



WEST TAMAR WELCOMES NEW CITIZENS

Twelve conferees from far and wide became fully fledged Australian citizens at our April Citizenship Ceremony at the Windsor Precinct in Riverside.

The conferees came from far and wide - including **the UK, the US, Nepal, China, Afghanistan, France and India.**

Welcome everyone ...





Mayor's Message

It was a profound honour to stand alongside more than 350 community members this past Saturday for our annual Anzac Day Service at the Beaconsfield Cenotaph.

In the West Tamar, this day remains one of our most significant gatherings, providing us a collective moment to pause and reflect on the courage and sacrifice of those who have served our nation.

The 11am service was a beautiful testament to our region's enduring spirit of remembrance.

We were privileged to hear from Captain Fiona Burr, Research Officer for the Army Headquarters Research Centre, whose insights brought a deep sense of perspective to the proceedings.

It was equally heartening to see our younger generation so deeply engaged; Youth Mayor Millie Van Est spoke with great poise, while students from Exeter High School and Beaconsfield Primary School moved us with their thoughtful speeches and poems.

The atmosphere was further enriched by the stirring performances from the West Tamar Band, Tamar Valley Voices, and the Miss B's Student Services choir.

Their music provided the perfect backdrop for a morning defined by reflection and gratitude.

Crowd numbers across both the Beaconsfield and Exeter dawn services and the morning services were all up - which is a testament to the growing sense of patriotism we are witnessing across the country for Anzac Day.

Seeing so many families and veterans gathered together reminds me why these services are vital. They ensure that the Anzac legacy - one of mateship and resilience - is not just a chapter in a history book,






but a living part of our West Tamar identity.

Lest we forget.



Christina Holmdahl
West Tamar Mayor



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK DINNER CELEBRATION

When: Wednesday 20 May 6pm - 8pm



Where: Tamar Valley Resort Grindelwald - Restaurant

Details: Do you volunteer in the West Tamar Municipality? We want to say thank you and invite you to attend our Volunteer Celebration dinner! Come along and meet other volunteers, enjoy live music, and the photobooth. We will have activities, lucky door prizes and more!


RSVP: This is a free event with dinner included, however registrations/bookings are essential.

Drinks will be available to purchase.

Bookings: Scan QR code or call 63239200 for support



National Volunteer Week Sponsor

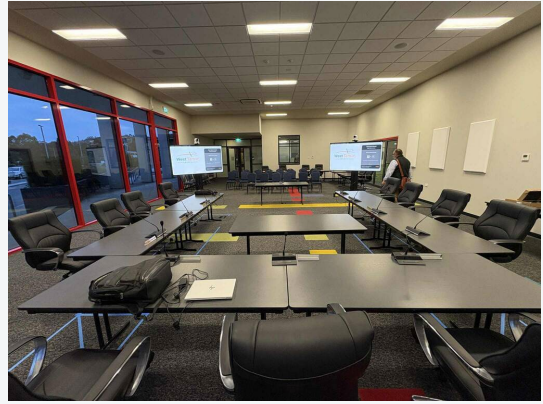


LIVE STREAMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Did you know that the West Tamar Council 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.



