

## The Beacon eNewsletter Edition 3.10 - October 2025

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#### **NEW SEASON, NEW OVAL**

It's an exciting time for cricket in Legana, with the Legana Cricket Club officially starting its 2025–26 season at its brand-new home — next to the Legana Primary school

The club celebrated the launch with players, families, and supporters coming together to mark a new era for cricket in the community.

The move to the new precinct means all men's, women's, and junior teams now have access to a top quality playing ground.

The club is looking forward to future development which will provide the club access to top-quality facilities, including modern training nets, and improved amenities for players and spectators.



The oval is owned by West Tamar Council and located next to Launceston's newest primary school, with the Tasmanian Liberal Government contributing \$410,000 towards the oval's \$2.5 million

Club President Chris Demeyer said the new home base is a big step forward for local sport and the Legana community.

"This precinct gives our club and the wider community a real hub for cricket. It's fantastic to see players of all ages training and playing here — it's what community sport is all about,"

The move comes at a time when the club continues to grow, with strong interest in both junior and women's cricket

"We're seeing more kids and women picking up the bat and ball than ever before," said Chris who is also the junior development officer. The facilities here mean we can give everyone a great place to play"

The Legana Cricket Club will field multiple junior teams this season, as well as competitive senior men's and women's sides. With the community's support, the club hopes to build on the success of previous years and make the new precinct a centre for sport and connection.

For anyone interested in joining, volunteering, or cheering from the sidelines, the club welcomes new members and supporters throughout the season.

Go to the club's Facebook page for details.

#### Mayor's Message

For a number of years, the West Tamar Council has been investing in our community's future by playing a vital role in providing and developing new and improved sporting facilities right across the municipality.

As Mayor, I can proudly say that the Council is committed to fostering a vibrant, healthy community where every resident can thrive.

In today's fast-paced world, providing contemporary sporting facilities and upgrading our existing ones isn't just a luxury — it's essential for our collective well-being., which as we know is vitally important more than ever.



As a testament to that, Council is currently developing a Beaconsfield Recreational Plan for our northern township.

Similarly, we have just redeveloped the Riverside Swim Centre's learner's pool, upgraded the Windsor Indoor Training Facility with new matting and nets, refurbished the kiosk at the swim centre, installed a new basketball ring at Beaconsfield, and upgraded the lighting at the Riverside Tennis Club.

Then there's the much publicised new sporting oval at Legana adjacent to the school, as well as the redevelopment of the Windsor Oval (which is regarded by some as the best oval in the north!) and the soon-to-be redeveloped Olympic soccer oval at the Windsor Precinct.

And that's just naming a few of the more significant projects.

Modern facilities, equipped with state-of-the-art amenities like the ones I listed promote physical activity across all ages. They encourage families to bond, reduce sedentary lifestyles, and combat rising health issues such as obesity and mental health challenges.

Upgrading older venues ensures safety and inclusivity for people with disabilities, providing an overall improved user experience.

Beyond health, these investments spark economic growth by attracting events, tourism, and local businesses.

They build social cohesion, offering spaces for community groups, schools, and clubs to gather, fostering lifelong friendships and a sense of belonging.

For our youth, quality facilities deter negative influences and nurture talents that could shine on national stages.

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Christina Holmdahl West Tamar Mayor

#### **AUSTRALIA DAY 2026 AWARDS**

Applications are still 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

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

#### **TAMAR VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**



Located in the heart of Exeter, the Tamar Visitor Information Centre is more than just a stop for tourists—it's a valuable resource for our local community too.

Alongside an expanding range of merchandise and locally inspired gifts, we offer practical services including National Parks Passes, statewide bookings for tours and accommodation, and squash court bookings at the Exeter Community Hub.

Plus, stay informed with free copies of Travelways, Let's Go Kids, and Senior Magazine.

Coming soon, we'll also be introducing Spirit of Tasmania ferry bookings to make travel even easier. Open 7 days from 9am to 4pm.

# BEAUTY POINT CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR TEAMS



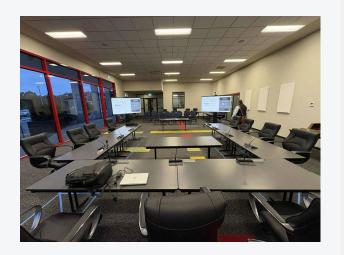
#### LIVE STREAMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Did you know that the West Tamar Council now live streams its Council meetings?

People wishing to tune in every month to watch the meetings live can do so by visiting the Council's official YouTube Page here:

https://www.youtube.com/@WestTamarCouncil7250

You will also be able to replay all future meetings that are streamed on the same site.



# Tamar Demons would love for you to play with us in 2026.

We have an expression of interest google form for our 2026 season. If you are interested in your child/children playing, please use the QR code or the link in the comments!

