

## FEBRUARY 2026 COUNCIL UPDATE

SUMMARY OF KEY DECISIONS AND COMMUNITY UPDATES FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2026

### GOVERNANCE & MEETING ADMINISTRATION

- Council confirmed the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 9 February 2026 as a true and accurate record.

### WASTE & ENVIRONMENT

- Waste disposal voucher scheme: Council supported a motion to request a report on the feasibility and cost of introducing a waste disposal voucher scheme, to be considered as part of the 2026–27 budget process.

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- Land application (reuse liquid waste) – approved: Council approved Planning Application PLN 25 0243 for land application (reuse of liquid waste) at 109 Deddington Road, Deddington and 372 Nile Road, Evandale, subject to conditions, including endorsed plans and amended environmental management requirements.
- Evandale rezoning proposal – not supported: Council determined that Proposed Amendment 14/2024 (rezoning land in Evandale and applying a modified Specific Area Plan) does not represent sound strategic planning and should instead be considered through the current review of the Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy.
- Development Services Monthly Report – noted: Council noted the Development Services Monthly Report.

### FINANCE

- Council received and noted the Monthly Financial Report (to 31 January 2026) and authorised Budget 2025–26 alterations as listed in the report.

### ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE

- Significant Tree Register – amendments approved: Council resolved to amend the draft list of nominated significant trees, including:
  - Removing several trees that did not meet significance criteria, had limited life expectancy, or were unsuitable for their location.
  - Including a draft Local Historic Landscape Precinct for the entrance to Longford before progressing a draft planning scheme amendment.

### CAPITAL WORKS & PROJECTS

- Council endorsed:
  - Stage 1 of the Campbell Town Convict Brick Trail Reinstatement Plan.
  - Stage 2, subject to public consultation and approvals linked to the Campbell Town Streetscape Stage 2 upgrades.

### CLOSED COUNCIL DECISIONS (RELEASED)

- Volunteer and Committee Governance Framework was adopted - Council endorsed the:
  - The Volunteer Policy
  - Guidelines for Section 24 Special Committees of Council, and Committee Meeting Procedures (Quick Guide), along with updated management and appointment arrangements for committees.

This snapshot reflects the Council's ongoing commitment to transparent governance, strategic infrastructure investment, and community-driven priorities across the Northern Midlands. Full minutes and audio are available on Council's website [www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au](http://www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au)

## COUNCIL DELIVERS STRONG PROGRESS ON KEY INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Proposed Alteration and Addition for Cressy Child Care Centre

Northern Midlands Council continues to make strong progress on a wide range of capital works and infrastructure projects across the municipality, supporting safer roads, improved community facilities and more liveable town centres. In Longford, works at the Longford Waste Transfer Station are nearing completion, marking an important milestone for local waste services. The popular Tip Shop is expected to reopen by the early of April, restoring a valued community resource and supporting reuse and waste reduction initiatives.

In Perth, the Main Street upgrade is nearing completion, delivering improved streetscape, accessibility and amenities. At the same time, essential bridge and culvert replacement works are progressing along Drummond Street through Sheepwash Creek, with new culverts and bridge structures being installed to improve drainage, road safety and the long term resilience of the local road network. Further south, Stage 1 of the Ashby Road, Ross upgrade is nearing completion with resealing works now started. In addition, road works are currently underway on Macquarie Road, Campbell Town. Council reminds motorists and pedestrians to please observe all temporary traffic controls and street signage, which are in place to ensure the safety of workers and the wider community while works are underway.

Alongside major infrastructure projects, Council is continuing to invest in community halls and facilities that support youth, connection and wellbeing. Bishopsbourne Hall has recently been repainted and refreshed and is now ready for community use, providing a welcoming and inclusive space for local gatherings and activities. In Campbell Town, a newly upgraded kitchen at the Guide Hall has expanded the venue's capacity to host community events and programs. Importantly, the upgrade will provide a new home for the Free2Be Campbell Town girls group, supporting young people by offering a safe, dedicated space to meet, build confidence and strengthen social connections within the community.

Looking ahead, Council is also inviting residents to have their say on the future of local infrastructure, with master plans for the proposed Early Learning Centre in Cressy now open for public consultation. Community feedback will play an important role in shaping the early years facilities to meet local needs. Council thanks residents for their patience during construction periods and acknowledges the efforts of contractors and staff delivering these important projects.

"These works reflect Council's ongoing commitment to investing in infrastructure and community spaces that support safety, inclusion, wellbeing and long term growth across the Northern Midlands," Mayor Knowles OAM said, "residents are encouraged to stay informed about current projects and opportunities to have their say by visiting Council's website or contacting Council directly on **6397 7303**."



- 1 Essential bridge and culvert upgrades underway to support safer travel in Perth.
- 2 The upgraded kitchen at the Campbell Town Guide Hall will support youth programs and community connection
- 3 Bishopsbourne Hall, freshly repainted and ready to welcome the community back.

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