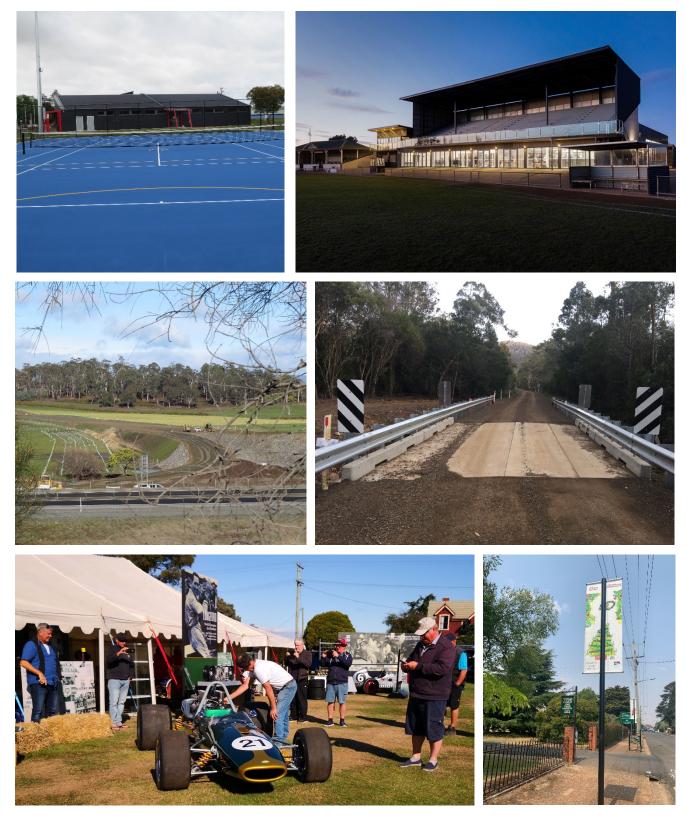


MIDLANDS COUNCIL

NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN: 2020-2021



June 2020



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INTRODUCTION

The Northern Midlands Council is pleased to present its Annual Plan covering the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, as adopted on 29 June 2020.

The Annual Plan is consistent with Council's Strategic Plan and includes:

- a statement of the manner in which the council is to meet the goals and objectives of the strategic plan
- a summary of the estimates adopted
- a summary of the major strategies to be used in relation to its public health goals and objectives
- the plan for development and use of financial and human resources and assets
- the targets to be achieved over the next twelve months
- a statement of financial and other resources required to achieve the targets.

NORTHERN MIDLANDS BACKGROUND

The Northern Midlands Council administers an area of 5,130 square kilometres. It supports a population of approximately 13,400 with major population centres including Longford, Evandale, Perth, Campbell Town, Cressy, Ross, Avoca and Rossarden.

It has a total of 7,474 properties with an Assessed Annual Value of \$170,515,222.

Council supplies urban stormwater drainage, roads, recreation and park facilities, waste management, building and environmental services as well as community services.

The municipal area is rich in agricultural resources, natural and built heritage and supports many businesses from small family-owned companies to multi-million dollar enterprises.

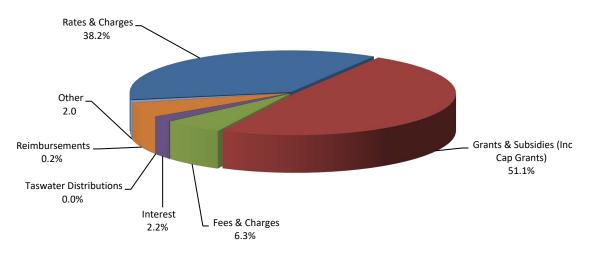
Council has a budgeted Operating Revenue in 2020/2021 of \$29.4 million (2019/2020 of \$22.6 million); budgeted Operating Expenditure of \$19.7 million including depreciation of \$5.7 million (2019/2020 \$5.4 million) which results in an operating surplus of \$9,658,946 or an underlying deficit of \$1,614,314. Council also has a large capital works budget of \$19.7 million with some further carried forward works (2019/2020 \$1 million).

Revenue sources are depicted in the table and graph below:

Revenue	2019/2020	2020/2021	Percentage
	\$	\$	%
Rates & Charges	11,311,634	11,236,820	38.2
Grants & Subsidies (Inc Cap Grants)	7,096,884	15,042,453	51.1
Fees & Charges	1,991,837	1,848,426	6.3
Interest General Funds and RatesOutstanding	412,000	183,500	0.6
Interest Stimulus Funds	220,000	220,000	0.7
Stimulus Package Interest Reimbursements	272,007	272,007	0.9
Other Reimbursements	74,681	63,880	0.2
Investment in TasWater	468,000	0	0.0
Other	810,195	554,405	2.0
	22,657,238	29,421,491	100.0

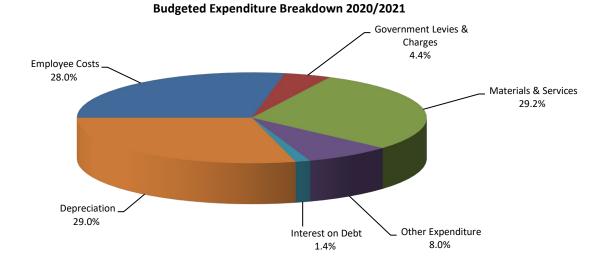


Budgeted Income Breakdown 2020/2021



Operating Expenditure in 2020-2021 is within the following areas:

Expenditure	2019/2020 \$	2020/2021 \$	Percentage %
Employee Costs	5,701,031	5,536,773	28.0
Materials & Services	5,687,963	5,773,443	29.2
Government Levies & Charges	851,614	861,522	4.4
Depreciation	5,458,770	5,732,369	29.0
Interest on Debt	272,007	272,007	1.4
Other Expenditure	1,231,270	1,586,431	8.0
	19,202,655	19,762,545	100.00



Council employs 68 equivalent fulltime staff (including apprentices/trainees). Council's estimated Employee wage costs have been increased by 2.65 percent in accordance with the Workplace Bargaining Agreement 2019-2022. In dollar terms, wages have decreased \$164,000 compared to last year due to current staff vacancies not being filled and staff capital/operating allocations being reviewed for the next twelve month period.

Capital Expenditure represents approximately 57% of Council's total expenditure in 2020/2021.



RATING PARAMETERS

MUNICIPAL RATING VALUES

- Land Value
- Capital Value
- Assessed Annual Value

- \$ 1,728,941,800 \$ 3,679,904,800
- \$ 170,515,222

PAYMENT OF RATES

Rates can be paid in one sum within 30 days of the date of issue with a one per cent (1%) discount. Alternatively payment may be made by three (3) equal instalments.

Rates & Charges not paid before the due date will attract a daily interest charge of 0.0178% (6.5% per annum) in addition to a 5% penalty on all outstanding amounts as at 1 April 2021.

PENSION REMISSION

Residents are entitled to remission of rates & charges up to \$474 (or \$322 for pensioners that are also customers of TasWater) for their principal place of residence provided they satisfy the requirements of the *Local Government (Rates and Charges Remissions) Amendment Act 1993.*

GENERAL RATE

Using a differential basis the following rates have been adopted for the 2020/2021 year:

- i) 9.08 cents in the \$AAV for land used for industrial purposes
- ii) 8.38 cents in the \$AAV for land used for public purpose
- iii) 8.17 cents in the \$AAV for land used for quarries and mining
- iv) 6.98 cents in the \$AAV for land used for commercial purposes
- v) 6.98 cents in the \$AAV for land used for residential purposes
- vi) 6.28 cents in the \$AAV for land used for the purpose of low density residential
- vii) 6.28 cents in the \$AAV for land used for residential purposes in the rural zone
- viii) 6.77 cents in the \$AAV for land used for sport and recreation
- ix) 4.01 cents in the \$AAV for land used for primary production
- x) 4.89 cents in the \$AAV for other non used (vacant) land, except for commercial and industrial land.

It is recommended that om 2020/2021 there be no change in the minimum rates of

- \$488 for land used for residential, commercial and industrial/ quarry/ mining purposes, and
- \$299 for land used for rural, vacant, public purpose and sport and recreation purposes.

GARBAGE

	A refuse and recycling collection charge is applied to properties that are provided with a fortnightly roadside collection service.
	i) \$ 115 - 140 litre waste and 240 litre recycle MGB Service,
	ii) \$ 172 - 240 litre waste and 240 litre recycle MGB Service.
FIRE	

All rateable properties within the Volunteer and General Land Districts are rated to fund the State Fire Commission. A rate in the dollar is levied according to the level of service in each district with a minimum levy of \$41 per property.



RATE LEVEL

Council adopted a fully differential rating model in 2007/08 to raise the same general rate revenue in each land use category as under the previous revaluation. The rate model has been refined since then by moving vacant industrial land to an industrial vacant land category, the introduction of a further land use category for Residential properties located in a Rural planning zone, and minor adjustments moving land use category rate levels closer to the residential rate level.

In 2020-21 in order to adhere to Council's Covid19 Recovery and Care Package the general rate in the dollar of assessed annual value will not increase – raising a total general rate of \$9,797,181 during the year. The General Rate revenue will include \$150,000 attributable to development/growth in the municipal area.

Under the differential rating system the following rates are raised in the individual land use categories, and the relationship is shown for each category in relation to the percentage increase/decrease.

Rate Revenue by Category							
Land Use Code (LUC)	No. of Properties	Rates 2020-21	LUC %	Rates 2019-20	LUC %	Inc/De c\$%	Inc/Dec %
Commercial	253	1,077,595	10.8%	1,011,786	10.7%	0.1%	0.1%
Industrial	160	1,295,884	13.0%	1,223,262	13.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Rural	881	2,297,521	23.1%	2,209,230	23.4%	0.3%	-0.3%
Low Density Residential	376	451,567	4.5%	448,890	4.8%	0.3%	-0.3%
Public Purpose	109	166,018	1.7%	158,546	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Quarry	4	23,464	0.2%	22,682	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Residential	4,396	3,927,832	39.5%	3,730,697	39.5%	0.0%	0.2%
Rural Residential	430	503,435	5.1%	458,764	4.9%	0.2%	0.2%
Sport	40	31,398	0.3%	29,768	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Vacant	528	173,740	1.7%	151,302	1.6%	0.1%	0.1%
TOTAL	7,177	9,948,455	100%	9,444,927	100%	0.0%	0.0%

Since the Council was formed in April 1993, emphasis has been placed on identifying current and future long term needs of residents and creating a structure able to meet these requirements. Major staff changes have been implemented, administration infrastructure upgraded, plant and equipment rationalised and surplus land and buildings sold.

