

Northern Midlands Council



Mayor's Message

In the upcoming month Council will vote on the 2019/2020 Council Budget. We have already had several Council Workshops directly related to the budget and it will now formally go to the 24 June 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

During the last month I attended a variety of events including Ordinary Meetings of our seven Local District Committees. Myself and General Manager

Des Jennings met with John Tucker MP to discuss what's been happening in the Northern Midlands and some of the upcoming projects we are about to embark on with funding support we received from the re-elected Federal Government.

I spent some time with our new Youth Officer who advised me that the Northern Midlands is severely lacking in support services for our youth. In particular in the area of mental health and wellbeing. I have since spoken to other Mayors and Councillors from other Councils about the need for better state-wide support services for our youth.

I am saddened to see the Avoca Church closing and will attend the final service on Sunday 23 June at 9:30am. I hope to see many familiar faces there.

Within my spare time (which was very limited!) I spent some hours working in my garden with my husband Bradley in the winter sun.

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM

Longford Recreation Ground Update

The redevelopment at the Longford Recreation Ground features a variety of environmentally friendly elements. This water tank pictured below is one of them. The tank collects rain water from the roof which is then used when you flush a toilet inside the facility. Council is determined to include as many environmentally friendly features in Council owned buildings where possible.



When the redevelopment at the Longford Recreation Ground is complete, the facility will feature newly renovated clubrooms, male and female changerooms, umpires quarters and public amenities including meeting rooms and function spaces. The grandstand has also had a facelift with new glass railing and seating upgrades.

Living Next Door to a Farmer Project

The Living Next Door to a Farmer Campaign is a 3-year project funded by the State Government and being implemented by the Tasmanian Farmers & Graziers Association (TFGA). The objective of the project is to develop a comprehensive information package that will educate and engage the community. With the aim to foster good neighbourly relations, between farmers and residents of new, and existing peri-urban developments.

The information package will aim to increase the knowledge of common farming practices, as well as inform non-farming residents of their responsibilities.



The TFGA will work with the Department of Primary Industries, Parks Water and Environment (DPIPWE), Local Government Association Tasmania (LGAT), Real Estate Institute of Tasmania (REIT), TFGA members and other identified stakeholders throughout the project.

The TFGA are in the process of surveying local councils, farmers and non-farming rate payers who live next to farmland, with the aim to identify and compile a list of issues and ideas on what to include in the Living Next Door to a Farmer information package.

If you would like to have your say on what it is like to have a farming, or non-farming neighbour, please take the time to fill out the survey that best relates to you. Both surveys can be found online on the following link:

<https://www.tfga.com.au/environment/living-next-door-to-a-farmer>

If you have questions regarding the survey or project in general contact the project officer:

- Sarah Stirland
- Email: livingnextdoor@tfga.com.au
- Phone: 03 6332 1800

Follow TFGA on Facebook for news and updates relating to the project.



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Norfolk Street Park Concept Plan

During 2018 and early in 2019 Council purchased two parcels of land adjacent to Norfolk Street, Perth for open space and subdivision purposes. Recent improvements undertaken by Council include reshaping the creek, and creating an open grassed space.

The work to date is only the early stages of development, future works will allow for improved stormwater flow through West Perth and ensure the ease of mowing during the growing season.

Included below is a photograph of the recent works completed by Council and a Norfolk Street Park Concept Plan that Council will seek community comment on in the future. The actual works to be completed on the site will take many years and will be dependant upon substantial external funding from State and Federal Governments.



The proposed works planned for the site include:

- Improvements to the culverts under the railway line and on Drummond Street;
- Sheepwash Creek formed into an open grassed swale to allow for full use of the parkland for passive and active recreation during non-rain events;
- 2.6km wide shared pedestrian and cycle path network connecting the adjoining residential areas within the Norfolk Street parkland;
- Vegetation buffer between the parkland and adjoining railway line and;
- Large feature trees arranged in an oval pattern to provide a point of interest, seasonal change, and shade for passive recreation.

The purchase of the land and the improvements are part of a long-term strategy for future parkland development by Council and will only progress with significant external funding.



Declared dog areas in the Northern Midlands

Longford

Restricted areas - on lead

- Boat ramp grassed area, Mill Dam, Cairns Park and Victoria Square

Exercise areas - off lead

- Coronation Park and fenced area next to carpark at boat ramp

Perth

Restricted areas - on lead

- William Street Reserve

Restricted - No dogs allowed

- War Memorial

Exercise areas - off lead

- Fenced section between Mulgrave Street and Arthur Street

Cressy

Exercise - Areas - off lead

- Designated area Stock Route

Campbell Town

Restricted areas - on lead

- Blackburn Park and Valentine Park

Exercise - Areas - off lead

- Designated area behind Blackburn Park

Evandale

Exercise areas - off lead

- Honeysuckle Banks and Saddlers Reserve fenced area

Restricted areas - no dogs allowed Saturday and Sunday

- Falls Park

Used Recreation Grounds

Restricted area - On lead at all times and no dogs allowed on playing field at the following Grounds

- Cressy, Bishopsbourne, Evandale, and Campbell Town

Restricted area - no dogs allowed on the following Grounds

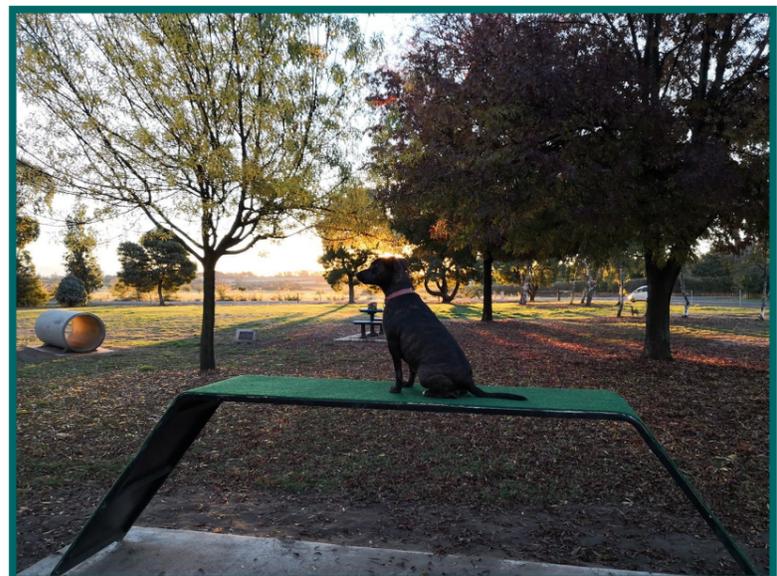
- Longford and Perth

PLEASE NOTE: Dogs are to be on lead in any public place in a built-up area unless being exercised at a designated off lead area.

built-up area means an area in which -

(a) there are buildings on land next to the road; and

(b) there is street lighting at intervals not over 100 metres for a distance of at least 500 metres.



Questions? Please call Council's Animal Control Officer on 03 6397 7303 or for further information check out the Dog Control section on Council's website.

Membership of Local District Committees

Residents and representatives from community interest groups are invited to nominate for membership of our Local District Committees. As a Special Committee of Council, members will meet in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding . The term of appointment will be until June 2020.

There are presently vacancies on the following Local District Committees:

- Avoca, Cressy, Evandale, and Longford.

Nomination forms are available from Council Office in Longford or from our website www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au and must be returned to the General Manager, PO Box 156, Longford TAS 7301.