



WELCOMING OUR NEW YOUTH MAYOR

West Tamar Council will have a fresh, young face sitting at the Councillor table at its final meeting for the year.

Grade 8 Riverside High School student Millie van Est has been announced as the Council's new Youth Mayor for 2026.

The West Tamar Youth Mayor Program selects a student from years seven to nine to represent the youth of the municipality for one calendar, providing a focus for their views to be heard by the elected members.

Millie takes over the reins - and Youth Mayoral Chains - from fellow Riverside High School student Yuxuan See.



For more details, please see our website here:
<https://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/2025/12/west-tamar-welcomes-new-youth-mayor>



Mayor's Message

As we approach the joyous festive season, I extend my warmest wishes to all residents and ratepayers in the West Tamar.

It continues to be an immense honour and privilege to serve as your Mayor, and I am thrilled to share my heartfelt Christmas greetings with you and your families.

For many, Christmas is a cherished time to gather with loved ones, strengthening the bonds that unite us as a vibrant community.

Let us pause to embrace the true spirit of the season—one that inspires compassion, generosity, and kindness towards one another.



2025 has presented its share of challenges, yet it has also been a year marked by remarkable resilience and progress.

I am incredibly proud of the West Tamar Council's accomplishments, including the unanimous adoption of our Growth Strategy and Infrastructure Plan, which sets a strong foundation for sustainable development.

We've welcomed our new Youth Mayor, Millie van Est, bringing fresh perspectives to our discussions, and celebrated community initiatives like the new greyhound off-leash park and our successful Community Roadshow.

Additionally, our commitment to unity was evident in passing a motion of support for the Jewish community amid difficult times, and we've invested in a \$17 million capital works budget to enhance local infrastructure, even as we navigated a modest rates adjustment to fund these vital improvements.

From our dedicated local businesses and families to our tireless volunteers and community groups, your contributions have truly enriched the wonderful place we call home. May this Christmas bring you abundant joy, peace, and moments of reflection.

Let us also remember those in our community who may be enduring hardships, extending a hand of support and empathy where it's needed most.

On behalf of the West Tamar Council staff and my fellow Councillors, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous, healthy New Year ahead, brimming with hope and opportunity.



Christina Holmdahl
West Tamar Mayor

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.





CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S OPENING HOURS

BEACONSFIELD AND RIVERSIDE OFFICES

Closes Wednesday, December 24 at 12pm, reopening 8.30am Monday, January 5, 2026

★ KERBSIDE WHEELIE BIN COLLECTION

Additional collections between Monday, December 22, 2025 and Friday, January 2, 2026

WINDSOR COMMUNITY PRECINCT

Closes Wednesday, December 24 at 12pm, reopening 8.30am Monday, January 5, 2026

TAMAR VISITOR CENTRE

Open 7 days a week - 9am to 4pm except Tuesday, December 24 – 9am to 12pm. Closed Christmas Day

• RIVERSIDE SWIMMING CENTRE

Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. All other times: Monday to Friday - 6am to 6.30pm, Saturday/Sunday - 10am to 6pm

BEACONSFIELD MINE & HERITAGE CENTRE

Open 7 days a week – 10am-4pm. Closed Christmas Day

WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

Exeter & Beaconsfield - Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 10am to 5pm. Closed Christmas Day

• EMERGENCY SERVICE REQUESTS

Seven days a week, 24 hours a day - Ph 1300 153 153

Councillors and staff wish you a Merry

COUNCILLORS AND STAFF WISH YOU A MERRY
Christmas and Happy New Year

LEGANA PLAN CONSULTATION

West Tamar Council is inviting the community to have their say on the Draft Legana Town Centre & Township Structure Plan, a long-term strategic framework that will guide how Legana grows and evolves over the next 20 years.

Legana is one of Tasmania's fastest-growing areas, with forecasts showing the West Tamar region will welcome more than 7000 new residents by 2045, many of whom are expected to settle in Legana. To meet this demand, the updated Structure Plan sets out a clear vision for sustainable development, improved infrastructure, and enhanced community facilities.

Community consultation is now open and runs through to Monday, January 26, 2026.

There is an online survey available to complete - details on our website.

For more information and to have your say, please see our website: <https://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/legana-structure-plan/>





DECEMBER 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

At its December ordinary meeting, Council:

- Approved Planning Application PA2025084 for Multiple Dwellings (x4) at 7-9 Summit Road, Trevallyn.
- Received the Council Workshops Report for November and December 2025.
- Considered an AGM motion from P. Kearney and endorsed an alternative recommendation for the naming of the lectern at the Windsor Council Chambers as the "Geoff Dickinson Memorial Lectern".
- Considered an AGM motion from P. Kearney and endorsed an amended motion for Council to develop a housing plan in line with the actions detailed in the West Tamar Growth Strategy.
- Considered an AGM motion from J. Walker and endorsed an amended motion for Council to continue to monitor, along with TasWater, the inflow and infiltration of stormwater into the Legana Sewerage Treatment Plant lagoons in the 2026/27 financial year.
- Received and noted the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation - Quarterly Report July to September 2025.
- Received the West Tamar Council Audit Panel Confirmed Minutes for August and Unconfirmed Minutes for December.
- Received and endorsed the West Tamar Growth Strategy and Infrastructure Plan.
- Received the Youth Advisory Council Minutes for November.
- Received the Positive Ageing Committee Minutes for November.

