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Message from the Mayor

Laycock Street Playground

The Local Roads & Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program has, over the past four years enabled Council to ensure Federal Government stimulus funding flows into our local communities. Phase Four of the LRCI Program will enable Council to continue partnering with the Federal Government to build infrastructure that delivers benefits and supports jobs in our local communities.

At the Council meeting held 20 March, Council approved the nomination of the Laycock Street (Longford) Playground Development project for funding through Phase Four of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, with the project to receive \$500,768.

Self-Contained Vehicle Overnight Rest Areas

Our free 48-hour self - contained vehicle rest areas all REQUIRE a camping permit. These can be obtained on Councils website or alternatively please call Council on (03) 6397 7303 for further information.

Our overnight rest areas are located at:

- Bishopsbourne Community Centre
- Cressy Recreation Ground
- Evandale - Honeysuckle Banks (From November to April only)
- Evandale – Falls Park Reserve (Monday to Friday only)
- Campbell Town – Blackburn Park.

These areas are not camp sites for tents.

Self-contained vehicles means shower, washing, toilet, cooking, and sleeping must be contained within your vehicle and no grey or black water, or other liquid is to be let out onto the ground, around trees, or into the river.

Project Updates



PERTH EARLY LEARNING CENTRE



Reception area at the all-new Perth Early Learning Centre

Not long now and the reception area pictured will be full of colour with new families and staff.

Glen Esk Road Reconstruction.

Council staff are in the process of finalising the upgrade of an approximately 3km section of Glen Esk Road. Guideposts and signage will be placed in the coming days.



Laycock Street Park Concept Plan

As part of a new subdivision at 7 Laycock Street Longford, triangle of land created by the meeting of Laycock, Wellington and Pultney Streets, will comprise a playground/picnic area of approximately 450 m², and an open space grassed area of approximately 1,150 m². Plans for the development of the playground/picnic area include nature-based play elements, a three bay inclusive swing, picnic shelter, electric BBQ and provision for an inclusive toilet facility.

Dog Registrations and Microchipping

In accordance with the Dog Control Act 2000, every dog over the age of 6 months *must* be registered by its owner with their local council. In the Northern Midlands the annual registration fee is due by 31 August of each year.

It is a legal requirement, and trying to avoid this by concealing or disposing of a dog is a punishable offence and Council is now commencing infringements for unregistered dogs.

All dogs over six months of age must also be microchipped. This also assist Council to contact you if your dog is found roaming and is impounded.

If you are moving house, you need to notify the council within 14 days of moving. If you're transferring to a different municipal area, both your old and new councils will need to be notified in writing.

If the unfortunate situation arises and your pet dies, please notify council in writing within 14 days of the dog's death. Once notified, the council will cancel your dog's registration.

Unveiling of Bishopsbourne's History Board

On Saturday 18 March I had the pleasure of participating in the unveiling of Bishopsbone's History Board alongside Ivan and Andrew Badcock.

It was a massive undertaking to put this information together and I would like to acknowledge Ivan and Andrew for all their diligence and hard work that went into this project.

Understanding ourselves and the world around us is essential for our learning and helps us to understand present day issues. Recognising our history is vital as it tells the story of who we are, and where we came from; the past teaches us about the present.



Ivan and son Andrew Badcock reflect upon the Bishopsbourne History Board with Mayor Mary Knowles OAM and talk about the stories that make us who we are today.

The Northern Midlands Council Community Expo 2023 will be on Saturday 9 September at the Longford Sports Centre Stadium.



Exhibitors from organisations, clubs, and groups in the Northern Midlands region, or organisations that provide community services in the NM are all welcome. Its FREE to exhibit and entry to the public is also FREE.

A prospectus now available by emailing fiona.dewar@nmc.tas.gov.au

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