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## JOIN THE ROADSHOW EXPRESS

The West Tamar Community Roadshow 2025 coming to a town near you!

Following on from the success of last year's inaugural Community Roadshow, West Tamar Mayor Christina Holmdahl, CEO Kristen Desmond, Councillors and managers of the West Tamar Council will be hitting the road starting from August 26, stopping off at a number of towns for a series of community forums.

Residents will be able to come along, listen to a presentation from our CEO on what Council has in store for the municipality over the coming year, meet with the Mayor, Councillors and Council Executive to discuss your concerns, ask questions and engage with the elected members of your community.

Light refreshments will be available at each roadshow event.

Those intending on attending will need to RSVP for each event in advance for catering purposes.

See our website for all the details

here: <https://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/2025/07/community-roadshow-2025-coming-to-a-town-near-you/>



**WEST TAMAR COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY ROADSHOW**

**2025 ITINERARY**

- TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, BEACONSFIELD AT 5.30PM
- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, BEAUTY POINT AT 5.30PM
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, ROWE-LA AT 12PM
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, LEGANA AT 5.30PM
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, FRANKFORD AT 12PM
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, GREENS BEACH AT 12PM
- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, EXETER AT 5.30PM
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, WINDSOR PRECINCT AT 5.30PM

**FREE REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL VENUES, SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS**

**West Tamar  
COUNCIL**

## Mayor's Message

Having been Mayor of the West Tamar Council for more than a decade, I believe local government plays a pivotal role in celebrating Australia Day, fostering community spirit and national pride at the grassroots level.

January 26 marks a day to reflect on our shared history, achievements, as well as the diverse tapestry of cultures that make Australia unique.

For councils such as ours in the western side of the Tamar Valley, it's an opportunity to honor local heroes through awards that recognise selfless contributions, embodying true Australian values of hard work, camaraderie and resilience.



Celebrating Australia Day strengthens social cohesion by bringing residents together for citizenship ceremonies, family events, and community gatherings.

In West Tamar, we have hosted vibrant ceremonies - usually packed to the rafters - welcoming new citizens and granting funds for local activities that promote unity.

This not only acknowledges our heritage and multicultural fabric but also encourages dialogue on reconciliation, ensuring the day evolves inclusively.

Local governments are uniquely positioned to tailor celebrations to reflect regional identities, bridging national narratives with everyday lives.

By participating, we build stronger, more connected communities, inspiring future generations to contribute positively.

In a time of constant division, Australia Day reminds us of what unites us — let's celebrate it with purpose and heart.

**Christina Holmdahl**  
**West Tamar Mayor**

## AUSTRALIA DAY 2026 AWARDS OPEN

Applications are now open for the Council's Australia Day

Awards for 2026.

The Citizen of the Year Awards are proudly presented by the Australia Day Council of Tasmania and administered by local Councils.

The Awards recognise and reward individuals and organisations that have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year, and/or give an outstanding service over a number of years to the community, over and above normal employment duties.

All residents of the West Tamar Municipal Area are eligible and nominations of non-residents who have made an outstanding contribution to the community will also be considered.

The selection panel for the awards comprises the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer, and members of the Community Services team. The awards will be presented at Council's Australia Day Celebrations.

Nominations are accepted in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Community Group of the Year

For more information, see our website: <https://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/australia-day-awards/>



## NEW COUNCILLOR, DEPUTY MAYOR

Following the recent resignation of former deputy mayor Jess Greene, a new face has joined the West Tamar Council.

Gravelly Beach resident Caroline Larner was elected to Council after a recount.

Ms Greene was elected as a Member of the House of Assembly at the recent State Election in the seat of Bass.





Councillor Rick Shegog was elected as the new Deputy Mayor following a vote at last month's Council meeting.

## 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](mailto:info.westtamar.market@gmail.com)





## AUGUST 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

### At its August ordinary meeting, Council:

- Elected Councillor Rick Shegog as deputy mayor.
- Supported an alternate motion to approve Planning Application PA2023172 for three multiple dwellings at 21 Beatty Street, Beauty Point..
- Received the Council Workshops report for July and August 2025.
- Received the Fourth Quarter Performance Report – April to June 2025.
- Endorsed a Partnership with West Tamar Landcare to upgrade the Goat Track at Exeter.
- Endorsed Cr Julie Sladden and Cr Joy Allen as new representatives on Council committees.
- Adopted the new Dispute Resolution Policy.
- Received and noted the Capital Budget Carryovers & Amendments for August 2025.
- Received the Positive Ageing Committee Minutes for July 2025.
- Received the Youth Advisory Council Minutes July 2025.
- Agreed to hold the Council's Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony on Monday, January 26, 2026; sponsor a family fun day at the Riverside Pool and hold a competitive Australia Day community event grant round for events in the municipality.
- Agreed to seek nominations for the Council's Australia Day Awards and endorsed the nominations and assessment process.
- Endorsed an alternate motion to maintain the current Youth Mayor Program for 2026.
- Approved two Community Grant Applications for the Legana Tennis Club and Beaconsfield House.
- Endorsed a Notice of Motion from Cr Josh Manticas regarding the Greens Beach Road and Kellys Lookout Road intersection.
- Endorsed a Motion without Notice from Cr Rick Shegog for Council to acknowledge and pay respect for former councillor and Tasmanian Senator John Watson, who passed away recently.
- Deferred a Motion without Notice from Cr Julie Sladden to suspend the inclusion of Acknowledgement of Country in printed council meeting agendas pending a review and formal decision of Council regarding its inclusion.

## CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE – AUGUST 2025

### In Progress

- Rural roads gravel resheeting program
- Atkinsons Road reconstruction – Stage 2
- Riverside Olympic Football Club spectator seating
- Playground renewal program – Rosevears reserve
- Greyhound off leash area
- Beaconsfield basketball ring
- Dog park amenities and improvements
- Beaconsfield Lions lookout upgrade

- Legana Community and Recreation Master planning.

### Starting Soon

- Christmas Decorations Beaconsfield & Exeter
- Gravelly Beach Foreshore project – Precinct 2
- Riverside Tennis Club lighting upgrade
- Riverside Pool Kiosk
- Riverside Pool Learners Pool
- Windsor Indoor Training Facility

## CALLING ALL FUTURE LEADERS!

Applications are officially OPEN for the 2026 Youth Mayor!

If you live in West Tamar and are currently in

grades 6–8, this is your chance to step up and make a real impact. The Youth Mayor's term runs from December 2025 to December 2026.

As Youth Mayor, you'll:

- Speak at major Council events
- Attend Council meetings
- Attend Council's 3-day Youth Leadership camp
- Take part in Citizenship Ceremonies
- Join the Youth Advisory Council (YAC)
- Chair meetings
- Receive professional public speaking training
- ... and so much more!

Ready to lead? Apply now! Applications close at 9am, October 13th. Don't miss out—apply today and shape the future of West Tamar!

Apply here: <https://westtamaryouth.com.au/youth-mayor-program>



The poster features the West Tamar Council logo at the top left. It includes a large photo of a young boy smiling, and two circular inset photos: one of two girls at a podium and another of a boy in a graduation cap. The main text reads 'YOUTH MAYOR APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2026'. Below this, it asks 'Are you passionate about making your community better and want to develop your leadership skills?' and states 'This is your chance - Apply now!'. The poster is divided into two columns: 'Position Aims' and 'Who should apply?'. The 'Position Aims' column lists four goals with checkmarks: giving youth a stronger voice, boosting awareness, advocating for inclusion, and increasing understanding of local government. The 'Who should apply?' column lists four criteria with checkmarks: being in grades 7-9 in 2026, being a resident of the West Tamar Council region, committing to a 12-month term, and being interested in developing public speaking skills. At the bottom, it provides contact information and a QR code for applications.

**WEST TAMAR YOUTH MAYOR**  
**West Tamar COUNCIL**

# YOUTH MAYOR APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2026

Are you passionate about making your community better and want to develop your leadership skills?

**This is your chance - Apply now!**

**Position Aims**

- ✓ Give West Tamar youth a stronger voice in the community
- ✓ Boost youth awareness and engagement in Council activities
- ✓ Advocate for youth inclusion in Council decisions
- ✓ Increase youth understanding of local government

**Who should apply?**

- ✓ Students who will be in grades 7–9 in 2026 (currently in grades 6–8)
- ✓ Residents of the West Tamar Council region
- ✓ Able to commit to a 12-month term from December 2025 – December 2026
- ✓ Interested in developing public speaking skills and building professional networks

Application Deadline:  
**13 October, 2025**

More information: [westtamaryouth.com.au](https://westtamaryouth.com.au)  
6323 9200  
@YAC West Tamar

Apply now by scanning the QR code or going to our Website

## 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.





## Have you forgotten to register your dog?



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.

All dogs over the age of six months must be microchipped and registered with Council.

**Registrations are renewable by June 30 each year.**

You can register for eNotices to receive your registration renewal by email via [wtc.enotices.com.au](mailto:wtc.enotices.com.au).

Further information is available on our website or by calling our offices during business hours.

## 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>



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Our next Ordinary Council Meeting

**Tuesday, September 16, 2025**

The ordinary meeting will start at 1.30pm at the Windsor Community Precinct.

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

### Australian Independent Retirees, Northern Tasmania Branch



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 morning tea is available.

To register, or for further information, contact [airnorthtas@gmail.com](mailto:airnorthtas@gmail.com)

# September

## Jump on Board the

## THRIFT SHOP BUS!

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.

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 cafes.

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](https://events.humanitix.com) and search for 'Jump on Board the Thrift Shop Bus'.



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# October

## Seniors Week

Monday 13 October 2025, 10am-11.30am

Windsor Community Hall

1 Windsor Drive, Riverside

## Mad Hatters Tea Party

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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# November

## Let's Talk

# Health & Wellbeing



**Friday 14 November 2025, 10am-1pm**  
**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**

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## COMMUNITY 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.

**NOW OPEN!**



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**Let's play**  
**PICKLEBALL**

**Saturday 10.00 am to 12.00 noon**  
**at**  
**Beaconsfield Tennis Club**

**all levels and ages**  
**welcome**

**We have bats and balls**

Contact: 0418 919 802





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**4work**

## Volunteer Mentor Drivers Needed!

Get in touch today  
 – your time can  
 change lives!



**Wheels4Work** supports community members who need driving experience to get their Provisional License.

**If you've got an hour or two spare, we'd love to hear from you!**  
 Every drive helps someone take a big step toward independence and opens up opportunities!

**Are you a Jobseeker?** Volunteering as a mentor driver can also count towards job participation requirements.  
*(talk with your Job Provider)*



**Sally - 0409 183 322 or Rick - 0459 591 567**



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