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INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

West Tamar Council has completed several key community projects in recent weeks.

The Beauty Point beach access ramp forms part of the broader Beauty Point Foreshore project - funded by a \$3 million federal government grant - and includes a continuous foreshore trail, a new accessible playground, barbecue/picnic shelters, seating and picnic tables, car parking and landscaping.

The access ramp provides beach access from the main road/footpath area. This was required due to the rockwall, which was a significant drop and made access to the beach near impossible for some people with mobility issues, particularly anyone in a wheelchair or walker frame.

The equally impressive redeveloped Tailrace Park playground provides a wealth of fun activities and equipment for children of all ages and is fully accessible, adding to the amazing community facilities already found at the Riverside park.





Mayor's Message

One of the more constructive, community focused initiatives the West Tamar Council has launched in recent years - the Community Roadshows - will be held again this year.

The roadshows provide an invaluable opportunity for members of our community to sit face-to-face with our elected officials and hear first-hand just what the Council has done over the past year, as well as its plans over the coming 12 months.

For many in our community, this provides them with the chance to meet the people they voted for, and represent them, for the first time.

Last year's inaugural Community Roadshow visited seven communities across the municipality, which will be expanded to eight this time around

- Beaconsfield, Rowella, Frankford, Exeter, Beauty Point, Legana, Greens Beach and Riverside.



This type of engagement brings with it a sense of achievement as you realise just how much our sector can positively impact the communities we work for. That was one of the major reasons why we embarked on the Community Roadshows in the first place.

It's an unfortunate reality that in rural municipalities such as the West Tamar, residents can often feel disconnected from decision-making processes.

Last year's roadshows were proof that by visiting local communities, Councillors can help bridge this gap, making local government more inclusive and responsive to the needs of residents.

Face-to-face interactions are invaluable as they provide the opportunity for elected members to gather first-hand insights into the challenges faced in each region, as well as the opportunities that exist.

These type of events and the resulting conversations enable a better, deeper understanding of issues such as infrastructure, environmental concerns and service delivery.

Our staff are finalising the details of this year's Roadshow, and we will release details of those events, dates and locations in the coming days.

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Christina Holmdahl West Tamar Mayor

COMMUNITY GRANTS NOW OPEN

West Tamar Council's Community Grants Program is now open.

The program responds to funding requests for projects displaying evidence of community engagement, involvement and benefit.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Community Services Department to provide a brief overview of their project.

Please read the guidelines thoroughly prior to submitting your application, and make contact on (03) 6323 9200 should assistance be required.

For more information or to apply, go to our website: https://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/community-grants-program/



NEW WEST TAMAR MARKET

Save the date for the NEW West Tamar Market on November 8 from 8am to 3pm at the Max Fry Hall, Trevallyn.

It is one of the newest local markets in the heart of Trevallyn. It is going to be a day to remember!

- Bring along your friends and family
- Doggy Friendly Event
- Coffee by Small Brew
- Live Music by Lucy Greatbatch
- Waffles by Bubble Waffles Tasmania

Organisers are still looking for one of our primary savoury food providers, If you are / know anyone - send them our way!

There are still a handful of inside + outside Stall holder spaces remaining, fill out the application form

here: https://forms.gle/VNr5HKZD9PVh7eEY6

For details, email the organisers:

info.westtamar.market@gmail.com





JULY 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

At its July ordinary meeting, Council:

- Approved a planning application (PA2024325) for multiple dwellings at 106 Main Road, Exeter.
- · Received the workshops report for June and July 2025.
- Adopted the West Tamar Council's Climate Resilience Strategy 2025-2028.
- Adopted the Council's 2025-26 Annual Plan.
- Endorsed two new street names in the Legana Orchards Subdivision.
- Endorsed new committee appointments for the Rowella Community Hall for 2025-2026.
- Awarded contract WTC15/2025 to BMT Commercial Australia.

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE - JULY 2025

Works Completed

Beauty Point Foreshore beach access ramp.

In Progress

- Rural roads gravel resheeting program.
- Cornwall Street footpath Beaconsfield.
- · Atkinsons Road reconstruction Stage 2.
- Innova Business Park Extension Stage 2.

- Riverside Pool Changeroom upgrade & First Aid room.
- Beauty Point Foreshore redevelopment car parking (separable portion 5).
- · Christmas Decorations Beaconsfield and Exeter.