Despite additional responsibilities placed on Council by the *Local Government Act* and the Council playing a more active role in Economic Development and other 'social' issues, the General Rate has increased generally in line with the local government inflation index over recent years. This year Council has adopted a new Long Term Financial Plan adjusted for measures implemented during the current pandemic.

COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2027

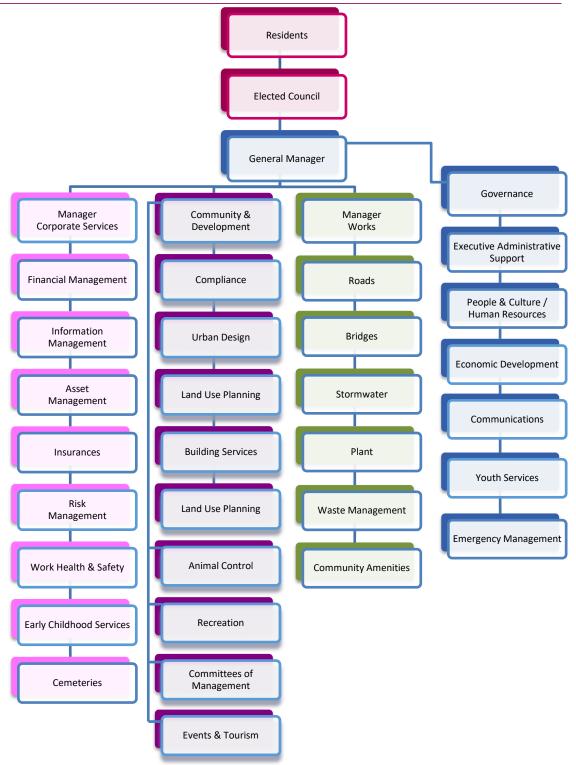
The major goals and objectives identified in the Council's 2017-2027 Strategic Plan have been incorporated into this Annual Plan and are also reflected in the Council's Annual Report to keep residents informed about achievements made against the Plan and to give them the chance to measure Council's performance and effectiveness.

The Strategic Plan for 2017-2027 was supported by quality background information; includes a strong vision for the coming decade with a wide-ranging, flexible versatility; to ensure Council can quickly respond to strong economic opportunities as they emerge.



NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL'S STRUCTURE

COUNCIL STRUCTURE





DEFINITIONS

- EFT Equivalent full time
- Responsible Departments
- Gov Governance
- Corp Corporate Services
- C&D Community & Development Services
- W&I Works & Infrastructure



PART 1 : GOVERNANCE

Governance includes provision of elected representation, executive support, strategic planning, economic development, community development and public relations.

1.1 GOVERNANCE

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Provision of quality governance and effective leadership to support and enrich community life.

Nine Councillors represent the Northern Midlands municipal area. Council usually meets on the third Monday of each month with public agendas available prior to each meeting.

Council's administrative headquarters is based at 13 Smith Street, Longford and a range of services are also provided by Service Tasmania at the Town Hall, Campbell Town.

Council reviews and implements organisational values into day to day operations.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Councillors	Public Representatives	9
General Manager	Staff	1 EFT
Administration Officers	Staff	2 EFT

STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2027:

The Strategic Plan 2017-2027 provides the guidelines within which Council operates.

- Lead
 - Leaders with Impact
 - Core Strategies:
 - Communicate Connect with the community
 - Lead Councillors represent honestly with integrity
 - Manage Management is efficient and responsive
 - Money Matters

Core Strategies:

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- Budgets are responsible yet innovative
- Efficiency in resource sharing and Council reform
- Improve community assets responsibly and sustainably
- Best Business Practice & Compliance
 - Core Strategies:
 - Council complies with all Government legislation
 - Continuous improvement is embedded in staff culture
 - Effective and efficient marketing, communications & IT
 - Excellent standards of customer service
- Workforce Standards

Core Strategies:

- People & Culture Framework generates professionalism
- Workplace Health & Safety is fully compliant
- Emergency Management & Safety Plans work well



OPERATIONS:

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Provision of general governance services and executive support	30-Jun-21	\$ 545,736	Gov
Provision for consultancy associated with studies and management plans	30-Jun-21	\$ 92,820	Gov
Audit & Audit Committee	30-Jun-21	\$ 40,870	Corp
Elected Member management of meetings, agendas, allowances, training, support and elections	30-Jun-21	\$ 258,040	Gov

Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Number of items considered by Council	356	390	405	369	406
Attendance of Council Members at Council Meetings	89.8%	89.7%	90.5%	90.6%	90.5%



1.2 PEOPLE & CULTURE (HUMAN RESOURCES)

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Council aims to provide a safe, healthy and supportive environment where employees are valued, respected and are able to realise their full potential.

Staff are engaged, committed, stable and innovative; employment relations are fair and consistent; the People and Culture framework is best practice.

Council is committed to the professional development of staff members through programs that focus on specific training and general development to assist with achieving excellent service delivery and has made a commitment to provide continued staff training at a minimum provision of 2% of wages.

A three year Enterprise Bargaining Agreement was negotiated for period July 2019 to June 2022 to ensure continual improvement in the working conditions for all staff through professional development opportunities as well as being valued members of a strong overall team.

Council continues to encourage staff participation in workplace reform by holding regular staff and department meetings as well as supporting a Consultative Committee.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Admin Officer (included in Governance)	Staff	
HR Officer	Staff	0.6
Council Officers – acting as Union Representatives	ASU	2

STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2027:

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- Lead
 - Workforce Standards
 - Core Strategies:
 - People & Culture Framework generates professionalism
 - Workplace Health & Safety is fully compliant
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OPERATIONS:

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Provide HR & General Manager's special expenditure for staff	30-Jun-21	\$ 77,717	Gov
Implement a Continuous Improvement Program	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Create pride and achievement and recognise contributions by Councillors and employees – issue 10, 20 and 30 year service certificates, and a gift for milestone service achievements 25 and 40 years	Ongoing	Staff	Corp
Participate in "Work Experience" programs with local schools	Ongoing	Staff	Gov
Contribute to Staff uniforms for all staff members	30-Jun-21	\$ 8,060	Gov
Subscribe to an independent counselling service for staff to access	30-Jun-21	Incl in HR	Gov
Implement Annual Training Plan	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Performance Appraisal System for all employees	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Update Employee & Supervisor's Handbooks	Ongoing	Staff	Gov
Review and develop HR policies	Ongoing	Staff	Gov
Undertake an annual staff survey	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Administer new EBA provisions	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov



Measures	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Payroll costs	\$ 4,403,551	\$ 4,731,130	\$ 4,185,872	\$ 4,391,564
Superannuation contributions	\$ 498,701	S 503,056	S 485,008	S 505,662
Workers Compensation Insurance/Expenses	\$ 169,619	\$ 153,557	\$ 133,954	\$ 116,975
Annual, Long Service, Sick Leave & Provisions	\$ 1,172,384	\$ 993,212	\$ 904,958	\$ 762,139
% of Payroll Capitalised	8.1%	6.6%	9.9%	10.5%
Permanent Staff (at year end)	63 EFT	56 EFT	57 EFT	62 EFT
Casual (at year end)	2 EFT	4 EFT	3 EFT	4 EFT
Sick Leave Taken/Permanent Employees (paid days)	4.8	5.5	6.6	4.8



1.3 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Council provides an Emergency Management framework that provides for planned and coordinated measures that reduce vulnerabilities and enhance capacities to withstand emergencies, as well as cope with and recover from their impacts.

Council has continued involvement in emergency management regional planning.

The Emergency Unit at Campbell Town has 12 members and its role is to provide roadside rescue assistance and other needs as per the *Emergency Services Act 1976*.

Council funds the purchase and maintenance of road accident rescue related equipment and services.

Fire hazards are identified within the municipal area and abatement notices are issued.

The General Manager is appointed as the Municipal SES co-ordinator, with Corporate Services Manager appointed as Deputy Municipal SES co-ordinator and the Risk Management Officer as assistance SES co-ordinator, ably assisted by the Workplace Health & Safety Officer.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
SES Unit	Volunteers	
Unit Manager (included in Governance/Corp)	Staff	

STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2027:

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 - Leaders with Impact
 - Core Strategies:
 - Communicate Connect with the community
 - Lead Councillors represent honestly with integrity
 - Manage Management is efficient and responsive
 - Workforce Standards

Core Strategies:

- People & Culture Framework generates professionalism
- Workplace Health & Safety is fully compliant
- Emergency Management & Safety Plans work well
- People
 - Sense of Place Sustain, Protect, Progress
 - Core Strategies:
 - Public assets meet future lifestyle challenges
 - Lifestyle Strong, Vibrant, Safe and Connected Communities Core Strategies:
 - Caring, Healthy, Safe Communities Awareness, education & service
- Place
 - Environment Cherish & Sustain our Landscapes Core Strategies:
 - Meet environmental challenges

OPERATIONS:

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Provide support to SES Service – Campbell Town	30-Jun-21	\$ 7,493	Corp/W&I
Ensure training of staff for Emergency Management Planning	30-Jun-21	\$ 1,070 Staff	Gov/Corp
Review NMC Emergency Management Plans & Risk Assessments	30-Jun-21	Staff	All Dept's
Issue fire abatement notices as necessary	Ongoing	Staff	C&D
Emergency clean-up operations as necessary	30-Jun-21	\$ 100,000	Works



Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Review and update Council's Community Recovery Plan as required	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov/Corp
Regularly test through desktop exercises, Council's Community Recovery Plan	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov/Corp
Contribute to the development of Council's Business Continuity	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov/Corp
Work with Tas Police to improve incident reporting	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Report vandalism to police	30-Jun-21	Staff	All dept's
Support the relocation of the Longford Police Station to the main street	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov

Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Number of fire hazard abatement notices issued	66	61	83	51	51
Number of fire abatement notices complied with	87%	80%	75%	75%	75%
Response time with regard to attending and dealing with emergency situations					



1.4 COMMUNICATION

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Encouragement of community confidence through communication, consultation and participation with equitable, transparent, accessible and consistent governance by genuine engagement with the community.

A 20-minute public question and statements time is provided at all Council Meetings to encourage public awareness of activities.

