

MARCH COUNCIL UPDATES

Exciting Main Street Transformations for Safer and more Vibrant Communities!

BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES: MARCH COUNCIL UPDATES AT A GLANCE!

The Northern Midlands Council held its March Ordinary Meeting, addressing key infrastructure, community initiatives, and governance matters. The next Council meeting will take place on April 14, 2025 at 5pm.

INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING

- Heavy Vehicle Routes: A report will be prepared on the costs associated with potential upgrade to Wilmores Lane and Bishopsbourne Road as an alternative heavy vehicle route, and opening the northern end of Herberts Road to Illawarra Road for better heavy vehicle access to divert from Tannery Road.
- Fred Davies Memorial Grandstand: Council will apply to Heritage Tasmania for heritage status of the Fred Davies Memorial Grandstand at Longford Recreation Oval.
- Wellington St Pavement Repairs: Council will liaise with the Department of State Growth for urgent repairs in Longford.
- Ashby Road Bridge: A tender from Hazell Brothers Group has been accepted to install a new dual-lane concrete bridge on Ashby Road.
- New Street Names: Council approved Sleat Street, Skyview Rise, Fingan Way, and Sconser Close for a new subdivision in Perth.

COMMUNITY & PUBLIC AMENITIES

- Dog Registration & Responsible Ownership: The Terms and Conditions for the dog registration form will be updated and will continue the positive public community information campaign promoting responsible dog ownership in particular effective control of dogs on and off lead as per the Dog Control Act 2000. Information relating to the Northern Midlands Council Dog Policy and The Dog Control Act 2000 can be found at the following link: <https://northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/living/animals/dog-control>.
- Pioneer Park Toilets: An allocation for funding for shower facilities at Pioneer Park will be considered in the draft 2025-2026 budget meeting.

GOVERNANCE & REPRESENTATION

- ANZAC Day Representation: Councillors will represent the Council at various ANZAC Day services across the municipality, with wreaths to be laid at designated ceremonies.
- ALGA National General Assembly: Mayor Mary Knowles and Deputy Mayor Lambert will attend the 2025 assembly in Canberra. Motions will be submitted regarding financial support for renewable and energy efficient projects and increased funding for climate change mitigation and asset replacement.
- Local Government Electoral Bill: A submission will be made to the Tasmanian Government following further discussion at the next Council workshop.
- Local Government Act Amendments: Council agreed to submit its response to the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- Financial Reports & Budget Adjustments: The Monthly Financial Report for February was noted, with necessary budget alterations approved.
- Governance & Training: Training sessions for elected members will be postponed until legislative changes take effect, with a reassessment of training needs. A new Dispute Resolution of Elected Members Policy was also adopted.

CAMPBELL TOWN: A SAFER, SMARTER, MORE VIBRANT MAIN STREET.



ABOVE: William Street to King Street along Main Street Campbell Town

Campbell Town is in the heart of Tasmania and is a popular stopping point for travellers between Hobart and Launceston. The town has a range of businesses and community, health, and education services that support its residents and visitors.

The award-winning Campbell Town Recreation Ground is the home of the AFL Academy and is a nucleus for sports and recreational activities in Campbell Town and the surrounds areas. There is also the multifunctional centre with state of the art meeting rooms to cater for business meetings and events.

The town offers a variety of retail and service facilities catering to passing travellers, including cafes and eateries, specialty gift shops, service stations, a unique award-winning bookshop, art galleries, antique stores, a pharmacy and a supermarket.

- The Northern Midlands Council is revitalising Campbell Town's High Street to enhance safety, accessibility, and economic growth. The project will widen footpaths, upgrade to safer pedestrian crossings, add outdoor seating, and improve landscaping and signage.
- These upgrades address longstanding traffic and safety concerns, particularly near Valentine Park, where numerous accidents have been reported. While some parking spaces will be removed to improve safety and access, Council is creating additional parking nearby to minimise impact.
- Following community consultation, key adjustments were made, including retaining the existing northbound and southbound bus stop locations. The project, jointly funded by Council and the Australian Government, is expected to take approximately nine months once a contractor is appointed.
- We are committed to updating the community as these works progress through our webpage and Facebook page or email council@nmc.tas.gov.au



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PERTH MAIN STREET: CREATING FRESH LOOK FOR A GROWING COMMUNITY AND LEGACY.

The Northern Midlands Council is progressing with the Perth Main Street Streetscape Development project, aimed at revitalising the town's main thoroughfare. This initiative, part of the Council's broader strategic investment in the Perth region, will enhance safety, accessibility, and visual appeal for residents and visitors and future generations.

Key improvements include upgraded footpaths, additional street furniture, improved landscaping, interpretive signage, and enhanced pedestrian crossings. The project also aligns with Perth's rapid growth, with the town's population increasing by 35% between 2011 and 2021.



Following community consultation, several design changes have been made, including reducing parking space removals from 20 to 9 and removing 21 trees from the original plan. Construction of Stage 1 (between Fairtlough Street and Scone Street) is now complete, with Stage 2 set to commence soon.

The entire project is expected to be finished by the end of 2025. The work is expected to have minimal impact on business access. Streetscaping is being completed in stages to reduce disruption, and the contractor will work closely with nearby businesses to ensure access is maintained during business hours.

The Northern Midlands Council and the Australian Government are jointly funding the project. To minimise business disruption, works will be staged, ensuring continued access. For updates, visit the Council's website or Facebook page.

LEFT: Midland Highway Roundabout to Old Bridge Road design



ABOVE: Talisker Street & Main Street intersection design

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