Starting Soon

Playground renewal program – Rosevears reserve

WEST TAMAR'S HIDDEN GEM

Tamar Visitor Centre, Exeter

Next time you're strolling down Main Road, Exeter, make sure you drop in to the Tamar Visitor Centre—there's more going on inside than you might think!

For those planning to get out and explore Tasmania's breathtaking parks, National Parks Passes are available for purchase right in the Centre. Whether you're looking for a one or two-year pass, there are special rates for seniors and concession card holders—a fantastic way to make exploring more affordable.



If you love staying informed, you can pick up a free copy of the Senior newspaper or browse the current Seniors Card Directory, all at your fingertips at the front desk.

Gift shopping? The Tamar Visitor Centre is a local wonderland of souvenirs and giftlines, with goodies ranging from Tasmanian honey and lavender, luscious handcrafted chocolates, Tassie-made merino socks, and unique glassware that makes for the perfect present—or treat for yourself. Even better, West Tamar residents enjoy a 10% discount on purchases over \$10.

Don't forget to check out the community notice board, updated regularly with community events and helpful local information—it's a great way to stay connected. And if you'd like to work up a sweat, you can even book the squash courts at the Exeter Community Hub during your visit.

The Centre's friendly staff and volunteers are known for going above and beyond—ready to help with everything from travel tips to local bookings, maps, and insider advice on the best places to eat, explore, or unwind. Open seven days a week from 9am to 4pm, the Tamar Visitor Centre is your gateway to making the most of the beautiful Tamar Valley and beyond.

DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE!

West Tamar Council dog registrations are now due. All dogs over six months of age must be microchipped and registered with Council.

You will be issued with a Lifetime Tag to place on your dog once it is registered to assist in its safe return should it go missing. The following information is held in the Council's dog register:

- the dog's name, age, sex and reproductive capacity
- the dog breed if identifiable
- whether the dog is a dangerous dog
- the owner's name and address
- any other information about the dog the Council considers relevant.

Payment for first time registrations must be made at either our Riverside or Beaconsfield office.

You will also need to provide relevant certificate/papers for proof of desexing, microchipping and/or breeding. Please complete the Dog Registration Form and return it to Council.

Dog Registration fees are available in Council's Fees & Charges. on our website. Alternatively, you can use our online portal to directly pay your Dog Registration on the Council's website.



Lifetime Dog Registrations

Lifetime Registration is now available – a one-off lifetime registration fee can be paid for the life of your puppy/dog.

To be eligible for this rate the dog must be microchipped and this number must be provided. Fees vary for desexed dogs, entire dogs and pension card holders.

You will be issued with a Lifetime Tag to place on your dog once it is registered to assist in its safe return should it go missing.

COMMUNITY CAROLS BACK FOR 2025!

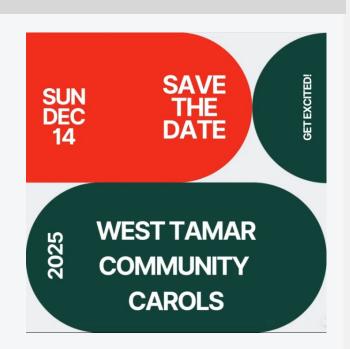
Just hear those sleigh bells jingling, ring tingle tingling too ...

Yes, the West Tamar Community Carols will return again in 2025, thanks to the West Tamar Council.

After an amazing Carols last year, this year's incredible event will again be held at the Exeter Showgrounds on Sunday, December 14.

Stay tuned for more details throughout the remainder of the year by following the West Tamar Community Carols Facebook page here:

https://www.facebook.com/WestTamarCommunityCarols



PET MICROCHIP REGISTER

This is important information for dog and cat owners in the West Tamar community.

Pet microchip registry company HomeSafeID has now closed its website.

This means that microchip details of pets that were registered with HomeSafeID are no longer accessible and lost cats may not be able to be traced back to their owners.

If your pet is registered with HomeSafeID, you are encouraged to change your microchip registration to another company.

It is important to keep your microchip details up to date so you can be reunited with your pet if they go missing or are found.