Council

- continues with Master planning and design in conjunction with community consultation and participation several major assets throughout the municipal area.
- continually lobbies/ liaises with Ministers of Governments on issues of importance to the community.
- encourages and supports active local committees.
- aims to provide an environment that is safe and provides the opportunity for residents to pursue a quality lifestyle. It encourages a spirit of pride and appreciation of the community and its assets.
- provides articles of community interest to the Examiner regional newspaper supplement "Your Region Northern Midlands", and the locally owned newspaper 'The Northern Midlands Courier'.
- has a vital and demanding role to play in working with the people of Northern Midlands to shape a common future, it provides public consultation on major plans and programs where practical such as for the Perth Highway Bypass.
- supports the need for coherent regional leadership, planning and economic policy frameworks to promote the regional potential.
- is an active member of the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT), and Northern Tasmania Development (NTDC).
- investigates options for private and public resource sharing prior to implementing new programs. Resource Sharing is pursued with other Councils where appropriate.
- Facilitates healthy communities with a strong sense of well-being is a key in the Council's Strategic Plan- in which a number of sections address community safety, access, health and education issues.
- is working in partnership with State Government, local community organisations and members, and Northern Tasmania Development to improve and enhance the health and well-being of northern midlands communities.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External
Admin Officer (included in Governance 1.1)	Staff

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 - Manage Management is efficient and responsive
 - Best Business Practice & Compliance Core Strategies:
 - Council complies with all Government legislation
 - Continuous improvement is embedded in staff culture
 - Effective and efficient marketing, communications & IT
 - Excellent standards of customer service
 - Workforce Standards
 - Core Strategies:
 - People & Culture Framework generates professionalism



- Workplace Health & Safety is fully compliant
- Emergency Management & Safety Plans work well
- People
 - Lifestyle Strong, Vibrant, Safe and Connected Communities Core Strategies:
 - Communicate Communities speak & leaders listen
 - Caring, Healthy, Safe Communities Awareness, education & service

OPERATIONS:

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Administer Donations under Section 77 of the LGA	30-Jun-21	\$ 22,480	Corp
Media Consultancy	30-Jun-21	\$ 16,000	Corp
Publish weekly news articles	30-Jun-21	\$ 19,620	Gov
Update website / social media on regular basis	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp Gov/ C&D
Provide secretarial support to Local District Committees	30-Jun-21	\$ 5,040	Gov
Review of Corporate documents e.g. Strategic and Annual Plans, policies, procedures and bylaws	30-Jun-21	Staff	All Dept's
Active membership of LGAT	30-Jun-21	\$ 41,000	Gov
Active member of NTDC	30-Jun-21	\$ 51,081	Gov
Active member of Australian Mayoral Aviation Council	30-Jun-21	\$ 3,300	Gov
Dialogue with neighbouring Council's with resource sharing opportunities	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Participate Midlands Highway Partnership Program with State Government	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Promote roll out of broadband/ optic fibre network	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Lobby state government and other stakeholders for Western Junction Transport Hub	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Lobby state government for Tyre Recycling solution for Tasmania	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Lobby Australian government for payment of rate equivalents on Crown Land	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Review, update and implement Council's Access Policy and associated Action Plan	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov/C&D
Collaborate with State Growth & Tas Police to improve community and road safety in the Northern Midlands	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Review, update and implement Council's Positive Ageing Plan	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Manage the Aged Care Units at Campbell Town and Evandale	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp
Continue to support Longford Care-a-car service for transport to medical services	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp
Provide appropriate training and support to volunteers of Council	30-Jun-21	Staff	C&D

Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/2018	2018/2019
Number of Local District Committees	7	7	7	7	7
Aged Care Units - 4 at Campbell Town & 4 at Ev	andale				
% Rental Received while occupied	89%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Occupation during year					
Campbell Town	78%	100%	100%	91%	100%
Evandale	100%	100%	100%	100%	94%



1.5 YOUTH

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Network and collaborate with a variety of agencies and organisations to identify, develop, implement and evaluate initiatives that address the numerous issues which impact young people within the municipality.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Youth Officer	0.6	Gov
External Contractors for Programme Management		

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 - Lead Councillors represent honestly with integrity
- People
 - Lifestyle Strong, Vibrant, Safe and Connected Communities
 - Core Strategies:
 - Caring, Healthy, Safe Communities Awareness, education & service

OPERATIONS:

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Youth Activity Program	30-Jun-21	\$ 35,700	Gov
Collaborate with Launceston PCYCs to provide youth activity programs at Campbell Town, Perth, Evandale and Longford	30-Jun-21	Incl in above	Gov
Collaborate with Schools within municipal area to provide youth activity programs	30-Jun-21	Incl in above	Gov
Promote Youth special events within municipal area – eg Skate Park Day	30-Jun-21	Incl in above	Gov
Manager the Northern Midlands Further Education Bursary Program	30-Jun-21	\$ 10,000	Gov
Support the school chaplaincy program & inspiring futures program	30-Jun-21	\$ 25,000	Gov
ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Program	30-Jun-21	\$ 3,000	Gov
Tasmanian Community Fund Free2b girls program	30-Jun-21	\$ 35,888	Gov
Healthy Tasmania Active Northern Midlands Youth	30-Jun-21	\$ 34,410	Gov



1.6 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Encourage sustainable economic development for the Northern Midlands region in conjunction with relevant stakeholders.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Northern Midlands Business Association	External	
Officers	Staff	0.6 EFT

STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2027:

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- Lead
 - Leaders with Impact
 - Core Strategies:
 - Communicate Connect with the community
 - Lead Councillors represent honestly with integrity
 - Manage Management is efficient and responsive
 - Best Business Practice & Compliance
 - Core Strategies:
 - Council complies with all Government legislation
 - Excellent standards of customer service
- Progress –

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- Strategic Project Delivery Build Capacity for a Healthy Wealthy Future Core Strategies:
 - Strategic, sustainable, infrastructure is progressive
 - Proactive engagement drives new enterprise
 - Collaborative partnerships attract key industries
 - Attract healthy, wealth-producing business & industry
 - Economic Development Supporting Growth & Changes
 - New & expanded small business is valued
 - Support new businesses to grow capacity & service
 - Towns are enviable places to visit, live & work
 - Minimise industrial environment impact on amenity
 - Developers address climate change challenges
 - Maximise external funding opportunity

OPERATIONS:

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Support the NMBA to:	30-Jun-21		
Provide administrative support to implement initiatives/activities of the NMBA annual business plan		\$ 28,890	Gov
Identify/ foster economic development opportunities		Staff	Gov
 Promotion and development of the TRANSlink precinct, including pursuing funding for the Translink Stormwater and Missing Road Link Strategic Project 		Staff	Gov
Process applications for funding under the Building Better Regions Fund and other emerging funding programs; and the subsequent acquittal processes	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Collaborate with RDA, NTDC and other northern councils to develop and implement the Northern Region Futures Plan	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov



Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Work with key stakeholders to facilitate economic development and progress business opportunities specific to the Northern Midlands	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Contribute to NMBA to support projects within its 2019/2020 Business Plan – including the Translink Enhancement Project Stage 2	30-Jun-21	\$ 5,000	Gov
Continue to participate in the Tasmanian Chamber Alliance and explore benefits for Northern Midlands	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Collaborate with NTDC, RDA and other northern councils to plan, and funding permitting, implement initiatives	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Collaborate with Beacon Foundation and the local District High Schools to develop the Business Partnership Group programs	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Support Northern Midlands Economic Development Committee	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Covid19 Economic Development Support Program	30-Jun-21	\$ 25,000	Gov
Northern Tasmanian NTDC Population Program	30-Jun-21	\$ 7,760	Gov
Northern Tasmanian NTDC Profile ID Program	30-Jun-21	\$ 5,470	Gov



PART 2 : COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Community & Development includes the provision of services relating to the following: Recreation, Events & Tourism Promotion, Committees of Management & Non-Profit Organisations, Building, Health, Planning Services, Animal Control, Environmental Management and Compliance. Council strives to facilitate healthy communities with a strong sense of wellbeing through the development of community services and activities that meet the needs and aspirations of Northern Midlands residents.

2.1 EVENT MANAGEMENT & TOURISM PROMOTION

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Provide advice and support to event managers ensuring events in the municipality are run safely and successfully;

Promote the Northern Midlands as a tourist destination in a way that benefits local businesses, visitors and residents alike.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Tourism Officer	Staff	0.7
Northern Midlands Business Association (Longford Tourism Information Centre)	External	
Heritage Highway Tourism Region Association Inc	External	
Tourism Northern Tasmania	External	

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- Core Strategies:
 - Communicate Connect with the community
 - Manage Management is efficient and responsive
- Best Business Practice & Compliance Core Strategies:
 - Council complies with all Government legislation
 - Continuous improvement is embedded in staff culture
 - Excellent standards of customer service
- Progress
 - Tourism Marketing & Communication
 - Tourism partnerships build sense of place identity
- People
 - Sense of Place Sustain, Protect, Progress Core Strategies:
 - Council nurtures and respects historical culture
- Place
 - Environment Cherish & Sustain our Landscapes
 - Core Strategies:
 - Cherish & sustain our landscapes
 - Eco-tourism strongly showcases our natural beauties
 - History Preserve & Protect our Built Heritage for Tomorrow Core Strategies:
 - Our heritage villages and towns are high value assets



