

LOCAL DECISIONS, LASTING IMPACT:

July Council Highlights and a New Era in Irrigation.

JULY 2025 COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

Summary of Key Decisions and Discussions from the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Monday, 21 July 2025

PLANNING APPROVALS

Council considered and determined several development applications, including:

- 13790 Midland Highway, Epping Forest – Approval subject to conditions of a 2-lot subdivision (PLN25-0072).
- 32 Archer Street, Cressy – Approved construction of a front and partial side boundary fence (PLN25-0103).
- 92 Main Street, Cressy – Subject to conditions approval of part change of use to General Retail and Hire with associated parking and signage (PLN25-0097).
- 15 Youl Road, Perth – Approval subject to conditions for a construction shed with a variation to the southern side setback and building envelope (PLN25-0067).
- 5 Affleck Court, Perth – Deferred a decision for up to 40 days to allow further reporting on stormwater, traffic, parking and other matters, subject to applicant agreement (PLN25-0077).
- 20 Union Street, Longford – Approval subject to conditions of the development and use of the site for a new Ambulance Station, including works within the road reservation for Emergency Services (PLN25-0055).

SWIMMING POOL SEASON REVIEW

Council endorsed officer recommendations to increase operating hours and improve the management of weather-related closures for the 2025–2026 pool season.

EVANDALE PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT – CONSULTATION UPDATE

Council resolved to discuss the outcomes of the community consultation regarding Proposed Evandale Amendment 14/2024 at its workshop on 1 September 2025. A final report and decision will be considered at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 15 September 2025.

LGAT GENERAL MEETING - VOTING POSITION

Council endorsed Mayor Knowles to represent the Northern Midlands Council at the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) Annual General Meeting on 25 July 2025 and vote in support of:

- A Motion to establish a Better Active Transport Grant Program.
- A Motion regarding the rating of new energy developments.

CAMPBELL TOWN STREETScape REDEVELOPMENT – CONSTRUCTION TENDER

Council accepted the tender submission from DCS Civil for the Campbell Town Streetscape Redevelopment (Tender NMC 25/03).

NOTICE OF MOTION – TOWNScape IMPROVEMENTS FOR CLEVELAND

Council resolved to prepare a report examining potential visual and streetscape improvements along the Midlands Highway within the township of Cleveland. The report will explore opportunities to enhance the amenity and presentation of the area.

For full minutes please visit our website www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au

YOUTH WANTED: NORTHERN MIDLANDS YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP IS LAUNCHING!

Northern Midlands Council is starting something exciting – a Youth Advisory Group for young people aged 12 to 25, and you could be part of it! If you've ever had ideas for making your town more fun, wished there were more events for young people, or just want your voice heard – this is your chance to get involved.

The group will help plan youth activities, advocate for young people, and connect like-minded locals who want to make a real difference in their community. Whether you're from Longford, Campbell Town, Avoca, Cressy or anywhere in between – if you're passionate, positive, and ready to get involved, Council wants to hear from you!

To find out more or register your interest, email Mitchell.Langley@nmc.tas.gov.au.

Your voice matters – come be part of something great!

A WATERSHED MOMENT FOR THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS: IRRIGATION SCHEME SET TO TRANSFORM AGRICULTURE



The Northern Midlands is poised for a major transformation as the \$217.9 million Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme (NMIS) reaches key construction milestones and prepares to deliver its first water in time for the 2026–27 irrigation season. Northern Midlands Council Mayor Mary Knowles was joined by Councillors Alison Andrews AM, Richard Archer, Dick Adams OAM, and Paul Terrett, to observe key operations and gain valuable insights into the project's broader economic and community benefits.

Designed to supply highly reliable water to around 50 irrigators across 7,000 hectares of farmland, the NMIS is the largest irrigation project in Tasmania by capital value and summer delivery capacity. The scheme represents a bold investment in the future of Tasmanian agriculture – and especially for the farmers and communities of the Northern Midlands. Water is the lifeblood of our rural economy. This project will unlock long-term resilience and prosperity for our region's primary industries, which have been the backbone of our community for generations.

With field crops including cereals, poppies, lucerne, potatoes and peas, alongside grazing industries in dairy, beef, and sheep, the Northern Midlands is well-positioned to capitalise on the increased water security. The scheme is expected to inject \$184 million in increased farming revenue and deliver a sustained \$54 million annual boost to the Tasmanian economy.

Jointly funded by the Australian Government (\$108.98 million), the Tasmanian Government (\$72.26 million), and Tasmanian irrigators (\$36.72 million), the scheme is being delivered by Tasmanian Irrigation as part of a broader vision to future-proof Tasmania's water infrastructure.

In a municipality known for its rich farming traditions, the NMIS is more than a pipeline – it is a strategic investment in climate adaptation, food security, and rural vitality. For the Northern Midlands, it signals a new era of opportunity, growth, and water certainty.

PHOTOS: Tasmanian Irrigation. BELOW: Cr Paul Terret, Marty Wilson - Snr Project Manager for Tasmanian Irrigation, Councillors Richard Archer, Alison Andrews AM, Dick Adams OAM, Mayor Mary Knowles OAM and Jacob Tierney - Project Manager at Tasmanian Irrigation



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