- Deferred the Delegations under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* item to a future workshop.
- Approved a Community Grant Application from Exeter Services & Community Club.
- Approved an Australia Day Grant Applications 2026 from Kelso Volunteer Fire Brigade.
- Endorsed a Motion on Notice from Cr Christina Holmdahl which requests the CEO write to the Traffic Commissioner regarding Danbury Park area.
- Endorsed a late Motion on Notice from Cr Josh Manticas which called on his fellow Councillors to affirm their unequivocal support for the Jewish community, including Jewish Australians, and condemns antisemitism in all its forms, including conduct, rhetoric, or symbolism that intimidates, vilifies, or targets Jewish people.
- Received and endorsed the West Tamar Council's Australia Day Award Nominations for 2026.
- Received the Riverside Swimming Centre Redevelopment Advisory Committee Minutes 2025.
- Approved Contract No. WTC 16/2025 Notley Hills Road Reconstruction Stage 3, awarding it to Walters Contracting.
- Approved Contract No. WTC 32/2025 Tattersalls Road Bridge Superstructure, awarding it to Hazell Bros Pty Ltd.
- Approved Contract No. WTC 24/2025 The Orchards Estate Public Open Space Playground, awarding it to Sturdybilt Agencies.

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE - DECEMBER 2025

Works Completed

- Riverside Aquatic Centre 40kW Solar Project
- Beaconsfield Basketball Ring

In Progress

- Windsor Olympic 2 Reconstruction
- Windsor Indoor Training Facility
- Kelso Toilet and Parking
- Gravelly Beach Foreshore Development
- Rural Roads Gravel Re-Sheeting Program

- Dog Parks, Amenities Improvement Program
- Beauty Point Stormwater Improvements
- Legana Tennis Club Retaining Wall

Starting Soon

- Banner Poles, Beaconsfield and Exeter
- Refurbish Bonnie Beach & Deviot Pontoons
- The Orchards Playground Site Works
- Legana Tennis Club Retaining Wall
- Gravelly Beach Road Kerb and Channel Reconstruction

LOOKING FOR A LAST-MINUTE XMAS GIFT?

If you are still looking for Christmas gift ideas, the Tamar Visitor Centre in Exeter may have exactly what

you're searching for!

We have a delightful selection of items such as beautiful Uprising Glassware, delicious fudge, caramel popcorn, and devil rock candy. You can also find a range of Brand Tasmania water bottles, stubbie holders, aprons, caps, beanies, and lovely room scents.

For the little ones, we offer wonderful children's books, t-shirts, soft toys, and devil slippers. In addition, several items from local operators including room sprays, essential oils, balms and remedies, skincare items, heat packs, Huon Pine aftershave, soaps, note pads, and gift packs. For someone who needs some self-care, bath sachets and vials, tea sachets and vials, coasters, and candles.

And that's not all – there are many more items to choose from!



West Tamar Council Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony

Monday 26 January 2026

Tailrace Centre

1 Waterfront Drive, Riverside 7250

6:15 PM - 8:30 PM (doors open 5:45 PM)

Dinner (Main Meal & Dessert provided)

RSVP by 4:00 PM Friday 16 January 2026

Limited Tickets are Available



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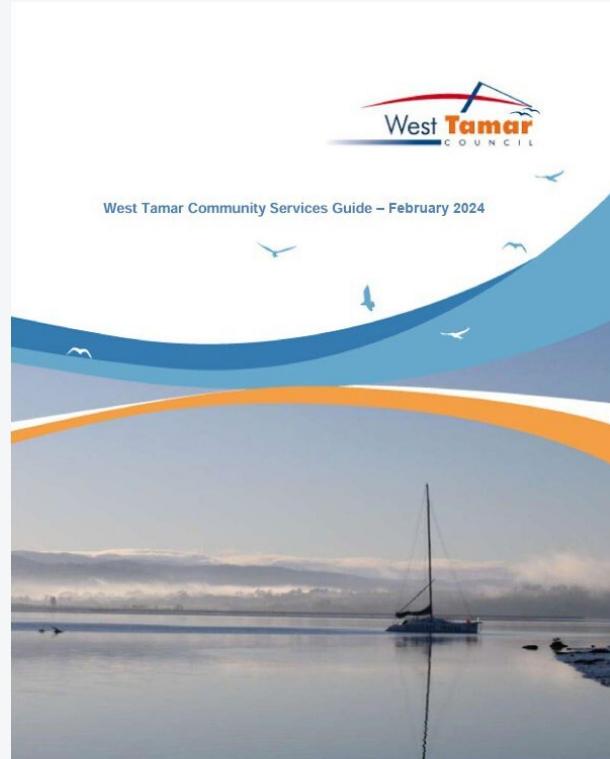


HELP FINDING THE RIGHT SUPPORT

West Tamar Council's Community Support Resource is a practical guide designed to help residents find the right support quickly and locally where possible. It brings together key services in one place so people know where to turn in times of need.

The Community Support Resource is a compiled information booklet created to assist community members experiencing hardship or needing extra support. It sits alongside Council's broader Community Service Guide and is promoted as a central point to access local and statewide services.

This document is aimed at all West Tamar residents, including individuals, families, older people, and young people who may be facing financial, social, or wellbeing challenges. It is also a useful tool for local service providers, volunteers, and community groups who want to refer people to reliable support options.



The resource brings together contacts for services such as emergency relief, housing and homelessness support, mental health and counselling, family and youth support, and financial assistance. It is designed to make it easier to navigate what can otherwise be a confusing system of agencies and programs.

Community members can download the Community Support Resource from the West Tamar Council website via the Community Service Guide section of the website: <https://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/community-service-guide/>

UPCOMING EVENTS



Our next Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

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

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