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Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Contribute to the HHTRA to support the Association with the	30-Jun-21	\$ 19,730	C&D
implementation of its Business Plan			
Tourism Development Officer to assist to:	30-Jun-21	\$ 62,299	C&D
 Develop new tourism products, experiences and services 		Staff	C&D
 Market the Heritage Highway Tourism Region as a 'must see' destination 		Staff	C&D
 Support local tourism groups on specific projects, including currency of information on websites and social media 		Staff	C&D
Part of the Tourism Advocacy Group membership		\$ 1,000	C&D
Collaborate with Regional Tourism Organisation to market Northern		+ _/	
Tasmania as a key tourism destination, and to implement the Northern			
Tasmania Destination Management Plan, the Heritage Highway	30-Jun-21	\$ 24,730	C&D
Destination Management Plan, and the Northern Heritage Precinct	50-Juli-21	\$ 24,750	CQD
Destination Action Plan			
Continue to support visitor centres at Evandale, Campbell Town, Ross and Avoca	30-Jun-21	\$ 50,229	C&D
Avoca Assist with the implementation of consultants reports regarding the Longford Visitor appeal recommendations	30-Jun-21	Staff	C&D
Collaborate with HHTRA to plan, implement and evaluate the Visit with Conviction advertising and promotion campaign	30-Jun-21	Staff	C&D
Continue to support major festival, events and promotions within the municipal area through Council's Grants Program, and facilitate the development of new major festivals as required	30-Jun-21	\$ 75,000	C&D
Collaborate with State Growth to upgrade roadside signage across the Northern Midlands	30-Jun-21	\$ 10,000	C&D
Assist in pursuing RV friendly status for Northern Midlands towns	30-Jun-21	Staff	C&D
Pursue National Heritage listing for the Ross Bridge	30-Jun-21	Staff	C&D
Continue to support public WIFI facilities in major townships	30-Jun-21	\$ 1,400	C&D
Continue to floodlight Tourist attractions	30-Jun-21	\$ 6,560	C&D
		\$ 0,500	CaD
Support the NMBA to manage the Northern Midlands Business Promotion Centre at Longford	30-Jun-21	\$ 4,559	C&D
Assist community organisations to prepare funding applications for local community projects	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Collaborate with Northern Midlands RSL sub branch to plan and secure funding for Remembrance Day 2018 event	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Support local community organisations through Council's donations and grants programs for events, Round 1 allocations as follows:	30-Jun-21	\$ 75,000	Corp
Tasmanian Trout Expo Co - Hydro Tasmania Trout Expo – cancelled in 2020 due to Covid19		\$0	
Longford Blooms - Longford Blooms 14 &15 November 2020		\$ 2,000	
Longford Jazz Festival - Longford Jazz Festival 18-20 September 2020		\$ 1,650	
Woolmer's Foundation Inc - Woolmer's Festival of Roses 15 November 2020		\$ 1,650	
NMBA & NM Events - Longford Brochure & Longford Promotional photos		\$ 3,300	
Ross Progress Group - Ross Village Arts Festival - October 2020		\$ 1,650	
Midlands Agricultural Association - Campbell Town Show May to June 2020		Rates remission	



Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Longford Saturday Group - Norfolk Plains Art Award October 2020		\$ 1,000	-
Cars Bikes & Bands - Charity Event Symmons Plains October 2020		\$ 550	
GTR Events – Tour of Tasmania October 2020		\$ 1,650	
Northern Midlands Events – Longford Motorama March 2021		\$ 1,650	
Longford Railway Sesquicentenary – Exhibition & promotion of 150 th		\$ 3,000	
Anniversary of Longford Rail Bridge Tasmanian Canine Assoc - National Retrieving Trial Championships September 2020		\$ 1,650	
Annual Events	•	•	·
Anzac Day		\$ 16,500	
Australia Day / Volunteer Recognition		\$ 8,800	
Australia Day / Fusion		\$ 550	
Campbell Town Show		\$ 250	
Evandale Village Fair/Penny Farthings		\$ 1,650	
John Glover Festival		\$ 1,100	
Health Revival Longford - Liz Ellis Memorial fun run - date to be advised		\$ 1,650	
Longford Academy - Heritage conservation training		\$ 100	
Longford New Years Day Cup		\$ 1,100	
Longford RSL Servicemen's Reunion		\$ 550	
Longford Show		\$ 250	
Longford Christ Church - Northern Midlands Art Exhibition (early Dec)		\$ 100	
Longford & Perth Anglican Parish - Annual Parish Fair - Saturday February		\$ 275	
Northern District Cycling Club - P E Green Memorial Cycle Race (October)		\$ 385	
Remembrance Day		\$ 550	
Ross Marathon		\$ 550	
Ross Rodeo		\$ 550	
Not for Profit Groups - <i>Donations for groups meeting in Council</i> Managed facilities		\$ 500	
Round 2 - YMC Skate Park League Event 2020/21		\$ 2,000	
Round 2 - Festival of Small Halls			
Round Two & Three		\$ 16,340	

STATISTICAL/PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Number of planned projects achieved Feedback and positive involvement



2.2 RECREATION

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Promote the use of existing sport & recreation facilities, maintain and improve facilities to meet the needs of the community.

Fostering environments and communities that encouraged healthy lifestyles is a key in the Council-State Government Partnership Agreements in which a number of key schedules address health and recreation issues.

Council is working in partnership with State and Federal Governments, local community service providers, local community organisations and members to develop and implement strategies to encourage healthy lifestyles for Northern Midlands residents.

Council provides financial and advisory assistance to management committees. Council provides an annual allocation of funds for capital works requested by community groups that are assessed on a priority basis.

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Caravan Park Caretakers	External	
Management Committees	Committee	15.0
Pool Attendants	Staff	0.5 EFT
Longford Community Sports Centre	External	

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 - Core Strategies:
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 - Manage Management is efficient and responsive
 - Money Matters

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- Core Strategies:
 - Budgets are responsible yet innovative
 - Improve community assets responsibly and sustainably
- Best Business Practice & Compliance
 - Core Strategies:
 - Council complies with all Government legislation
 - Continuous improvement is embedded in staff culture
 - Excellent standards of customer service
 - Workforce Standards
 - Core Strategies:
 - People & Culture Framework generates professionalism
 - Workplace Health & Safety is fully compliant
- Progress
 - Strategic Project Delivery Build Capacity for a Healthy Wealthy Future Core Strategies:
 - Strategic, sustainable, infrastructure is progressive
 - Proactive engagement drives new enterprise
 - Economic Development Supporting Growth & Changes
 - Towns are enviable places to visit, live & work
 - Maximise external funding opportunity
- People
 - Sense of Place Sustain, Protect, Progress

Core Strategies:

- Planning benchmarks achieve desirable development
- Developments enhance existing cultural amenity
- Public assets meet future lifestyle challenges
- Lifestyle Strong, Vibrant, Safe and Connected Communities



Core Strategies:

- Living well Valued lifestyles in vibrant, eclectic towns
- Communicate Communities speak & leaders listen
- Participate Communities engage in future planning
- Connect Improve sense of community ownership
- Caring, Healthy, Safe Communities Awareness, education & service

OPERATIONS:

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Assist with the review of the partnership arrangement for the Northern Midlands Sports Centre following extension of building	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov/Corp
Manage the Council's swimming pools in collaboration with local swimming pool committees	30-Jun-21	\$ 136,897	Gov/W&I
Manage the lease agreements for the Longford and Ross Caravan Parks	30-Jun-21	Staff	C&D
Provide financial assistance to public hall and recreation ground facility management committees	30-Jun-21	\$ 55,071	Corp
Review management agreements for Special Committees of Council	30-Jun-21	Staff	C&D
Manage the community and sporting organisations grants assistance program, as follows:	30-Jun-21	\$ 60,000	Corp
Maureen Shadbolt - Mountain Bike practice track		Investigate	
Evandale Village Fair Inc - connect power to Morven Park storage shed		Investigate	
Evandale Light Railway & Steam Society Inc – <i>renovation of Pacific type steam locomotive "The General"</i>		\$ 1,000	
Old Liffey School Committee – water tank for Old Liffey School/ Community Hall		\$ 1,000	
Northern Midlands State Emergency Service – upgrade heating & install security system		\$ 1,000	
Evandale Tennis Club – install turf surface in front of practice wall		\$ 5,000	
Longford Legends Park – recognition plaques / placement		\$ 1,000	
Carried forwards 2019/2020		\$ 41,875	
Under investigation		\$ 9,125	

Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Number of facilities managed by Local Committees					
Halls	8	8	8	8	8
Recreation Grounds	6	6	6	6	6
Pools	3	3	3	3	3
Usage of Northern Midlands Council Sports Centre • Gym membership fees	Under Contract	Under Contract	Under Contract	Under Contract	Under Contract



2.3 ANIMAL CONTROL

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Promote responsible and considerate animal ownership through the control and regulation of pet animals and livestock to minimise public nuisance and maximise community benefit.

Council provides regulatory dog control within the municipal area in accordance with the provisions of the *Dog Control Act, 2000*.

Roles and responsibilities include:

- Promoting responsible dog ownership
- Maintaining a register of all dogs aged over 6 months
- Licensing kennels
- Managing municipal dog pound
- Providing declared areas where dogs can be exercised off lead if under effecting control
- Investigating complaints relating to dog nuisances
- Levying annual dog registration fees.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Unit Manager	Staff	
Dog Control Officer	Staff	0.7 EFT
Dog Control Officers (Casuals)	Staff	0.6 EFT

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 Core Strategies:
 - Council complies with all Government legislation
 - Excellent standards of customer service
 - Workforce Standards
 - Core Strategies:

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Workplace Health & Safety is fully compliant

OPERATIONS:

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Promote micro-chipping of dogs	30-Jun-21	Staff	C&D
Promote responsible dog and cat ownership through the implementation of regulation and Council policies	30-Jun-21	Staff	C&D
Review and follow up dog registrations	On-going	Staff	C&D
Contribute to Just Cats and Animal Rescue Organisations	30-Jun-21	\$ 5,000	C&D/Corp
Animal Control services	On-going	\$ 117,466	C&D

Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Number of impounded animals p.a.	88	78	74	84	77
Number of kennel licences issued p.a.	70	72	70	76	78
Number of dog registrations	3,801	3,773	3,673	4,250	4,224



2.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Provide for community wellbeing through a healthy living environment, healthy lifestyles and reducing disease.

To research and resolve environmental nuisances.

To pro-actively implement programs/measures to protect community health by:

- providing immunisation sessions for residents
- investigating and actioning Notifiable Disease cases
- monitoring potable water supplies and other waters.

To inspect and action with respect to registered premises, level 1 activities (as defined by EMPCA) and on-site sewerage disposal systems.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Unit Manager	Staff	
Environmental Health Officer	Staff	0.6
Immunisations	External contractors	

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 - Workforce Standards

Core Strategies:

- People & Culture Framework generates professionalism
- Workplace Health & Safety is fully compliant
- Emergency Management & Safety Plans work well
- People
 - Lifestyle Strong, Vibrant, Safe and Connected Communities Core Strategies:
 - Caring, Healthy, Safe Communities Awareness, education & service
- Place
 - Environment Cherish & Sustain our Landscapes Core Strategies:
 - Cherish & sustain our landscapes
 - Meet environmental challenges

OPERATIONS:

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Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Co-ordinate infant/junior schools immunisation program/clinics	30-Jun-21	\$ 4,390	C&D
Administer the electronic database of vaccinations	30-Jun-21	Staff	C&D
Inspect licence food premises	Ongoing	Staff/ Contract	C&D
Monitor potable water supplies	Ongoing	Staff	C&D
Participate in the Pandemic Preparedness program	30-Jun-21	Staff	C&D
Investigate incidents of notifiable diseases	30-Jun-21	Staff/ Contract	C&D



Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Promote disease prevention awareness programs in schools	30-Jun-21	Staff	C&D
Investigate complaints of a public health or environmental nature	30-Jun-21	Contract	C&D
Support the effective operation of health services in the Northern Midlands as required	30-Jun-21	\$ 78,233	C&D
Collaborate with EPA Division, DPIPWE on campaigns to reduce air pollution by wood heaters in northern midlands communities	30-Jun-21	Staff	C&D
Seek funding to enable the implementation of the Northern Midlands Recreation facility Masterplans across northern midlands communities	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Collaborate with DHHS to continue the provision of student and staff accommodation at the Northern Midlands Rural Health Teaching Site at Campbell Town	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Participate in the TEER Partnership Agreement	30-Jun-21	\$ 15,600	Gov
Support the implementation of NRM priority projects funded through NRM North	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov
Administer envirofund grants for local non-incorporated land care groups	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp/ W&I

Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Total Number of Persons Immunised	216	31	43	188	96
Total Number of Immunisations					
• Hep.B, ADT, Meningococcal C (varicella)	299	31	49	199	140
Number of Notifiable Diseases	2	5	4	4	3
No. of Food Premises inspected	118	154	72	77	93
Investigate all notifiable diseases and complaints	s of a public he	ealth or enviro	nmental natu	re.	



