

# BUILDING COMMUNITY, SHAPING THE FUTURE

Summer Fun Starts Here: Free School Holiday Activities for All!

## NOVEMBER 2025 COUNCIL MEETING DELIVERS KEY COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

### Longford, Tasmania

The Northern Midlands Council's November meeting brought a series of important decisions and updates, reflecting the region's commitment to transparent governance, strategic infrastructure investment, and community-driven priorities. The Northern Midlands Council 2024-2025 Annual Report is now available on the website. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 15th December 2025 at 5pm. Public are welcome to attend.

#### • POLICY & GOVERNANCE: Responsible Dog Ownership and Policy Reviews

Council endorsed amendments to the Dog Management Policy and the Code of Responsible Dog Ownership, introducing new provisions for breeding dogs under Kennel Licence 1 (KL1) Companionship Dogs. Updates were also approved for policies covering community assistance, asset management, business credit cards, insurances, financial hardship, investments, and reporting.

#### • PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: Housing, Worker Accommodation, and Subdivision

Three assisted living dwellings at Longford, received council approval, supporting accessible housing in the community. In Cressy, a permit application was amended to allow two communal residences, subject to specific conditions. Council recommended approval of a draft amendment for a two-lot subdivision in Perth.

#### • TRAFFIC & INFRASTRUCTURE: Safety and Monitoring

Ongoing traffic concerns around Hill Street IGA in Longford are being investigated, with council collaborating with the Department of State Growth on an updated traffic study. Heavy vehicle traffic through Longford continues to be monitored, with requests made to the Department of State Growth for further oversight.

#### • COMMUNITY SERVICES: Free Facilities and Committee Appointments

Council endorsed free shower facilities at Memorial Hall, Longford, and Pioneer Park, Evandale, enhancing support for residents and visitors. The Strategic Property Committee was re-established, with Cr McCullagh and Cr Andrews nominated to serve.

#### • FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE: Budget and Reporting

The October 2025 financial report was received and noted, with council authorizing necessary budget alterations to ensure fiscal responsibility and continued investment in community priorities.

#### • INFRASTRUCTURE: Culvert Upgrades

Council awarded the tender for culvert upgrades on Edward Street and Phillip Street to Walters Contracting, marking another step forward in improving local infrastructure.

This month's council meeting and community updates highlight the Northern Midlands' ongoing dedication to building a resilient, inclusive, and well-serviced community. Residents are encouraged to review the full minutes and audio recordings available on the council's website for further details:

<https://www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au>

**Pool hours for Campbell Town  
and Cressy as follows:**  
**Monday to Friday – 3pm-6pm**  
**Weekends – 11am-7pm**  
**School Holidays – 11am-7pm**  
**everyday**

For more information visit  
[www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/community/facilities/swimming-pools](http://www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/community/facilities/swimming-pools)



## FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

JANUARY 2026!

### TOOL SKOOL WORKSHOP

AGES 8-18

WED JAN 14<sup>TH</sup> 10.30-1.00PM  
LONGFORD MEMORIAL HALL  
CREATE AND BUILD WITH  
ASHER, JOIN THE  
WOODWORKING FUN!

REGISTRATIONS  
COMPLUSARY



### GYM SESSION @ MOTIVITY

AGES 10-18

THURS JAN 15<sup>TH</sup> 11.00 - 12.00PM  
MOTIVITY FITNESS LONGFORD  
SWEAT, SMILE, REPEAT. JOIN  
THE ULTIMATE FITNESS FUN!  
TRY MOTIVITY GYM FOR FREE!

PLEASE NOTE:  
EACH SESSION INCLUDES A LIGHT  
LUNCH. PARTICIPANTS ARE  
ASKED TO BRING THEIR OWN  
DRINK BOTTLES. THERE WILL BE  
BOTTLED WATER AVAILABLE.

For more information contact Libby  
[libby.mcgrathenmc.tas.gov.au](mailto:libby.mcgrathenmc.tas.gov.au)

### BOARD GAME DAY

AGES 8-18

FRI JAN 16<sup>TH</sup> 11.00-1.30PM  
RIVERLANDS CHURCH HALL  
YOUR NEXT MOVE? JOINING  
US FOR BOARD GAMES AND  
GOOD TIMES!



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COUNCIL

## OFFICIAL OPENING: EXPANDED ROSS MEN'S SHED

The Hon. Member for Lyons Rebecca White MP opened the newly expanded Man's Shed at Ross on November 18th 2025. One of the oldest and most important members of The Tasmanian Men's Shed Association (TMSA) the Ross Men's Shed was founded in 2005. Like Sheds across Tasmania, it connects men in the Midlands for conversation and creativity, well-being, and looking after their mates.

Ross Men's Shed President, Baden Helm, said, "All our members are extremely grateful for the funds that have allowed for the expansion - enabling more members to join and work safely - for our shed community to keep growing.

"This expansion was funded by the Northern Midlands Council and an Australian Federal Government Grant of \$150,000. Everyone involved in the Ross Men's Shed thanks former Federal Member for Lyons, Brian Mitchell, and extends our thanks to Rebecca's White, the current Member, who will undertake the opening formalities tomorrow. A well-earned afternoon tea will follow.

"Just one example of the tremendous community cooperation at Ross was a wall installed a few years before the expansion works. This involved collecting all the poplar trees cut down for the Midlands Highway works, building a dehydrator to dry the timber, and installing it as a new wall to give the timber a second life. There is no end to the commitment of our Men's Shed members when they set their mind to something."

LEFT: Mayor Mary Knowles OAM, President of Ross Men's Shed Baden Helm and Rebecca White MP at the official opening.

RIGHT: Members of the Ross Men's Shed receive a grant from Nutrien Staff which will be for a laser cutter.



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### OPENING HOURS

Monday - Friday  
8:45am - 4:30pm

