

MAYOR'S END OF YEAR MESSAGE

As we reach the end of 2025, I want to thank everyone across the Northern Midlands for your energy, kindness, and community spirit. This year has shown—again—that when we work together, we build towns that are welcoming, resilient, and full of opportunity. From volunteers lending a hand at events, to businesses backing local projects, to families turning out for school and sporting milestones—you are the heartbeat of our region.

Investing in essentials and places people love

Council has continued to focus on the basics that make daily life safer and easier: renewing roads and footpaths, improving stormwater and flood mitigation works, and maintaining the facilities our communities rely on. We've progressed upgrades right across the municipality—from sealing and safety improvements that reduce flood disruption, to pedestrian upgrades near schools—and delivered enhancements to parks and recreation spaces so families have great places to gather and play.

Longford: better waste services, stronger community hubs

We're excited to launch the upgraded Waste Transfer Station at Longford next year, with site improvements that include a new weighbridge, safer access, and security upgrades—lifting service quality and supporting better recycling and reuse outcomes. We're also exploring community run options for the Tip Shop to encourage repair and reuse and create local volunteering opportunities.

Longford's public spaces continue to shine—Village Green upgrades and events have brought people together, while the Town Hall solar and backup battery project strengthens resilience for emergencies and community use.

Evandale: Honeysuckle Banks and play upgrades

In Evandale, we can look forward to the dump point at Honeysuckle Banks, alongside amenities that support safe and well managed visitation at this much loved riverside reserve. We've also planned new and upgraded playground equipment—with Pioneer Park improvements reflecting community feedback and safety, and more accessible facilities for families.

Campbell Town: streetscape and play improvements

The Campbell Town Streetscape Redevelopment is underway, improving pedestrian safety, bus stops, crossings, seating, landscaping and stormwater. Thank you for your patience as we stage works to keep the highway open and businesses accessible. We're also adding new play equipment in Campbell Town, with upgrades that give children and young people more to enjoy at the key parks.

Across our towns: projects that bring people together

This year saw upgrades of the Streetscape, shared pathways and a new reserve along Youl Road in Perth. We delivered new courts and play spaces—supporting clubs in Ross, Longford, Perth and Cressy—and continued footpath and crossing upgrades near schools. We also supported the Ross Men's Shed expansion, strengthening social connection and skills sharing.

Growing local opportunity

We've progressed planning and enabling works for the TRANSlint Intermodal Facility, alongside grid upgrades and precinct planning that underpin future jobs and investment. Partnerships with local business—through initiatives like the NMBA and our economic development projects—are helping keep prosperity close to home.

Celebrating culture, welcoming new residents, and backing youth

We welcomed new Australians at Citizenship Ceremonies and celebrated the rich diversity of our workforce through the PALM community event. Iconic events—including Scots Day Oot, Penny Farthing Championships, Longford Blooms, Tas Faire in Ross, Longford Jazz Festival, New Years Day picnic races, the Glover Prize, annual agricultural shows, Evandale Steam & Train Festival and the Cressy Trout Festival—brought visitors and pride to our towns. I'm especially proud of our young people: through bursaries, Council's Youth programs, and the Illuminate leadership initiative, we've seen creativity and confidence flourish.

Planning for resilience and the future

Council advanced strategies such as Weed Management and Climate Resilience, embedding practical steps—from flood informed decision making to tree planting and energy upgrades—into everyday work. These plans help us protect what we love, respond to change, and keep improving how we serve our community.

To our Council staff and my fellow Councillors—thank you for your commitment and hard work. To our volunteers and service organisations—your dedication is the difference in so many lives. And to residents and businesses—thank you for your ideas, feedback, patience and partnership. As the festive season arrives, I wish every household a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year. May your celebrations be joyful, your travels safe, and your time with loved ones restorative. I look forward to all we will achieve together in 2026.



Warm regards,

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Mayor, Northern Midlands Council

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2025: A YEAR IN PICTURES



- 1 NMC Councillors visit to Tas Irrigation site in Campbell Town
- 2 New citizens taking the pledge at the Council Chambers
- 3 Signing contracts in Council Chambers
- 4 Child and Family Learning Centre announcement with Mark Shelton MP, Minister Jo Palmer, Mayor Knowles and GM Des Jennings
- 5 Mayor Knowles with a new Australian citizen
- 6 Mayor Knowles awarding 2025 Citizen of the Year, Aubrey Morgan.
- 7 The Governor during her visit with staff from Tasmania Gourmet Sauce Company, Mayor Knowles and Deputy Mayor Janet Lambert

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