2.5 LAND USE & PLANNING AND URBAN DESIGN

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Land Use & Planning: provide a co-ordinated land use plan to facilitate controlled growth within the parameters of infrastructure availability, whilst maintaining certainty and harmony with local environs and community expectations.

Urban Design: shape our communities, towns, villages and the region by managing development, infrastructure and services.

Council

- provides advice on appropriate use, development and subdivision of land within the municipal area
- ensures compatibility with the ecological and heritage nature of the Northern Midlands
- encourages compliance with the provisions of the Planning Scheme
- prepares strategic policy directions.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Planning Officers	Staff	2.0 EFT
Administration Officer	Staff	0.7 EFT
Planning Consultant	External	
Heritage Consultant	External	
Landscape Consultant	External	

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 - Excellent standards of customer service

Workforce Standards

Core Strategies:

- People & Culture Framework generates professionalism
- Progress
 - Strategic Project Delivery Build Capacity for a Healthy Wealthy Future Core Strategies:
 - Strategic, sustainable, infrastructure is progressive
 - Proactive engagement drives new enterprise
 - Collaborative partnerships attract key industries
 - Attract healthy, wealth-producing business & industry
 - Economic Development Supporting Growth & Changes
 - New & expanded small business is valued
 - Support new businesses to grow capacity & service
 - Towns are enviable places to visit, live & work
 - Minimise industrial environment impact on amenity
 - Developers address climate change challenges
- People
 - Sense of Place Sustain, Protect, Progress Core Strategies:
 - Planning benchmarks achieve desirable development
 - Council nurtures and respects historical culture
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- History Preserve & Protect our Built Heritage for Tomorrow Core Strategies:
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OPERATIONS:

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Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Undertake Planning & Development services	30-Jun-21	\$ 467,939	Gov/C&D
Meet with Tasmanian Planning Commission to assist awareness of policy, purpose and objectives of planning scheme	Ongoing	Staff	Gov/C&D
Implement planning guidelines to assist the community in the preparation of applications	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov/C&D
Provide assistance to other Council's as requested under Resource Sharing Agreements	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov/C&D
Undertake Strategic Planning projects incl Land Use Strategy	30-Jun-21	\$ 150,000	Gov/C&D

Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Days to obtain Approvals					
Permitted use planning	17	15	21	21	28
Discretionary planning	36	37	36	41	41
Number of planning applications approved	267	256	236	216	227
Number of permits refused	5	8	2	4	5
Number of appeals	3	4	8	5	5
Number of matters under s64 LUPAA	0	1	0	0	0



2.6 BUILDING SERVICES

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Provide regulatory framework to ensure all private and public buildings are constructed in accordance with the Building Act and Regulations, Building Code of Australia and other regulatory standards.

Provide advice to customers on building matters.

Issue building and plumbing permits and inspect construction and plumbing works as required.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Building Permit Authority	Staff	1 EFT
Plumbing Assessment	Resource Sharing MVC	0.5 EFT
Administration Officer	Staff	1.3 EFT

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 - Workforce Standards

Core Strategies:

- People & Culture Framework generates professionalism
- Workplace Health & Safety is fully compliant

OPERATIONS:

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Undertake Building Permit Authority functions	30-Jun-21	\$ 202,712	Gov/C&D
Undertake Plumbing Permit and Inspection functions	30-Jun-21	\$ 104,983	Gov/C&D
Advise the community of changes to building legislation and standards	On-going	Staff	Gov/C&D
Streamline application lodgement and assessment processes	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov/C&D
Manage public buildings and monuments	On-going	Staff	W&I
Provide assistance to other Council's as requested under Resource Sharing Agreements	30-Jun-21	Staff	Gov/C&D

Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Number of building applications approved	226	226	175	154	212
Days to obtain Approvals					
Building permit	7	6	14	7	7
Plumbing permit	6	6	9	14	6
Value of building approvals	\$26.8m	\$31.5m	\$27.4m	\$27.0m	\$72.1m
Property Certificates (Sec 132 & 337)	1,065	1,022	1,140	1,313	1,396



2.7 COMMITTEES OF MANAGEMENT

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Support of Council's committees of management and community organisations.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Management Committees		15

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 - Lifestyle Strong, Vibrant, Safe and Connected Communities Core Strategies:
 - Participate Communities engage in future planning
 - Connect Improve sense of community ownership

OPERATIONS:

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Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Review management committee agreements	30-Jun-21	Staff	C&D
Undertake day to day operation of Council facilities	30-Jun-21	Volunteers	W&I
Facilitate maintenance grants to committees	30-Jun-21	\$ 55,071	Corp

Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Number of grounds managed by Committees	5	5	5	5	5
Number of community halls managed by Committees	8	8	8	8	8
Number of pools managed by Committees	3	3	3	3	3
Completion of planned projects	1	1	1	1	



2.8 COMPLIANCE

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Monitor all relevant regulatory areas to ensure statutory compliance, ensuring the Northern Midlands is a safe environment in which to live, visit and work.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Unit Manager	Staff	
Compliance Officer	Staff	0.4 EFT

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- Economic Development Supporting Growth & Changes
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 - Minimise industrial environment impact on amenity
- People
 - Lifestyle Strong, Vibrant, Safe and Connected Communities
 - Core Strategies:
 - Caring, Healthy, Safe Communities Awareness, education & service

OPERATIONS:

Target, Action or Project	Completion	Resources	Responsible
	Date		Department
Undertake Planning compliance audits	Ongoing	Incl in Planning	C&D
Undertake Building compliance audits	Ongoing	Incl in Building	C&D



PART 3 : CORPORATE SERVICES

Corporate Services includes the management of financial, information, asset, risk and work health & safety portfolios; early childhood and community services.

3.1 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Council's objective is to provide practical, viable, sustainable financial management, policies and procedures.

This area provides all financial services including rates administration, receipts and payments, wages and salaries, budgeting and annual report preparation, investments, insurance, loans, asset registers and depreciation.

Tasmanian Audit Office will undertake the Financial Audit services for Council during 2019-20.

Council collects a volunteer fire service levy in respect of land in Cressy, Campbell Town, Longford, Evandale and Perth; and a general fire service levy for all other land.

The revaluation of the municipal area was undertaken during 2018 by the LG Valuation Services and the values are effective from 1 July 2019, bi-annual adjustment factors will not apply for 2019/20.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Unit Manager	Staff	1.0 EFT
Administration Officers	Staff	5.6 EFT
Tasmanian Audit Office	Auditors - External	

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Core Strategies:

- Communicate Connect with the community
- Lead Councillors represent honestly with integrity
- Manage Management is efficient and responsive
- Money Matters

Core Strategies:

- Budgets are responsible yet innovative
- Efficiency in resource sharing and Council reform
- Improve community assets responsibly and sustainably
- Best Business Practice & Compliance
- Core Strategies:
 - Council complies with all Government legislation
 - Continuous improvement is embedded in staff culture
 - Excellent standards of customer service
 - Workforce Standards

Core Strategies:

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- Workplace Health & Safety is fully compliant
- Emergency Management & Safety Plans work well
- People
 - Sense of Place Sustain, Protect, Progress
 Core Strategies:
 - Public assets meet future lifestyle challenges



OPERATIONS:

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Provision of general corporate management services and financial services	30-Jun-21	\$ 979,627	Corp
Prepare 2019/2020 Annual Report	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp
Prepare 2020/2021 Budget	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp
Issue Rates by end July 2019	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp
Monitor management of investments	Ongoing	Staff	Corp
Monitor loan funding	Ongoing	Staff	Corp
Review methods of issue and collection of rates	Ongoing	Staff	Corp
Update 10 year forward financial forecast	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp
Administer Pension Rate Remission applications	30-Jun-21	\$ 460,000	Corp
Administer collection of State Fire Levy	30-Jun-21	\$ 616,641	Corp
Meet GST, FBT and Payroll Tax requirements	Ongoing	Staff	Corp
Administer Building Training & Permit Guarantee Levy	30-Jun-21	\$ 153,161	Corp
Engage Service Tasmania for cashier services at Campbell Town	30-Jun-21	\$ 6,000	Corp
Issue Land Information Certificates	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp

Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Outstanding Rates at year end	11.1%	14.3%	17.6%	21.6%	23.6%
Sources of Operating Revenue					
Rates	50.57%	63.38%	51.35%	58.46%	57.29%
Grants	31.90%	13.36%	30.47%	20.70%	20.37%
User Charges	8.53%	11.7%	8.95%	9.02%	10.36%
Revenue per capita					
Total Operating Revenue	1,423	1,181	1,465	1,337	1,414
Total Rates	719	749	752	781	810
General Rate	629	655	656	684	799



3.2 INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Council's objective is to deliver information management services to meet organisation, statutory and community needs.

Provide practical, viable, sustainable information management, policies and procedures.

Council operates a computer network connecting all users within the administrative headquarters. Remote users at the Longford Works Depot are connected to the network via a fibre optic cable.

Council utilises the Open Office Pty Ltd Local Government suite of programs for financials, Intramaps mapping application, and the Technology One information management system.