APRIL 2026 COUNCIL MEETING DECISIONS

- Approved Planning Application PA 2026051 - Residential - Single Dwelling, 5 Rochester Crt, Riverside.
- Received the Council Workshops report for March and April 2026.
- Received and endorsed the Legana Community Sports and Recreation Precinct Master Plan and authorised the CEO to commence scoping for Stage 1.
- Adopted the new Governance of Special Committees Policy.
- Received and endorsed the Draft Terms of Reference - Delegations Review Committee.
- Endorsed the reappointment of the Audit Panel chair.
- Received the West Tamar Council Audit Panel Confirmed Minutes December 2025 and Unconfirmed Minutes for March 2026.
- Endorsed Council's Submission on the Cat Management in Tasmania Discussion Paper.
- Endorsed Council's Submission to Position Paper - Preventing Delays in Development Assessment Timeframes.
- Endorsed Council's Submission on the Discussion Paper - Tasmania Planning Scheme - Making it easier to develop medium density housing.
- Adopted and Updated Council's Corporate Credit Card Policy and Guidelines.
- Approved the continuation of Recurrent Annual Funding.
- Received and noted the Youth Advisory Council Minutes for March 2026.
- Approved a Sponsorship Application for the Launceston Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards 2026.
- Approved a Sponsorship Application for Rosie's Reading and Imagination Library.
- Approved a Motion on Notice from Cr Rick Shegog authorising the CEO to write to the Department of State Growth requesting an investigation into the condition of the road surface at several locations on the West Tamar Highway and the Frankford Highway and provide a report to Council, including the scope of works to rectify the road, a proposed timeline, and to undertake the works required.
- Approved Contract WTC07/2025 for New Ecclestone Road Stormwater Remediation.

APRIL WORKS SCHEDULE

COMPLETED WORKS

- Kelso Toilet & Parking Area
- Windsor Community Precinct LED Installation: Medical Practice
- Windsor Community Precinct LED Installation: Public Foyer and Open Public Space
- Notley Hills Road Reconstruction
- Bridgenorth Football Club Scoreboard

IN PROGRESS

- BBQ & Shelter Replacement Program (Miner's Park)
- Riverside Aquatic Centre: Waterslide Refurbishment
- West Tamar Highway Verge Treatment
- The Orchards Estate: Public Open Space
- Paringa Avenue: Pipe Open Stormwater Channel
- Shaw Street, Beaconsfield - Road Widening and Footpath Construction
- Windsor Olympic 2 Reconstruction

STARTING SOON

- Refurbish Bonnie Beach & Deviot Pontoons
- Julian Street, Beaconsfield: Road Widening & Footpaths
- Grubb Street Toilet



ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2026

A huge crowd of some 350 people gathered at the Beaconsfield Cenotaph on Saturday for the 2026 Anzac Day mid-morning service.

A dawn service was held earlier in the morning at 5.45am, with another strong crowd in attendance.

Exeter RSL also hosted a dawn and morning service, with large numbers also reported in attendance.





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.

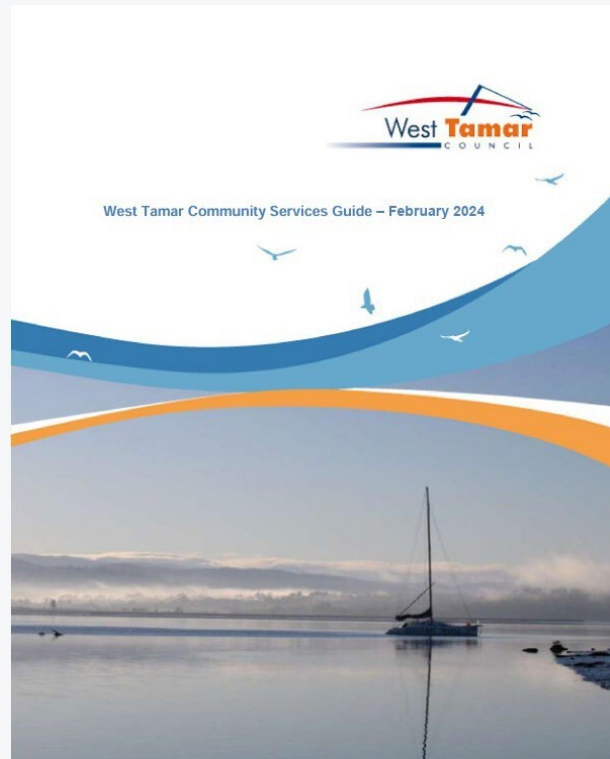
The Community Support Resource is a compiled information booklet created to assist community members experiencing hardship or needing extra support. It sits alongside Council's broader Community Service Guide and is promoted as a central point to access local and statewide services.

