

# News from your council

## Launch of the Northern Midlands Community Road Safety Partnership (CRSP)

The Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (DIER) implemented the Community Road Safety Program to support local government and community organisations' efforts to address important road safety issues at a local community level. The Northern Midlands CRSP was launched by Minister Graeme Sturges and Mayor Polley at Campbell Town on February 11th.

The Northern Midlands CRSP has placed an emphasis on strategies addressing road safety in our towns, and driver inattention and fatigue on our highways.

At the launch, the Heritage Highway Tourism Region Association Inc. showcased an innovative product, Heritage Highway Road Safety Cupholders, developed in collaboration with Road Safety Branch Officers of DIER. These wraparound cupholders are being placed around takeaway coffee cups by food businesses in the Heritage Highway Region. These brightly coloured cupholders provide a catchy road safety message: "Don't be history on the Heritage Highway" as well as a photo of a local attraction and a tourism message. The aim is to increase awareness of the dangers of driver fatigue and inattention, and to encourage travellers to further explore the rich heritage in the historic heart of Tasmania.

Minister Graeme Sturges, (left) Len Langan, Chairman of the Heritage Highway Association, and Mayor Kim Polley, pictured at the Launch.



## Building Approvals - 2008 was a growth year in terms of building approvals in the Northern Midlands as shown in the following table

Approval type	Number in 2007	\$\$ value in 2007	Number in 2008	\$\$ value in 2008
New dwellings	70	\$13,758,976	94	\$17,758,306
Additions	83	\$4,263,553	73	\$4,409,540
Sheds	125	\$1,982,256	156	\$2,804,746
Commercial	30	\$10,968,552	36	\$13,579,000
Swimming Pools	7	\$240,275	12	\$376,535
Other (signs)	1	\$700	2	\$22,000
TOTALS	316	\$31,214,312	373	\$38,950,127

### Grant Funding for Crime Prevention Programs

The Federal Minister for Home Affairs has announced a funding round for grants under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. Grants will be available for general crime prevention projects, with a set amount being reserved specifically for Indigenous prisoner throughcare projects.

A total of \$6 million is available. Grants will be available for projects of up to \$500,000 and a maximum of three years duration.

Applications close March 20th 2009. Further information, including guidelines and application forms, is available at: [www.crimeprevention.gov.au](http://www.crimeprevention.gov.au) in the Proceeds of Crime section.

### Tasmanian Community Fund: Grant Round 18

The Tasmanian Community Fund supports the making of grants to community organisations that make a difference by enhancing well being and improving the social, environmental and economic outcomes for the Tasmanian community.

Projects are required to meet a demonstrable need, promote sustainable and long term outcomes, promote community involvement and commitment, and encourage community organisations to work together and form partnerships in the delivery of services.

Guidelines and application forms are available at [www.tascomfund.org](http://www.tascomfund.org), or by phoning the Fund: 6233 2800. Applications close Thursday March 26th 2009.

### Fortnightly Kerbside Garbage Collection

Residents are encouraged to assist with the reduction of the amount of waste going into landfill, and the recycling of items where possible, by correctly sorting their garbage and recyclables prior to placing the bins out for collection.

Frequently asked questions and answers follow.

#### What should I recycle?

You can recycle via your crate, glass bottles and jars, milk and juice cartons, aluminium and steel cans, and approved (plastic bottles with '1' and '2' recycle symbols) plastic containers.

Newspaper, cardboard and other paper must be tied in separate bundles and placed beside or on top of your recycling crate.

#### What cannot be recycled?

Non-recyclable items include margarine and yoghurt containers, meat trays and plastic bags, ice cream tubs and pot plant tubs, plastic bottles with the '3', '4' or '5' recycle symbol.

#### What can I put in the wheelie bin?

Non-recyclable household waste

#### What should not be put in the wheelie bin?

Hot ashes, oil, paint, solvents or other liquids, heavy builder's rubble, car parts, large timber or metal pieces.

**Please note: no extra bags, bins or boxes of garbage will be collected.**

### Litterbug Hotline

The State Government litterbug reporting hotline has been set up to enable the reporting of incidents such as motorists treating roadsides as rubbish dumps or throwing cigarette butts out of the car.

Penalties can range from a \$120 on-the-spot fine to a \$6,000 court-imposed fine.

If you see someone littering, you can report the incident, either by calling the litter hotline on ph 1300 135 513 or online at: [www.environment.tas.gov.au/litter](http://www.environment.tas.gov.au/litter).

## Transfer Station Hours

### Avoca Waste

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sun- Closed  
Open - Wed 2 - 4.30pm  
Open - Sat 10am - 4.30pm

### Campbell Town Waste

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat- Closed  
Open - Tues 9.30 am - 5pm  
Sun 9.30am - 5pm.

### Evandale Waste

Mon, Wed, Fri Closed  
Open - Tues, 1 00 - 5.00pm  
Thurs 9am - 12 noon, Sat, Sun 1 - 5pm

### Longford Waste

Tues, Thurs Closed  
Open - Mon, 1 - 5pm  
Wed, Fri, Sat & Sun 9am - 5pm



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Residents in the southern area of the Municipality can contact Council at a local call rate by phoning 6391 5566

Emergency call out numbers: - South 0418 547 872, North 0418 573 389