Council utilises a LivePro customer service database system and Office 365 mailing system throughout the office as well as being connected to the Internet. Council's email address is – <u>council@nmc.tas.gov.au</u>

Council's website is - www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Administration Officers	Staff	1.8 EFT

STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2027:

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- Lead
 - Leaders with Impact
 - Core Strategies:
 - Communicate Connect with the community
 - Manage Management is efficient and responsive
 - Best Business Practice & Compliance
 - Core Strategies:
 - Council complies with all Government legislation
 - Continuous improvement is embedded in staff culture
 - Effective and efficient marketing, communications & IT
 - Excellent standards of customer service
 - Workforce Standards

Core Strategies:

- People & Culture Framework generates professionalism
- Emergency Management & Safety Plans work well

OPERATIONS:

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	R	esources	Responsible Department
Provision of general management and control of electronic information and technology	30-Jun-21	\$	152,662	Corp
Software Licence Fees & contractor maintenance	30-Jun-21	\$	142,210	Corp
Upgrade Corporate software packages	30-Jun-21	\$	64,470	Corp
Upgrade Servers, PC's & laptops, printers and sundry computer equipment	30-Jun-21	\$	40,000	Corp
Provision and upgrade of CCTV & Public WiFi	30-Jun-21	\$	30,000	Corp
Website upgrade	30-Jun-21	\$	9,000	Corp
Review reports to measure Customer Request performance	30-Jun-21		Staff	Corp
Review website, and other social media outlets for effective communication	30-Jun-21		Staff	Corp



STATISTICAL/PERFORMANCE MEASURES:					
Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
IT expenses % of total operating expenses	1.4%	1.5%	1.5%	1.7%	1.8%
Number of Customer requests	391	462	344	436	265



3.3 ASSET MANAGEMENT

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Assist Council in improving the way it delivers services from infrastructure including roads, bridges, footpaths, stormwater drainage, buildings and plant and equipment and any other classes of assets.

Council's asset management strategy enables Council to show:

- how its asset portfolio will meet the service delivery needs of its community into the future,
- enable Council's asset management policies to be achieved, and
- ensure the integration of Council's asset management with its long-term strategic plan.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Admin Officer (included in Corp & Works)		

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 - Leaders with Impact Core Strategies:
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 - Money Matters
 - Core Strategies: • Budgets are responsible yet innovative
 - Improve community assets responsibly and sustainably
 - Best Business Practice & Compliance
 - Core Strategies:
 - Council complies with all Government legislation
 - Continuous improvement is embedded in staff culture
 - Workforce Standards
 - Core Strategies:
 - Workplace Health & Safety is fully compliant
- Progress
 - Strategic Project Delivery Build Capacity for a Healthy Wealthy Future Core Strategies:
 - Strategic, sustainable, infrastructure is progressive
 - Economic Development Supporting Growth & Changes
 - Towns are enviable places to visit, live & work
 - Maximise external funding opportunity
- People
 - Sense of Place Sustain, Protect, Progress
 - Core Strategies:
 - Developments enhance existing cultural amenity
 - Public assets meet future lifestyle challenges
- Place
 - Environment Cherish & Sustain our Landscapes Core Strategies:
 - Cherish & sustain our landscapes
 - Meet environmental challenges
 - History Preserve & Protect our Built Heritage for Tomorrow Core Strategies:
 - Our heritage villages and towns are high value assets



OPERATIONS:			
Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Implementation of Road Asset assessment completed June 2019	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp
Implementation of Building Asset assessment completed June 2019	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp
Recognition of assets purchased, constructed and disposed	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp
Review asset valuation cycles	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp



3.4 INSURANCES

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Council protects itself from financial claims or loss arising from a negligent act, error or omission, legal liability for personal injury and/or property damage claims.

Council identifies potential significant risks and obtains insurance cover accordingly.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Administration Officers (included in Financial Management 3.1)	Staff	

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 - Workplace Health & Safety is fully compliant
 - Emergency Management & Safety Plans work well
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- Core Strategies:
 - Meet environmental challenges

OPERATIONS:

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Administer and review insurance cover	30-Jun-21	\$ 15,080	Corp
Insurance cover	30-Jun-21	\$ 377,000	Corp
Review and process all claims	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp

Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Number of ISR insurance claims	1	2	1	1 Cost \$19,218	1 Cost \$2,222
Number of Motor Vehicle claims	9	17	9	2	5
Cost of Motor Vehicle claims	14,173	27,692	7,357	43,482	\$12,102
Completion of planned projects	·	•			•
Feedback and positive involvement					



3.5 RISK MANAGEMENT

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Council is committed to embedding enterprise risk management to create and maintain an environment that enables Council to deliver high quality services and meet performance objectives. Council recognises that risk management is an essential tool for sound strategic and financial planning and the ongoing physical operations of the organisation

Council is committed to identify any potential threats to financial and business operations; and taking necessary steps to mitigate / eliminate threats likely to affect Council's ability to achieve objectives.

To meet this commitment, all employees are required to be competent and accountable for adequately managing risk within their area of responsibility. Councils risk management policy is the umbrella policy for all supportive activities and documentation, which have the objective of improving processes by reducing the uncertainty of outcomes, thereby minimising loss within the activities and services provided by Council.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Risk Officer	Staff	0.2
	Staff	

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 - Council complies with all Government legislation
 - Continuous improvement is embedded in staff culture

Workforce Standards Core Strategies:

- People & Culture Framework generates professionalism
- Workplace Health & Safety is fully compliant
- Emergency Management & Safety Plans work well
- Progress
 - Economic Development Supporting Growth & Changes
 - Minimise industrial environment impact on amenity
 - Developers address climate change challenges
- Place
 - Environment Cherish & Sustain our Landscapes
 - Core Strategies:
 - Meet environmental challenges

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Integrate the risk legislation requirements with the day to day operations	30-Jun-21	\$ 23,388	Corp
Establish risk management training/ education programs	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp
Monitor the risk register for Council	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp



3.6 WORK HEALTH & SAFETY

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Council is committed to protect the health and safety of all stakeholders in the workplace from exposure to hazards and risks resulting from workplace conduct.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Work Health & Safety Officer	Staff	0.8

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 - Core Strategies:

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- Best Business Practice & Compliance
 - Core Strategies:
 - Council complies with all Government legislation
 - Continuous improvement is embedded in staff culture
- Workforce Standards
 - Core Strategies:
 - People & Culture Framework generates professionalism
 - Workplace Health & Safety is fully compliant

OPERATIONS:

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Organisation Workplace Health & Safety	30-Jun-21	\$ 93,552	Corp
Establish workplace health and safety training/ education program for all staff, councilors, contractors and volunteers	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp
Complete a review compliance with WHS legislation	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp
Assist with development of WHS policies and procedures	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp
Audit compliance to WHS on worksites	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp
Monitor hazards, incidents and workers compensation	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp

Measures	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Reportable incidents	0	0	0	1



3.7 CEMETERIES

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

To maintain and manage general community cemeteries and associated infrastructure and services.

Council own and operate:

- the Lawn Cemetery, Rose Garden and Niche Wall at Cressy Road, Longford
- a Rose Garden in Pioneer Park, Evandale
- Perth Cemetery (taken over from 24 June 2000).

A service is provided, in conjunction with Arrow Engraving Pty Ltd, to supply memorial plaques.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Officers	Staff	0.3 EFT
Funeral Directors	External	
Plaque Suppliers	External	

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 - Workforce Standards
 - Core Strategies:
 - People & Culture Framework generates professionalism
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- People
 - Sense of Place Sustain, Protect, Progress Core Strategies:
 - Council nurtures and respects historical culture
- Place
 - Environment Cherish & Sustain our Landscapes Core Strategies:
 - Meet environmental challenges
 - History Preserve & Protect our Built Heritage for Tomorrow Core Strategies:
 - Our heritage villages and towns are high value assets

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Continue to improve processes and procedures for burials	30-Jun-21	Staff & Volunteers	Corp
Maintenance & operations		\$ 38,906	W&I



Γ	Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Number of burials/pl	acements					
1. Lawn Section	Longford	32	20	32	25	17
	Perth	11	5	11	5	2
2. Rose Garden	Longford	4	9	4	9	9
	Evandale				2	2
	Perth	2	0	2	0	0
3. Niche Wall	Longford	1	1	1	5	3
	Perth	2	0	2	0	0



3.8 EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Provide Childcare services within the limits of resource availability and without detriment to existing 'traditional' provision by private and government services.

Council operates Long Day Childcare Services adjacent to the Perth Community Centre and at the Cressy Childcare Centre for 5 days per week between 8am – 6pm. Avoca Childcare Centre is operated each Monday between 9am – 5pm.

Midlands Kids Club After School Care Services are operated from the Perth Community Centre, the Perth Primary School and the Cressy High School.

Midlands Kids Club Vacation Care Services are provided during school holiday periods from the Perth Community Centre.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level	
Childcare Officers		10.0	EFT

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 - Money Matters
 - Core Strategies:
 - Budgets are responsible yet innovative
 - Efficiency in resource sharing and Council reform
 - Improve community assets responsibly and sustainably
 - Best Business Practice & Compliance Core Strategies:
 - Council complies with all Government legislation
 - Continuous improvement is embedded in staff culture
 - Excellent standards of customer service
 - Workforce Standards
 - Core Strategies:
 - People & Culture Framework generates professionalism
 - Workplace Health & Safety is fully compliant
 - Emergency Management & Safety Plans work well
- People
 - Sense of Place Sustain, Protect, Progress
 - Core Strategies:
 - Public assets meet future lifestyle challenges
 - Lifestyle Strong, Vibrant, Safe and Connected Communities Core Strategies:
 - Caring, Healthy, Safe Communities Awareness, education & service

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Manage the Northern Midlands Child Care Service	30-Jun-21	Staff	Corp



Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Childcare Statistics	%	%	%	%	%
Daily utilisation rates					
Rural & Remote	58.5	58.1	67	36	75
• Perth	57.0	488	59	52	82
Midlands Kids Club - Perth	89.4	73.0	65	63	67
Midlands Kids Club - Cressy	-	-	13	6	1
Midlands Kids Club VAC	37.1	38.9	70	50	41



PART 4 : WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Works and Infrastructure includes the maintenance and construction of Council amenities, parks and reserves, engineering services and waste management.

4.1 PHYSICAL ASSET OPERATIONS: SUPERVISION & INDIRECT OVERHEADS

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Council purchased a northern depot site at 13 Goderich Street, Longford in December 1994 to accommodate staff and equipment in the northern region of the municipal area, and the former Campbell Town depot is utilised for accommodation of the southern region.

Former depot at Ross is no longer actively used, and is now used as a 'Men's Shed'.

Field supervision is provided from supervisors based at each depot and total cost of operations associated with this function is allocated to maintenance and capital work activities.

