

The Northern Midlands

Council has over 100 volunteers contributing their time to Council, whether it be in an advisory capacity, or in a practical capacity running and maintaining one of Council's numerous halls or recreation grounds throughout the municipality. Our volunteers are crucial to maintaining the services and facilities that Council provides.

Each year the Council recognises outstanding citizens and events within the community as part of the Northern Midlands Council Australia Day Awards. Nominations are now open for our Annual Australia Day Awards. The awards ceremony will be held at our 2025 Australia Day Event on Sunday January 2026. Nominations are open for the following:

- Citizen of the year
- Young Citizen of the year
- Community Event of the year

Nominations can also be made for:

- Volunteer Recognition

The Volunteer Recognition award is for individuals or organisations within our community that have made an incredible effort or achievement in contribution to the community and municipality

Nomination forms are available on our website on the below link, hard copies are also available upon request. Completed forms must be returned by Wednesday 27 November 2024. Please email [council@nmc.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@nmc.tas.gov.au) or call on 6397 7303 if you have any questions.

*Get your nominations in! Let's celebrate and recognise those individuals who have contributed so much to our community.*

*Mayor Mary Knowles OAM*