We are looking to field teams in U8's, U10's, U12 girls/boys, U14 girls/boys, U16 & U17. (Ages 7-17)

Don't let barriers stop you from playing!!

The club can help with fees and football gear.

The club can also hold trainings in Beaconsfield/Legana

Please follow our Facebook page
Tamar Valley Junior Football Club for more information.
Express your interest using the QR code.



#### **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





#### **OCTOBER 2025 COUNCIL MEETING**

#### At its October ordinary meeting, Council:

- Approved Planning Application PA2025101 Sport and Recreation (Canoe Polo) – Blackstone Park Drive, Blackstone Heights.
- Approved Planning Application PA2025111 Visitor Accommodation – Change of Use with access over 380 and 398 Rowella Road – 400 Rowella Road, Kayena.
- Approved Planning Application PA2024357 Residential -Multiple Dwellings (11 new 1 existing) - 47 Orana Place, Riverside
- Received the Council Workshops report for September and October 2025.
- Adopted the 2024/25 Annual Report.
- Endorsed the Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2025 Submission.
- Endorsed the Future of Local Government Review Councillor Numbers Discussion Paper Submission.
- Endorsed a Proposed LGAT Motion regarding Immunisation Program.
- Received and noted the Youth Advisory Council Minutes, September 2025.
- Received and noted the Positive Ageing Committee Meeting

Notes for September 2025.

- Approved a Community Grant for the Legana Early Learning Centre
- Approved a Community Grant for the Rotary Club of West Tamar
- Approved a Community Grant for the Grindelwald Leisure Garden Estate.
- Approved the acquital of Tamar Sea Rescue's 2024/25 Community Grant from the 2025/26 funding pool.
- Approved Capital Works Project Budget Variations.
- An amended Motion on Notice from Cr Caroline Larner for a proposed Motion for LGAT regarding State Owned Banks was lost.
- Approved Contract No. WTC 26/2025 for the Windsor Precinct Olympic 2 Reconstruction, awarding it to the Baker Group.
- Approved Contract No. WTC 22/2025 to Refurbish Bonnie Beach and Deviot pontoons, awarding it to Sub 41 Pty Ltd.
- Approved Contract No. WTC 30/2025 Roadside Slashing Program 2025/26, awarding it to Mulch Management Pty Ltd.

#### **CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE - OCTOBER 2025**

#### Works Completed

Riverside Swim Centre – Learner's Pool

#### In Progress

- Windsor Indoor Training Facility
- Kelso Toilet and Parking
- · Gravelly Beach Foreshore Development
- Riverside Aquatic Centre Kiosk Refurbishment
- Rural roads gravel resheeting program
- · Greyhound off-leash area

- Beaconsfield basketball ring
- Dog park amenities and improvements
- Beaconsfield Lions lookout upgrade
- Legana Tennis Club Retaining Wall
- Riverside Pool Kiosk

#### Starting Soon

- Banner Poles Beaconsfield & Exeter
- · Riverside Tennis Club lighting upgrade

#### CALLOUT FOR YOUTH LEADERS

We are still taking applications for youth to join us at our Youth Leadership Camp in January 2026!

Know a young person aged 12-17 who lives or goes to school in our region?

This is their chance for an exciting adventure these school holidays!

This three-day, two-night camp at Spring Beach is 100 per cent free, and spots will fill fast.

Applications close November 16, 2025 - so don't wait!

Apply now and secure your place today:

https://westtamaryouth.com.au/future-changers-camp







#### **2025 BUSINESS SENTIMENT SURVEY**

Each year, we ask businesses across the municipality to complete this short survey to help us understand current confidence levels, opportunities, and future plans. Your feedback directly helps to:

- Guide the work of our Tourism & Economic Development Officer
- Shape the way Council delivers support and initiatives for our business community
- Strengthen the partnership between Council and local business operators

The survey takes less than five minutes to complete but also includes space for you to share additional comments if you wish.



Complete your feedback via this link: West Tamar Council 2025 Business Sentiment Survey

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



# Our next Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 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





#### 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



w4w-launceston@ravenswoodnh.org w4w-outreach@ravenswoodnh.org





Dr Matt Bulman

Windsor Community Hall Area 2 11:00am - 12:00pm **Continence North** Fiona Berwick & Angela Toohey

Positive Relationship 11:00am - 12:00pm with Finances

Windsor Community Hall

Verity Quill - Women's Legal Service

**Free Lunch** 

**Exercise Physiology** Windsor Community Hall

12:00pm - 12:30pm Dr Katie-Jane Brickwood

**Windsor Community Hall** 

Please call 6323 9200 to book your place







### COMMUNIT **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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12:30pm - 1:00pm





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