To pro-actively undertake strategic asset management for the long-term reconstruction of roads, bridges and water infrastructure.

Actively seek sources of funding for high priority infrastructure projects.

To apply a balanced engineering/technical view to issues that demands such an approach.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Unit Manager	Staff	1.0 EFT
Regional Supervisor	Staff	1.0 EFT
Engineer	Contractors	
Engineer	Staff	1.0 EFT
Administration Officers	Staff	1.0 EFT

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 - Core Strategies:
 - Council complies with all Government legislation
 - Continuous improvement is embedded in staff culture
 - Excellent standards of customer service

Workforce Standards

Core Strategies:

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- Emergency Management & Safety Plans work well
- Progress
 - Strategic Project Delivery Build Capacity for a Healthy Wealthy Future Core Strategies:
 - Strategic, sustainable, infrastructure is progressive
- People –



- Sense of Place - Sustain, Protect, Progress Core Strategies:
 - Council nurtures and respects historical culture ٠
 - Developments enhance existing cultural amenity ٠
 - Public assets meet future lifestyle challenges
- Place
 - Environment Cherish & Sustain our Landscapes Core Strategies:
 - Meet environmental challenges ٠

OPERATIONS:

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Office – Exterior timber painting	30-Jun-21	\$ 10,000	W&I/C&D
Depots Longford/Campbell Town improvements	30-Jun-21	\$ 130,000	W&I
Purchase small plant	31-Mar-21	\$ 40,000	W&I
Roads & Bridges:	·		
Provide contract management services	Ongoing	Staff	W&I
Refine priority road works and footpaths for long term capital works program	Ongoing	Staff	W&I
Refine asset management policies, strategies and plans	30-Jun-21	Staff	W&I/Corp
Review Heavy Vehicle Routes within municipal area	30-Jun-21	Staff	W&I

STATISTICAL/PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Number of traffic accidents within the					
municipal area which involve:					
damage to property only	69	77	82	95	106
injury to road users	61	44	58	44	59
fatalities	3	2	2	2	1
other	1	0	0	1	1
Total Crashes	134	123	142	142	167

Compliance with Budget projections

4.1.1 ROADS

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Maintain through cost effective operations, safe and effective road network to meet the needs of all users.

Northern Midlands has a road network consisting of:

- 108 kilometres urban sealed roads
- 465 kilometres rural sealed roads •
- 13 kilometres urban gravel roads •
- 374 kilometres rural gravel roads

Council has northern and southern based road works departments and responsibilities include asset management, road construction, resealing, re-sheeting, grading, edging and potholing, footpaths, roadside slashing, roadside spraying, safety railing, signage, kerb and channel, roadside drainage and emergency maintenance.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Officers	Staff	14.1 EFT
Private Works / Resource Sharing	Staff	0.2 EFT
Contractors	External	



Target, Action or Project	Completion	Resources	Responsible
	Date		Department
Undertake road maintenance program - projects including:	30-Jun-21	\$2,084,096	W&I
Provide urban street lighting	30-Jun-21	\$ 145,040	
Undertake resealing program	30-Jun-21	\$ 760,000	
Undertake resheeting of gravel roads	30-Jun-21	\$ 460,000	
New nature strip spraying program	30-Jun-21	\$ 25,700	
Undertake footpath reconstruction program - projects including:	30-Jun-21	\$ 501,800	
All Areas			
Replacement of existing cracked asphalt footpath with concrete		\$ 50,000	
Evandale	•	•	•
Arthur Street – Macquarie to Murray		\$ 18,800	
Longford	•	•	•
Pultney Street – No. 35 to Catherine – Footpath, driveways		\$ 24,000	
Malcombe Street – No. 3 to Laycock – South side - Footpath		\$ 20,000	
Malcombe Street – Pakenham to Drill Hall – South side - Footpath,		ć <u>24.000</u>	
driveways		\$ 24,000	
Malcombe Street – Catherine to No. 38 – North side - Driveway		\$ 19,000	
Perth	•	•	
Norfolk Street - Drummond 0 to 125 – East side – Concrete		\$ 31,000	
Norfolk Street - Seal change 125 to 261 – East side – Concrete		\$ 34,000	
Arthur Street – No. 7 to Clarence – <i>Concrete</i>		\$ 33,000	
Drummond Street – 58D to Drummond Crescent – North side – Concrete		\$ 65,000	
George Street – No. 6 to end – South side – Concrete		\$ 13,000	
Youl Road – Edward to Philip – Concrete		\$ 100,000	
William Street Reserve – from/to footbridge		\$ 40,000	
Ross			
Badajos Street – Gravel		\$ 30,000	
Undertake road reconstruction program - projects including:		\$3,973,000	
Campbell Town	•	•	•
Barton Road – Reconstruction, intersection & fencing		\$ 535,000	
Macquarie Road – <i>Reconstruct</i>		\$ 370,000	
Queen Street – car parking changes		\$ 150,000	
Cressy	•	•	
Gatenby Street – Kerb & gutter, seal and verge		\$ 32,000	
Longford			
Hobhouse Street – Marlborough to Pakenham – North side kerb & gutter,			
seal and verge		\$ 20,000	
Hobhouse Street – Catherine to Burghley Street - Reconstruction		\$ 121,000	
Burghley Street – Sports Centre carpark & lighting		\$ 190,000	
Recreation Ground – Sealing		\$ 25,000	
High Street - Reconstruct verge		\$ 95,000	
Entrance Roundabout – Landscaping		\$ 200,000	
Perth			
Elizabeth Street – Clarence to William – Kerb & gutter, seal, verge		\$ 40,000	
George Street – Subdivision to Reserve – Kerb & gutter, seal, verge		\$ 50,000	
Norfolk Street – Drummond to Frederick – Reconstruction, kerb & gutter		\$ 100,000	
Bypass – associated works – Main Street Program		\$ 131,500	
Youl Road – South of Philip – Reconstruct verge		\$ 400,000	
Youl Road – Kerb & gutter, seal, verge		\$ 18,500	



Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Drummond Street – 58D Drummond St to Drummond Crescent - Kerb & gutter, seal, verge		\$ 75,000	
Seccombe Street – connection to Minerva Drive - Construction		\$ 200,000	

Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
KPI Report Measures					
Ratio of Capital Expenditure on Replacement/Renewal of Existing Assets to Depreciation	50%	124%	78%	108%	148%
WDV compared to Replacement Value	67%	67%	66%	66%	67%
Expenditure per km of sealed road	\$7,349	\$6,423	\$6,673	\$5,473	\$4,503
Expenditure per km of unsealed road	\$1,610	\$1,908	\$2,348	\$2,441	\$2,187
Number of street lights	1,197	1,204	1,216	1,178	807 (556 LED)

4.1.2 BRIDGES

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Manage bridges to ensure safety and maximum life span.

Northern Midlands is responsible for construction and maintenance of the following bridge and major culvert st	tructures:
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Туре	m²	Number
Box culvert	901	36
Pipe culvert	1,241	86
Concrete	10,031	118
Composite	48	1
Concrete footbridge	142	2
Timber	42	1
Timber (with concrete abutment)	202	6
Total	12,607	250

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Officers	Staff	0.3 EFT
Contractors	External	

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Undertake a bridge maintenance program	30-Jun-21	\$ 40,000	W&I
Undertake a bridge safety fencing	30-Jun-21	Staff	
Replace the following bridge no's.:	30-Jun-21	\$ 712,035	
Storys Creek Road, Avoca – Tasmania Creek – Concrete abutments		\$ 208,000	
Hop Valley Road, Longford – Garcias Creek – Concrete abutments		\$ 192,000	
Verwood Road, Ross – Ellinthorpe Creek - Concrete abutments		\$ 112,035	
Pisa Bridge, Cressy – Replace single lane with double lane bridge		\$ 200,000	



Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Number of bridges replaced/reconstructed	1	3	1	2	6

4.1.3 PLANT

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Council procure, maintain and utilise plant & machinery in a safe, cost effective and efficient manner in the service and provision of community infrastructure assets.

Council provide fleet cars for managerial activities and community services.

Heavy plant including graders, backhoes, tractors, trucks are held for maintenance and construction of Council infrastructure assets.

A 10-year plant replacement program is maintained and hire rates are costed to each project/activity to cover running and replacement expenses.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Officers	Staff	0.1 EFT
Mechanical Services	External	

OPERATIONS:

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Small Plant – Replacement of small plant items	30-Apr-21	\$ 40,000	W&I
Plant Replacement Program – Replacement of Motor Vehicles/ Plant	30-Apr-21	\$ 523,000	W&I

Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Vehicles					
• Sold	6	16	12	12	8
Purchased	8	12	10	15	8
Number of Claims	10	17	9	2	5
Cost of Claims	\$14,173	\$27,692	\$7,357	\$43,482	\$12,102



4.2 STORMWATER/DRAINAGE

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Provide a stormwater network within town areas to drain the majority of properties, roads reservations and public open spaces.

Maintain a safe and effective stormwater system (including kerb & gutter and drains), whilst utilising Water Sensitive Urban Design principles to mitigate the impact of development on waterways and improving visual and recreational amenity of the urban landscape.

The Urban Stormwater Drainage service includes construction, maintenance and management of formed open drains, reticulation drains, collection pits and manholes in Avoca, Campbell Town, Conara, Cressy, Epping, Evandale, Longford, Perth, Ross, Rossarden and Western Junction.

Longford/Perth townships have unique flooding problems and relevant provisions are made in the municipal planning scheme and the emergency management plan.

HUMAN RESOURCES:		
Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Officers	Staff	1 EFT

STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2027:

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 - Core Strategies:

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 - Core Strategies:
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- Place
 - Environment Cherish & Sustain our Landscapes Core Strategies:
 - Meet environmental challenges

OPERATIONS:

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Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Emergency response for flood protection infrastructure	30-Jun-21	Staff	W&I
Undertake Stormwater maintenance program	30-Jun-21	\$ 65,628	W&I
Undertake Flood Levee maintenance program	30-Jun-21	\$ 61,502	W&I
Undertake specific stormwater/drainage projects as detailed in the works program including:	31-May-21	\$1,427,030	
Perth – Sheepwash Creek – Subdivision and public open space		\$ 700,000	
Perth – Norfolk Street – WSUD design		\$ 15,000	



Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Perth – Phillip Street – Culvert extension		\$ 28,500	
Perth – Drummond Street		\$ 15,000	
Perth – Cromwell Street		\$ 75,500	
Longford – Recreation Ground – Replace line		\$ 23,000	
Longford – Paton Street - Basin batters		\$ 15,000	
Evandale – Barclay Street		\$ 385,030	
Campbell Town/Ross - Flood modelling stage 2		\$ 40,000	
Side Entry Pit Program		\$ 100,000	
Minor Projects		\$ 30,000	

Completion of planned projects.

