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WELCOMING 15 NEW CITIZENS

Fifteen conferees from far and wide became fully fledged Australian citizens on November 15 at our Citizenship Ceremony at the Windsor Precinct.

The conferees came from Sri Lanka, Germany, China, Saudi Arabia, New Zealand, England, Nepal, the US, and the Philippines.

Welcome everyone to our beautiful community.





Mayor's Message

In the heart of our beautiful West Tamar region, the newly redeveloped Beauty Point Foreshore stands as a testament to what a collaborative vision can achieve.

This project isn't just an upgrade — it's a bold investment in community well-being, environmental stewardship, and economic vitality that deserves recognition.

Two weeks ago, I was very proud to stand on the Beauty Point foreshore as hundreds and hundreds of locals drifted past, enjoying the festivities as we celebrated together at the official opening of the redevelopment project.



Drawing from the 2020 Beauty Point Foreshore Master Plan, crafted in partnership with TasPorts and Tourism Northern Tasmania, the redevelopment transforms the waterfront into an inclusive haven for locals and visitors alike.

A continuous foreshore trail connects the various recreation spaces, while a new formalised water access point invites exploration.

The innovative, accessible playground — supported by generous contributions from the local Lions and Rotary clubs — ensures that families of all-abilities children can play amid stunning natural surroundings.

Add to that, barbecue shelters, picnic areas, enhanced parking, and tasteful landscaping, and you have a space that celebrates Beauty Point's cultural and natural heritage.

Federal funding, secured with support from former Nationals MP Steve Martin, made this possible, underscoring the value of the synergy between the tiers of government.

Yet, this foreshore is more than infrastructure; it's a catalyst for connection.

In an era of digital isolation, this place fosters real-world bonds, boost tourism and create a sense of community.

As we face challenges such as urban sprawl, projects like this remind us that prioritising public spaces helps build resilience and creates joyful communities.

Beauty Point waterfront's revival calls on all members of our community to embrace and protect our shared treasures for generations ahead.

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Christina Holmdahl West Tamar Mayor

LICK OF APPROVAL FOR GREYHOUND RUN

West Tamar greyhound families will have a reason to celebrate with the opening of the municipality's first dedicated off-leash area for greyhounds at the Windsor Community Precinct.

Mayor Christina Holmdahl said that the development of the innovative space marked a significant step forward in promoting responsible pet ownership and providing a safe, inclusive environment for one of Tasmania's most beloved breeds.

At a cost of \$27,000, the new 1350-squaremetre enclosure, complete with shaded seating and secure fencing tailored to the



high-speed needs of greyhounds, was developed in response to community feedback and a growing demand for breed-specific facilities.

The greyhound run forms part of a broader Council-funded dog park upgrade program, which will see a significant number of dog parks across the municipality upgraded to include shaded shelters, seat, dog exercise equipment and fresh water.

READ MORE HERE: https://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/2025/11/lick-of-approval-for-new-greyhound-off-leash-park/

CELEBRATING FORESHORE PROJECT

Saturday, November 15 marked a significant milestone for the West Tamar community with the official opening of the Beauty Point Foreshore Redevelopment.

This generational project has transformed the iconic waterfront into a vibrant, accessible destination for residents and visitors alike.

The redevelopment, which was guided by the Beauty Point Foreshore Master Plan, delivers enhanced public access to the Tamar River estuary, upgraded amenities, and a renewed focus on the area's natural and cultural heritage.



Key features include new footpaths along the foreshore for improved pedestrian and cycling connectivity, a state-of-the-art all-abilities playground, a new resilient seawall structure, and refreshed public spaces that better integrate with local attractions like Seahorse World and Platypus House.

Developed in partnership with TasPorts and Tourism Northern Tasmania, the project builds on \$3 million in Federal Government funding, to create a sustainable hub that supports tourism, recreation, and community well-being.

READ MORE HERE: https://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/2025/11/celebrating-beauty-point-foreshore-project/



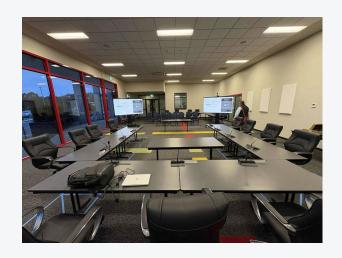
LIVE STREAMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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 can also replay all past 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.



WINDSOR OVAL WINS MAJOR AWARD

From a poorly lit 'mud pit' to one of Tasmania's premier facilities, West Tamar Council's \$2,000,000 redevelopment of Windsor Park has been recognised as the state winner of the 2025 Ken Gannon Award as Tasmanian community football facility project of the year.

The Ken Gannon Awards recognise best

practice in community football facility development and are named after long-serving AFL administrator Ken Gannon who championed outcomes related to over 800 community football facility projects across the country.

Windsor Park will now be in the running for the national award, set to be announced in 2026.

The works included re-leveling the oval surface, installation of new drainage system, sand slitting, irrigation, the establishment of a 100mm sand mattress, reseeding, as well as new perimeter fencing and improved lighting.

West Tamar Mayor Christina Holmdahl said it's been a long time coming.

"We're very proud of the outcome, we've had fabulous feedback from players that use it on a regular basis. We're please we have this for our community members, but the benefits also go further outside our municipality."

