

SUPPORTING A CONNECTED NORTHERN MIDLANDS

Exhibitions, creative projects and grants that strengthen connection across the Northern Midlands.

CHOOSE THE SCENIC ROUTE EXHIBITION NOW SHOWING IN AVOCA

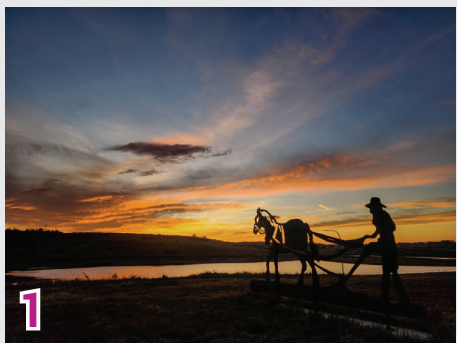
The beauty, character and quiet moments of the Northern Midlands are now on display in Avoca, with the *Choose the Scenic Route* photography exhibition officially open and showcased at Le Quart d'Heure. The exhibition features a curated selection of images from the *Choose the Scenic Route* Photography Competition, celebrating the region's landscapes, townships, heritage and everyday life as captured through the lens of local and visiting photographers. Together, the works present a rich and authentic portrait of the Northern Midlands – its people, places and sense of community.

The exhibition will remain on display for the next two months, including through ANZAC Day, providing residents and visitors with an opportunity to experience the region's stories in a relaxed and welcoming setting. Mayor Mary Knowles OAM said the setting added something special to the exhibition experience. "This exhibition is a reminder of just how beautiful our region is, and how many great stories are tucked into our everyday places," Mayor Knowles said. "Having it displayed in one of Avoca's beautiful historic buildings, and hosted so warmly by a local business, makes it even more special. It gives people the chance to pop in, take a moment, and see the Northern Midlands through the eyes of real people who live, work and connect here."

Northern Midlands Council extends its sincere thanks to Prue O'Connor and Hwee Carter for their assistance in setting up the exhibition, and to Claire Garcia of Le Quart d'Heure for generously hosting the display and supporting local storytelling through art. The exhibition can be viewed at Le Quart d'Heure, located at 3 Falmouth Street, Avoca, within the provincial-style coffee shop.

- Opening hours:**
- Monday to Friday: 6.30am – 2.00pm
 - Saturday: 8.00am – 2.00pm

Community members and visitors are encouraged to drop in, enjoy the exhibition, vote for your favourite photo and take a moment to reflect on the beauty and character of the Northern Midlands – choosing, as always, the scenic route.



- 1 Gibbet Hill photo by Carl Bolton
- 2 Setting up the exhibition.
- 3 Hwee Carter, Claire Garcia and Prue O'Connor in front of the newly installed exhibition at Le Quart d'Heure coffee shop, Avoca
- 4 Highland Cow Photo by Gabi Dunn

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS NOW OPEN

Northern Midlands Council is inviting applications from eligible community organisations for its Community Assistance Grants, with funding now open to support projects that strengthen local facilities, events and community connection across the municipality.

The Community Assistance Grants program provides financial or in kind support to not for profit organisations working within the Northern Midlands, helping groups deliver projects that create positive social, cultural and community outcomes.

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM said the grants program plays an important role in supporting the people and organisations that bring communities together. "Our community organisations and volunteers are at the heart of what makes the Northern Midlands such a connected and resilient place," Mayor Knowles said. "These grants are designed to support the great ideas and hard work happening across our towns and villages – whether it's improving a community facility, running a local event, or creating opportunities for people to come together."

Two funding streams are available in the current round:

- **Community Minor Capital Works Grants** – supporting capital improvements to community assets or the purchase of equipment
- **Major Festivals, Events and Promotions Grants** – supporting festivals and events that encourage participation, connection and vibrancy across the region

Council encourages local committees, volunteer groups and community organisations to consider how this funding may assist with planned projects, facility upgrades or upcoming events, and to share the opportunity with other eligible groups in their networks. Applications close Monday 13 April 2026. Completed applications must be submitted either by post to Northern Midlands Council, PO Box 156, Longford TAS 7301, or by email to:

council@nmc.tas.gov.au

Application forms and funding guidelines are available on Council's website under **Grants and Event Funding**. Organisations are encouraged to review the guidelines carefully before applying to ensure eligibility and alignment with program objectives. For further information, contact Northern Midlands Council on **(03) 6397 7303** or visit www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au



- 1 Penny Farthing Championships in Evandale, 2026 photo courtesy of event organiser
- 2 Festival of Rail, Evandale will be back end of this year - 2025 photo courtesy Evandale Light Railway and Steam Society
- 3 Longford Blooms will be on in November - photo courtesy of event organiser.
- 4 Scots Day Oot, Longford - 2026 photo courtesy of event organiser