Number of localised flooding complaints per annum due to faulty infrastructure.



4.3 WASTE MANAGEMENT

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Council strives to dispose of all forms of waste economically and effectively with a high level of environmental awareness. Strategy emphasis on recycling, waste minimisation, litter reduction and service availability.

Council provides a fortnightly door-to-door domestic waste & recycle collection service to the townships of Avoca, Cressy, Evandale, Longford, Nile, Campbell Town, Ross, Rossarden, Conara, Epping Forest, Perth and Royal George as well as some 320 rural properties within the northern area.

The Avoca, Evandale, Campbell Town and Longford waste transfer stations are supervised and green waste is accepted.

Provide a street sweeping/cleaning service and litter collection service of town streets and some recreational areas.

Provide an annual "special" garbage collection in township areas during December.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/ External	Level
Domestic Garbage Collection Contractors	External	Contract
Garbage Transportation Contractor (Transfer Stations)	External	Contract
Recyclable Materials Collection Contractor	External	Contract
Site Attendants: Longford/Campbell Town / Evandale / Avoca	External	Contract
Officers	Internal	3.25 EFT
Administration Officer	Internal	0.2 EFT

STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2027:

The Strategic Plan 2017-2027 provides the guidelines within which Council operates.

- Lead
 - Leaders with Impact
 - Core Strategies:
 - Manage Management is efficient and responsive
 - Money Matters Core Strategies:

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- Efficiency in resource sharing and Council reform
- Best Business Practice & Compliance
- Core Strategies:
 - Council complies with all Government legislation
 - Continuous improvement is embedded in staff culture
 - Excellent standards of customer service
- Progress
 - Economic Development Supporting Growth & Changes
 - Minimise industrial environment impact on amenity
- People
 - Sense of Place Sustain, Protect, Progress Core Strategies:
 - Public assets meet future lifestyle challenges
- Place
 - Environment Cherish & Sustain our Landscapes Core Strategies:
 - Meet environmental challenges



OPERATIONS:

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Provide waste transfer stations throughout the municipal area	30-Jun-21	\$ 692,145	W&I
Provide roadside waste collection services to urban and some rural areas, (including an additional kerbside waste and recycling collection between Christmas & New Year for areas that are not normally provided a service during that week)	30-Jun-21	\$ 797,235	W&I
Undertake litter collection services and street cleaning	30-Jun-21	\$ 460,259	W&I
Further develop and implement the Regional Waste Management Strategy	Ongoing	Staff	W&I
Support kerbside recycling, litter awareness and waste reduction through public education and subsidies	Ongoing	Staff	W&I
Support recycling and domestic mobile garbage bin collection service to Conara, Epping, Campbell Town, Longford, Perth, Cressy, Evandale, Nile and Ross townships and serviced rural areas	Ongoing	Staff	W&I
Undertake improvements to the Waste Transfer Stations	30-Jun-21	\$ 100,000	W&I
Involvement in NTD Waste Management Group	Ongoing	Staff	W&I
Recycling initiatives	30-Jun-21	\$ 9,912	
Replacement of mobile garbage bins and recycle bins	30-Jun-21	\$ 25,000	W&I
Review of waste transfer station contracts	30-Jun-21	Staff	W&I

	Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Volur	ne of					
•	Refuse disposed of at Waste Disposal sites tonnes	2,124	1,956	1,787	1,510	1,325
•	Refuse collected - number of households bi-weekly door-to-door service	5,275	5,376	5,444	5,493	5,927
•	Recycling collected - number of households bi-weekly door-to-door service	5,275	5,376	5,444	5,493	5,927
•	Volume of green waste mulched (m ³ mulched)*	1,720	6,225	2,500	4,123	5,200
Weig	ht of kerbside recyclable materials collected - tonnes	1,009	935	1,101	1,037	1,051
Weig	ht of kerbside rubbish collected - tonnes	1,972	2,164	2,340	2,201	2,217



4.4 COMMUNITY AMENITIES

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

To provide, maintain and manage Council's public buildings and recreation infrastructure assets.

Council provides a variety of parks and reserves for public open space and enjoyment for the community. It also provides peaceful and manicured cemetery grounds at Longford, Perth and Evandale.

There is a variety of public amenities and buildings maintained across the municipal area.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Resource Title	Internal/External	Level
Unit Manager	Staff	EFT
Reserve Maintenance	Staff	4.0 EFT
Building Maintenance and Project Management	Staff	3.7 EFT
Amenities Cleaning and Facilities Management	Staff	3.1 EFT

STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2027:

The Strategic Plan 2017-2027 provides the guidelines within which Council operates.

- Lead
 - Leaders with Impact
 - Core Strategies:
 - Communicate Connect with the community
 - Manage Management is efficient and responsive
 - Money Matters
 - Core Strategies:
 - Budgets are responsible yet innovative
 - Improve community assets responsibly and sustainably
 - Best Business Practice & Compliance
 - Core Strategies:
 - Council complies with all Government legislation
 - Excellent standards of customer service
 - Workforce Standards
 - Core Strategies:
 - Workplace Health & Safety is fully compliant
 - Emergency Management & Safety Plans work well
- People
 - Sense of Place Sustain, Protect, Progress
 Core Strategies:
 - Public assets meet future lifestyle challenges
 - Lifestyle Strong, Vibrant, Safe and Connected Communities Core Strategies:
 - Communicate Communities speak & leaders listen
 - Participate Communities engage in future planning
 - Connect Improve sense of community ownership

4.4.1 RESERVES & PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Council supplies and maintains sport and recreation facilities throughout the Northern Midlands area.

Council actively supports local management committees for recreation grounds and encourages/promotes use of existing recreation facilities.



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OPERATIONS:				
Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	R	Resources	Responsible Department
Undertake Parks & Reserves maintenance program	30-Jun-21	\$	779,598	W&I
Install street furniture, play equipment	30-Jun-21	\$	80,000	W&I
Install playground & BBQ shelters	30-Jun-21	\$	25,000	
Install/upgrade bus shelter/s	30-Jun-21	\$	13,000	W&I
Install banner poles – Campbell Town, Cressy, Ross	30-Jun-21	\$	33,000	W&I
Upgrade private power poles & LED lighting	30-Jun-21	\$	25,000	W&I
Undertake street tree program	30-Jun-21	\$	80,000	W&I
Upgrade facility signage	30-Jun-21	\$	15,000	W&I
Upgrade Entrance Statements – Landscaping/Beautification	30-Jun-21	\$	20,000	W&I
Upgrade parks and reserves as follows:	30-Jun-21			W&I
Avoca				
Boucher Park – Fence replacement		\$	5,000	W&I
Campbell Town				
Campbell Town Recreation Ground – Main entry		\$	50,000	
Recreation Ground – Top dressing		\$	20,000	
Recreation Ground – Tennis Courts – Irrigation, landscaping, shade shelter		\$	30,000	
Recreation Ground – Irrigation stage 1 – tank, sprinklers		\$	150,000	
Cressy				
Motor Home dump point, services relocation/extension, carpark stage 1		\$	100,000	
Recreation Ground – South boundary fence		\$	14,700	
Recreation Ground – Lighting of training oval		\$	15,000	
Pool improvements		\$	500,000	
Memorial Clock – Upgrade		\$	5,000	
Evandale			,	
Falls Park – Entrance upgrade		\$	15,000	
Perth				
Recreation Ground – Top dressing		\$	20,000	
Recreation Ground – Amenities, storage shed design		\$	35,000	
Bypass Works – Roundabouts, tree corridors		\$	803,000	
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Village Green		\$	400,000	
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4.4.2 COMMUNITY AMENITIES

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

Council maintains public buildings in each town throughout the municipal area.

Project manages the construction of new/alterations to Council building projects.

Council also maintains bus shelters and other street furniture.

Target, Action or Project	Completion Date	Resources	Responsible Department
Undertake Public Amenities maintenance services	30-Jun-21	\$ 323,755	W&I
Special Building Project Management	30-Jun-21	\$ 83,500	W&I
Manage public buildings and support management committees	30-Jun-21	\$ 220,398	W&I
Manage camping grounds at Lake Leake and Tooms Lake	30-Jun-21	Contractor/ Staff	W&I



Prepare and implement cyclic maintenance programs for the Council's buildings. 30-Jun-21 Building Improvement Program - Upgrade buildings as follows: 30-Jun-21 Asbestos Removal Program Public Toilet Painting Program Public Toilet LED Lighting General Improvements Avoca Avoca		W&I W&I
Asbestos Removal Program Public Toilet Painting Program Public Toilet LED Lighting General Improvements Avoca	\$ 20,000 \$ 20,000 \$ 15,000	W&I
Public Toilet Painting Program Public Toilet LED Lighting General Improvements Avoca	\$ 20,000 \$ 15,000	
Public Toilet LED Lighting General Improvements Avoca	\$ 15,000	
General Improvements Avoca		
Avoca	\$ 50,000	
Museum – Air conditioners	\$ 11,283	
Public Toilet – Gates, building improvements, septic tank upgrade	\$ 74,000	
Campbell Town	1	
Recreation Ground Complex – <i>Toilet replacement, interchange benches, storage, etc.</i>	\$ 136,5000	
Units – Upgrade	\$ 40,000	
Cressy	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	1
Recreation Ground – Clubroom/amenities upgrade	\$ 708,155	
Epping Forest		
Hall – Weatherboard replacement	\$ 10,000	
Evandale		I
Recreation Ground – Buildings/amenities upgrade	\$ 968,600	
Pioneer Park – Toilet upgrade (male & disabled)	\$ 20,000	
Falls Park – Pavilion painting	\$ 20,000	
Liffey	1	
Hall – Roof, gutter, ceiling cleaning	\$ 10,000	
Longford		
Longford Sports Centre – Entry, meeting room toilet access, roofing, etc.	\$ 700,000	
Cemetery – Toilet upgrade	\$ 5,000	
Longford – Main Street Program – Memorial Hall, etc.	\$4,000,000	
Perth		
Early Learning Centre, Fore Street	\$2,850,000	
Ross		
Hall – Painting, carpet	\$ 30,000	
Caravan Park	\$ 220,000	

Measures	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Number of public conveniences provided	16	16	16	16	16