READ MORE HERE: https://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/2025/11/redeveloped-windsor-park-oval-wins-major-award/

BUSINESS GRANTS NOW OPEN

The West Tamar Council's Business Grants Program provides funding for projects that demonstrate clear evidence of engagement, involvement, and economic benefit.

Applications for the program open on September 29, 2025, and close December 21, 2025.

This is a competitive grant, so all applications received by the closing date will be assessed against the criteria matrix.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in February 2026 (subject to council workshop and meeting schedules).



Applicants must contribute at least 10 per cent of the overall project cost.

Applicants are required to contact Council's Tourism and Economic Development Officer to discuss eligibility and provide an overview of their project before applying, contact the team at 6323 9200.

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

LEGANA PLAN CONSULTATION

Do you have an interest in the Legana Town Centre and Township Structure Plan?

Council will host two community drop-in sessions in early December.

- Pop Up Booth at the Legana Movie Night on Friday, December 5 at the Legana School Oval from 6pm to 8.30pm
- Drop-In Session on Saturday, December 6 at the Legana Memorial Hall (43 Fulton Street) from 9am to 12pm



The Plan is available to view in full on Council's website and hard copies are available at the Council's Riverside office in Eden Street.

Consultation on the plan will run from Monday, December 1 to Monday, January 26, 2026 at 5pm.



NOVEMBER 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

At its November ordinary meeting, Council:

- Approved Planning Application PA2025177 Residential Outbuilding – 171 Paper Beach Road, Swan Point.
- Approved Planning Application PA2025275 Boundary Adjustment and Residential - Single Dwelling & Outbuilding - 76 & 78 Reatta Road, Trevallyn.
- Approved Planning Application PA2025260 Residential Multiple Dwellings x 3 – 1 Wivell Street, Legana.
- Received the Council Workshops Report for October and November.
- Endorsed the new Council Meeting Dates 2026.
- Approved the appointment of Acting Chief Executive Officer.
- Received the 1st Quarter Performance Report July to September 2025.
- · Endorsed the Council's Advocacy for TasWater for Legana.
- Received and endorsed the Council Meeting Engagement Policy.
- Endorsed the Positive Ageing Committee Terms of Reference.
- Approved the Capital Works Project Budget Variations.
- · Approved an adjustment to Estimated Capital Works.
- · Received the Youth Advisory Council Minutes for October.
- · Received the Positive Ageing Committee Minutes for October.

- Approved the amended Community Grant Application Greens Beach Golf Club.
- Endorsed a motion from Cr Caroline Larner, which was amended by Cr Josh Manticas that Council engage the Council Engineer to prepare a stormwater report for Teggs Rd.
- Endorsed a motion from Cr Julie Sladden to request the CEO to investigate and prepare a report for repurposing the vacant corner block on Eden St into a small, fenced dog park, with a view to including the project in the 2026–27 budget if supported by Council.
- Endorsed a motion to defer all AGM motions to the December ordinary meetings.
- Endorsed a Motion without Notice from Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog that the Council formally recognises the contribution of the late Geoff Dickinson to the West Tamar community and his invaluable presentations to Council meetings.
- Endorsed the CEO Performance Agreement 2025/26.
- Received and endorsed the Youth Mayor Program Applications 2026.
- Approved Contract No. WTC 23/2025 The Orchards Estate Public Open Space Stage 1, awarding it to Sherrif Civil Contracting.
- Authorised the disposal of the redundant Deviot pontoon to the Port Dalrymple Yacht Club.

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2025

Works Completed

- Greyhound Off-Leash Dog Park Area
- Beaconsfield Lions Lookout
- · Riverside Aquatic Centre: Kiosk Refurbishment
- Riverside Tennis Club Court Lighting Upgrade

In Progress

- Windsor Indoor Training Facility
- Kelso Toilet and Parking
- · Gravelly Beach Foreshore Development

- Rural Roads Gravel Re-Sheeting Program
- Dog Parks, Amenities Improvement Program
- Beaconsfield Basketball Ring
- Legana Tennis Club Retaining Wall

Starting Soon

- Banner Poles, Beaconsfield and Exeter
- Windsor Precinct Olympic 2 Reconstruction
- Refurbish Bonnie Beach & Deviot Pontoons
- The Orchards Playground, Legana

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

CONTAINER DEPOSIT MILESTONE

It's been six months since the container deposit scheme - Recycle Rewards - kicked off in Tasmania. In that time, almost 50 million containers have been returned for recycling.

In the West Tamar - 1.4 million containers have been deposited at the Windsor Community Precinct and almost 680,000 at the Beaconsfield Thirsty Camel site.

Very impressive figures and great support for some wonderful community organisations!

Statewide return statistics

as at EOD 1 November 2025



Containers returned



Number of donation partners



Most popular donation partners



Busiest refund points

49.33M

583

1. Dogs' Homes of Tasmania

2. Tamar Canoe Club

3. Friends of Bonorong

1. Devonport

2. Cove Hill

3. Claremont

West Tamar LGA return statistics

as at EOD 1 November 2025

| Refund Point | Containers returned | Avg. containers per transaction | Opening hours | Quietest times |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Windsor Community Precinct | 1.4 million | 83 | Mon-Sat 7am-9pm, Sun 8am-9pm | 7am-9am, 5pm-9pm |
| Beaconsfield Thirsty Camel | 679,210 | 101 | Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 8am-8pm | 9am-10am, 5pm-8pm |

UPCOMING EVENTS



Our next Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 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





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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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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