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/>



CELEBRATING GRAVELLY BEACH

West Tamar Council celebrated the official completion of the Gravelly Beach Foreshore Project with the community at a celebration in March.

The completed project now provides a premier recreational destination for both locals and visitors alike.

The \$2.3 million foreshore redevelopment was made possible through a \$2 million investment from the Federal Government's Community Development Grants Programme, supported by \$160,000 from Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) and \$152,764 from the West Tamar Council.

The revitalisation was delivered across two key precincts:

- Precinct 1 (Playground and Boat Ramp): Included the installation of a new public pontoon with an aluminium gangway, a modern toilet block with accessible facilities, and a new BBQ shelter with picnic seating.
- Precinct 2 (Village Centre): Focused on accessibility and infrastructure, delivering over 500m of new shared pathways and footpaths, parking for at least 30 vehicles, and essential stormwater upgrades.

West Tamar Mayor Christina Holmdahl said the completion of the project is a testament to the power and success of community consultation.

"This project has been years in the making, and it was vital that we got it right by listening to those who know this area best," Mayor Holmdahl said.

"By walking the foreshore with our residents, some of whom have lived here their entire lives, we were able to incorporate their history and priorities into the final design.

"The Gravelly Beach foreshore is now a beautifully realised space that balances modern amenities with the natural charm of the Tamar River.

"We are incredibly proud to deliver a project that provides high-level public amenity and ensures this remains a vibrant hub for the West Tamar community for generations to come."



KELSO PUBLIC TOILET OPEN

Kelso's long-awaited new public toilet is now open.

The new accessible toilet block will provide amenities for boat ramp and pontoon users, locals and tourists during daylight hours.

Council's contractor Walters Contracting completed the project on April 21.

The project included the construction of the toilet block, access paths, parking, a new wastewater system, new stormwater drainage and a solar power system.



RECOGNISING DESIGN EXCELLENCE

West Tamar Council has recognised excellence in design and built form through its annual Design Awards at a ceremony held at the Windsor Community Precinct in March.

Properties in Trevallyn, Riverside and Greens Beach caught the collective eyes of the Council's judging panel across three categories:

- Best Single Dwelling
- Best Renovation/Extension
- Best Multiple Dwelling

West Tamar Mayor Christina Holmdahl said the awards, which began in 2016, aim to encourage good design in a positive way, outside the formal planning and building approval process.

"It is always a privilege to view so many amazing examples of exceptional design and attention to detail in our municipality, and their projects are a credit to the owners, designers and builders who think outside the box to create such architecturally appealing homes," Mayor Holmdahl said.

WINNERS BY CATEGORY

1. Best Single Dwelling – 30 Penrith Street, Riverside. Designer: Lauren Powell and Alan Powell.
Builder: Joel Taylor.



2. Best Renovation/Extension – 160 Gardners Road, Greens Beach. Owner: Roger Brissenden.

Designer: Plans to Build. Builder: Malcom Nicolson Builder.

3. Best Multiple Dwelling – 83 Lachlan Parade, Trevallyn. Owner: Grant McCarthy, Lizyl McCarthy,

James McCarthy and Nardia Nelson. Builder: James McCarthy and Nardia Nelson. Designer: 6tyo.

All winners received a Tasmanian specialty timber peg hand-crafted by Brad Latham, which represents a survey peg which often marks the beginning of a build project.

Have Your Say

on cat management in Tasmania

- *discussion paper*

*Help shape cat management in Tasmania
over the next five years.*



Submissions close 5 pm, Friday 15 May 2026



Scan the QR code or visit
<http://nre.tas.gov.au/cat-management>
to read the paper and have your say.

TABLE TENNIS CALL-OUT

The Riverside Table Tennis Club is a Seniors group who enjoy friendly mixed doubles games every Wednesday night.

The club has been running for about 20 years and they are looking to welcome new players to come along and join us.

Every Wednesday night starting at 7pm at Riverside Tennis Club, Eden Street, Riverside.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Our next Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 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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