

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS

Council continues to assess development applications with a focus on responsible planning, heritage preservation, and community benefit. These decisions align with the Northern Midlands Council Strategic Plan 2021-2027, ensuring sustainable growth, heritage protection, and community well-being.

- Epping Forest Subdivision Refused – An application for a two-lot subdivision at 13790 Midland Highway, Epping Forest was refused as it did not comply with planning requirements. Council is committed to ensuring that all subdivisions align with the Northern Midlands Local Provisions Schedule, which came into effect in November 2022.
- Motor Vehicle Repair Permit Amended – The planning permit for 41 High Street, Longford was amended to update documentation for an existing motor vehicle repair business. This ensures clarity for the business owner while maintaining compliance with Council regulations.
- New Homes in Cressy – Approval was granted for three new dwellings at 6b Saundridge Road, Cressy, supporting growth in the township while respecting existing land use, including the adjacent cemetery.
- New Dwelling and Outbuilding in Evandale – A proposal for a new home and outbuilding at 31 Arthur Street, Evandale, including access via 29 Arthur Street and service connections through 17 Coachmans Road, was approved, contributing to the town's ongoing residential development.
- Long-Term Car Park at Western Junction – Council approved the demolition of existing buildings at 139 Evandale Road, Western Junction to allow for the development of a long-term car park under the TRANSlink Specific Area Plan. This project will enhance parking availability and improve access to nearby transport hubs.

OTHER UPDATES:

- Illawarra Road Signs Advertising Policy – Council endorsed a policy to regulate advertising signage along Illawarra Road, ensuring a balance between business promotion and maintaining safety and aesthetic appeal.

COMMUNITY & HERITAGE INITIATIVES

Preserving our region's unique heritage and identity remains a key focus for Council.

- Heritage Incentive Scheme Updated – Council endorsed amendments to the Heritage Incentive Scheme, ensuring property owners continue to receive support for conservation and restoration efforts that preserve the region's historic character.
- Campbell Town Street Name Change – Eclipse Close will now be known as Observatory Close, recognizing Campbell Town's historical links to the 1874 Transit of Venus observation, an event of astronomical significance.

SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER: NOW OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS



English Oak tree at 71 Youl Road, Perth

Council is inviting residents to nominate trees for inclusion in the Significant Tree Register. This initiative allows the community to help protect trees of historical, cultural, or environmental importance and our natural heritage. We encourage everyone to nominate trees that hold special meaning for our region to be evaluated. Nominations can be made until 28 April 2025. Forms are available for download on the Council website or can be collected in person from Council offices.

ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Thank you for not feeding the ducks.

DO NOT FEED DUCKS

As everyone is enjoying our beautiful rivers and great outdoors, please be reminded to not feed the ducks.

- Feeding them can make them sick
- Pollutes the waterways
- Stops them seeking their own natural food sources and
- attracts introduced ducks that force out the native Pacific Black Ducks.

Help our native ducks thrive by finding their own food.

- Feral and Domestic Duck Management – To address concerns about domestic duck dumping and feral populations, Council approved funding for new signage and educational initiatives in river reserves. A report on feral duck numbers and habitat impact will also be prepared, with information to be made available online.
- Tamar Estuary Taskforce Representation – Councillor Adams was nominated as Northern Midlands Council's representative on the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce's Communications and Engagement Working Group, ensuring our community has a voice in discussions about the health of our waterways.

CALL FOR LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Council is seeking additional members to fill vacancies for Local District Committees. These committees play a crucial role in shaping local projects, advocating for community priorities, and advising Council on key issues. If you're passionate about your town's future, consider applying! More details are available on the Council website.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

Residents are encouraged to tune in to the next Council meeting on **Monday, 17 March 2025**. The meeting is live-streamed on YouTube – a link is available on the Council website. This is a great opportunity to stay informed and hear firsthand about decisions that impact our region.

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