For more information about the situation and what you might need to do if you are impacted, please visit the Office of Local Government website here:

https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/local_government/legislation/current_legislation/dog_control/micro-chipping_faqs

Who wouldn't want to live and work in the most beautiful place in Tasmania? Join our amazing team at the West Tamar Council.

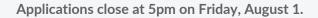
We have a vacancy for a Team Leader - Engineering and Assets.

Team Leader - Engineering & Assets

Our Team Leader - Engineering & Assets is responsible for providing day-to-day leadership and coordination of the Council's Engineering and Assets team. This role is pivotal in delivering operational and strategic advice to the Director of Community Assets, the Council, and the CEO.

Your expertise will play a critical role in project scoping for community asset needs, development

engineering support, and stormwater management plans. Additionally, you will support the Community Assets team with technical input, review engineering standards and policies, and lead capital works projects.



For more information on this role, or to apply, go to our website: https://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/council/council-careers/

UPCOMING EVENTS



Our next Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

The ordinary meeting will start at 1.30pm at the Windsor

Australian
Independent
Retirees,
Northern
Tasmania Branch

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Australian Independent Retirees meets on the third Friday of the month between February and November from 10am to 12pm at the Windsor Community Precinct, Riverside.

The group welcomes retired and semi-retired people interested in investment and general discussion.

Guest speakers form part of each meeting and

Community Precinct.

Copies of the agenda will be available on the Council website.

morning tea is available.

To register, or for further information, contact airnorthtas@gmail.com

September Jump on Board the SHOP

Friday 19 September 2025
Destination: Deloraine

Join us for an exciting Thrift Shop Bus Trip to Deloraine! This fun-filled adventure offers multiple pick-up and drop-off locations throughout the West Tamar, making it easy for everyone to join in.

BUS!

For just \$20 per person, you can explore a variety of unique thrift shops and discover hidden treasures. Tickets are essential, so be sure to book your spot early!

Bring your own lunch or enjoy a meal at one of Deloraine's charming local rafes

Gather your friends or come solo—this trip promises a delightful day of shopping and community spirit. Reserve your tickets today and get ready for a memorable outing!

Enquiries: Call (03) 6323 9200

Bookings (online only) via QR code or visit events.humanitix.com and search for 'Jump on Board the Thift Shop Bus'.





Mad Hatters

Seniors Week

Monday 13 October 2025, 10am-11.30am Windsor Community Hall 1 Windsor Drive, Riverside

Step into a whimsical world at our Mad Hatters Themed Morning Tea! Join us for a delightful gathering where you can unleash your creativity by dressing up in your fanciest hats or quirky outfits.

Enjoy a scrumptious morning tea filled with delicious treats and delightful surprises. The fun doesn't stop there! We'll have exciting games and activities to keep the laughter flowing, along with lucky door prizes that add an extra dash of excitement to the event.

Best of all, this fabulous morning tea is completely **free**, but bookings are essential to secure your spot in this enchanting experience. Don't miss out on this chance to indulge in a magical morning filled with fun, friendship, and fantastic food —reserve your place today!

Enquiries & Bookings: Call (03) 6323 9200





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Let's Talk



Friday 14 November 2025, 10am-J **Windsor Community Hall** 1 Windsor Drive, Riverside

Join us for a Health Talks Day designed to empower and inform our community about various health topics! Throughout the day, we will host a series of engaging talks covering a range of subjects, including helpful equipment and technology that can enhance your daily living at home.

Speakers will share valuable insights and practical tips that can make a significant difference in your health and well-being. Whether you're interested in learning about health topics, helpful home aids or smart home devices, there's something for everyone.

To keep you energised and refreshed, we'll provide morning tea and lunch, creating the perfect opportunity to network with fellow attendees and discuss the topics presented.

Don't miss this chance to expand your knowledge and discover resources that can improve your quality of life. Mark your calendar and join us for a day filled with learning, connection, and delicious food! This session is free, however bookings are essential.

Enquiries & Bookings: Call (03) 6323 9200







GRANTS PROGRAM

2025/2026

West Tamar Council's Community Grants Program responds to eligible funding requests for projects displaying evidence of community engagement, involvement and benefit.

Applications are now open, and close 4 pm on 17 February 2026, or until the funding pool is exhausted.

Funding is available for amounts up to \$5000. For more information call or email the Community Services Department today, or visit the West Tamar Council Website.

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