

Message from the Mayor



Out and About

I have appreciated the opportunity to get out in our communities and enjoy all the events that have been available in recent weeks.

It was exciting to attend the [Symmons Plains Raceway S5000 Australian Drivers Championship and Drift Demo](#). A fantastic prelude to the

historic [Longford Motorama](#) which will be held over the March long weekend of Friday 10 to Sunday 12 March at Woolmers Estate.

It's a family friendly event so don't forget to grab your ticket from <https://www.longfordmotorama.com.au/>

I would like to congratulate the Evandale Village Fair Inc for hosting another successful [Evandale Village Fair and National Penny Farthing Championships](#), which attracted record crowds and competitors from Tasmania, the mainland and around the world.



The ambience of the fair and the variety of entertainment on offer was fantastic as Evandale presented itself to it's local, national, and international visitors.

The [Launceston Horticultural Society's Flower Show](#), also held at Evandale, certainly didn't disappoint and it was pleasing that this wonderful event was held in the Northern Midlands.

There really is something for everyone in the Northern Midlands.



Reminder: Maintain Your Hedges and Nature Strips

Hedges bring a lot of joy to people for both their historical value and their aesthetic and protective qualities. However, it's important to understand that not everybody shares that joy, especially pedestrians who are trying to move through footpaths which are obstructed by an overgrown hedge.

Footpaths should be wide enough for a pram or wheelchair to be able to move safely along it. Overgrown hedged can create a dangerous situation as pedestrians are forced to move onto the nature strip or near the road reserve and potentially into the traffic, to avoid contact with the hedge.

When nature strips aren't maintained, the issue becomes compounded as pedestrians are left with no alternative than to use the road.

Hedges in rural areas that adjoin the road reserve can also impact the line of sight for drivers making it dangerous as visibility is reduced particularly on bends. These hedges need to be maintained by landowners ensuring the safety of our road users.

If you have an overgrown hedge or nature strip, please address this issue for everyone's safety.

Accessible Health Services

Finally, I would like to reassure our residents that Council is continuing to work with stakeholders at all levels across government to support a more holistic, long-term solution to the Doctor shortages and to address access to other health services in our communities.

Rossarden – Best Municipal Water in the World

In June 2019, TasWater's 24 Glasses and Small Regional Towns Water Supply Program was named winner of the Operator & Service Provider Excellence award at the Infrastructure Partnerships Australia (IPA) presentation for successfully removing all public health alerts on drinking water in Tasmania.

In October 2020, Rossarden competed with finalists from around the country and won the top prize in the Water Industry Operators Association of Australia (WIOA) Ixom Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia competition.

On 3 February 2023, TasWater's Community and Stakeholder Engagement Specialist Nikita Hazelwood, and myself, met with Rossarden residents to update them about the installation of a drinking fountain at the barbecue shelter to celebrate Rossarden's uniqueness.



Food Organics, Garden Organics (FOGO)

The collection schedule for your new FOGO waste bin is:

Location	Date of Next Collection
Cressy	8 March 2023
Devon Hills	3 March 2023
Evandale	3 March 2023
Campbell Town	9 March 2023
Ross	9 March 2023
Conara	14 March 2023
Avoca	14 March 2023
Longford West	15 March 2023
Longford East	16 March 2023
Perth West	13 March 2023
Perth East	10 March 2023

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

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Mayor

Project Updates

Perth Projects - William Street Reserve



Work is continuing to make the footbridge over the South Esk river accessible with final concreting to occur in the coming weeks.



Work has also commenced on the construction of a barbecue shelter on the banks of the South Esk River in the William Street Reserve.

Perth Train Park and Sculptures



The toilets at the Perth Train Park have been repainted and the park is looking great. The sculptures will be reinstalled in the coming weeks.

Lake Leake Amenities



Lake Leake amenities upgrades are almost complete with only minor works left to be done.

Longford Road Safety Park



Most of the traffic signs have been installed at the Longford Road Safety Park with some traffic lights and crosswalk lights still to come.