

## Message from the Mayor



### Australia Day Awards 2023

Each year we recognise outstanding citizens and events within the community as part of the Northern Midlands Council Australia Day Awards and our 2023 recipients were again, exceptional.

We were joined by Tasmania's Australia Day Ambassador Ella Dixon who was born in the Philippines, moved to Australia with her family in 1981 from a city of 11.5 million, to Smithton with a population of around 7000 people.

Ella is currently the CEO of not-for-profit organisation, Migrant Resource Centre and also volunteers as a director of one state-wide not-for-profit organisation while sitting on several working groups in an advisory capacity relating to resettlement, health, education, employment, and skills development for former refugees and she reminded us that being involved in our communities and serving others, is not only personally rewarding but also helps people develop a sense of what's important and of giving back. These Acts of kindness, big and small, are never forgotten and very much appreciated.

The winners of the 2023 Northern Midlands Australia Day Awards are:

**Citizen of the Year:** [Maureen Shadbolt](#), for her contribution to the wellbeing of the community.

**Young Citizen of the Year:** [Jake Quin](#) for being a role model to his peers and community.

**Event of the Year:** [Verandah Music Festival](#). Now in its third year, this two-day event features 24 musical performances on 10 of Evandale's most beautiful verandahs. Attracting state and national visitors, this event also brings social and economic benefits to the community.

### Northern Midlands Council Volunteer Recognition Awards

[Karin Muir](#) - for her dedication and commitment to maintaining a clean environment for the Ross community. Several times a week, Karin will walk the streets of Ross collecting rubbish.

[Peter Cooper](#) - volunteers to drive a Carer car two days a week, delivers meals on wheels one day a week and volunteers at Toosey two days a week.



From left to right: Brian Mitchell MP, Mayor Mary Knowles, Maureen Shadbolt, Jeff McClintock representing Verandah Music Festival, Jake Quinn and Peter Cooper. Inset, Karin Muir.

We also welcomed our newest Australian citizens.



Max Ewart was joined by his family as he became an Australian Citizen.



Billy Castro, Neo Castro and Liza Castro pledged their commitment to Australia.

The collection schedule for your new **FOGO** waste bin is:

Location	Date of Collection
Cressy	22 February 2023
Devon Hills	17 February 2023
Evandale	17 February 2023
Campbell Town	23 February 2023
Ross	23 February 2023
Conara	28 February 2023
Avoca	28 February 2023
Longford West	01 March 2023
Longford East	02 March 2023
Perth West	27 February 2023
Perth East	24 February 2023

Download a collection calendar: <https://northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/living/waste-management/waste-and-recycling-kerbside-collection>

What CAN I put in my **FOGO** bin?

Food Organics	Garden Organics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fruit &amp; vegetable scraps, including citrus</li> <li>De-packaged out-of-date/left-over food</li> <li>Meat, bones &amp; eggshells</li> <li>Bread, pasta &amp; rice</li> <li>Tea leaves &amp; coffee grounds</li> <li>Dairy products</li> <li>Seafood</li> <li>Take away food</li> <li>Baked goods</li> <li>Pizza boxes</li> <li>Paper towel &amp; used tissues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pruning</li> <li>Grass clippings</li> <li>Weeds</li> <li>Branches - Maximum 100mm Diameter</li> <li>Plants</li> <li>Small shrubs</li> <li>Twigs (no logs)</li> <li>Leaves &amp; flowers</li> <li>Untreated timber (no logs)</li> <li>Newspaper</li> <li>Shredded paper</li> <li>Hair &amp; fur</li> </ul>

**DO NOT** place any of the following items in your **FOGO** bin.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinical, medical or pharmaceutical wastes</li> <li>Concrete, rocks, ceramics, stones, bricks</li> <li>E-waste</li> <li>Food packaging</li> <li>Glass</li> <li>Garden hoses</li> <li>Batteries, light globes, gas bottles, paint</li> <li>Liquids</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metals</li> <li>Nappies</li> <li>Plant pots</li> <li>Plastics</li> <li>Soil</li> <li>Tree stumps</li> <li>Treated, painted, stained or laminated timber, particleboard or plywood</li> <li>Bags - plastics, compostable or biodegradable</li> </ul>
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Bags of any kind are unable to be processed at the **FOGO** composting facility. Many compostable bags are not truly compostable. Use paper towel or newspaper to line your bin or dry material like leaves or shredded paper to help prevent food scraps from sticking. If you accidentally dispose of something that should not go in your FOGO bin, carefully retrieve it, and place it in the correct bin. **If in doubt, leave it out!** For more information: [northernmidlands.tas.gov.au](https://northernmidlands.tas.gov.au)

**Mary Knowles OAM**  
Mayor