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## **Northern Midlands' rich history recognised with Council History Award**

The rich history of the Northern Midlands has been recognised by the Local Government Association of Tasmania, through its first and only Council History Award to mark 100 years of the Association.

The Award aims to unlock and share the history of local government in Tasmania, and recognise those councils in the State who take pride in researching and documenting their regions' pasts.

Historian and Award judge Tony Rayner said the entries provided an insightful and fascinating snapshot of Tasmania's past, with the Northern Midlands' submission a clear standout.

"Northern Midlands Council prepared an interesting, well researched, properly focused and well written and presented document, which was also extremely thoroughly referenced," Mr Rayner said.

"In particular, it was historically accurate without being laboured and it was appropriately and attractively illustrated and deftly wove the general history of the area into the more specific story of the municipality and fully integrated its major local government concerns with those of the local community."

Mr Rayner said all the councils that participated were to be thanked for their interest and diligence, but especially for their extremely high standard of historical research, writing, editing and presentational skills.

"The judges unanimously recommended that the standard of entries was so high they should be lodged with the State Library of Tasmania so these examples of excellent local history can be shared with the wider community," he said.

"It is clear that many of the State's smaller councils find pride both in the general history of their local areas, but also in the personal, professional and institutional history of their own institutions and their forerunner councils, town boards, water boards, road trusts and boards of health."

The Council History Award was announced last night at the 2011 Local Government Association of Tasmania Annual Conference Dinner.

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