



CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS

National Volunteer Week was held in Tasmania from May 18 to 24 - the country's largest annual celebration of volunteering and an opportunity to recognise the millions of volunteers in our community.

On Wednesday, May 20, the West Tamar Council held a celebratory dinner at Grindelwald to thank the many volunteers who give of their free time to help those in our community.

More than 100 people gathered at the Grindelwald Resort for a night of celebration and thanks.





Mayor's Message

Legana is booming.

As the fastest-growing region in northern Tasmania, the streets are filling with young families drawn to its vibrant lifestyle, affordability, and the fantastic new Legana Primary School and sports oval.

Yet, despite this growth, the state budget has left our community completely on the sidelines by failing to match funding for our proposed indoor sports facility.

West Tamar Council has laid the groundwork. We secured a \$5 million Federal grant and committed another \$5 million of our own funds for clubrooms and outdoor amenities.

We only needed the State Government to chip in their \$5 million share to bring a much-needed, four-court indoor sports hub to life.

The demand is undeniable. Basketball participation is skyrocketing across Tasmania, yet our municipality has zero indoor facilities capable of hosting basketball, netball, or futsal.

Our kids and local sporting groups deserve the same opportunities as their neighbours.

It is highly frustrating to watch more than \$65 million funnelled into Mowbray's Northern Recreation Hub, nearly \$4.7 million allocated to Elphin, and tens of millions promised for similar facilities in the state's south in the budget while Legana is entirely overlooked.

This isn't just about missing out on courts; it's about a glaring lack of equity in how regional sporting infrastructure is prioritised.

Our Master Plan isn't a wish list - it's an economic driver projected to deliver \$33.8 million to our municipality and create up to 68 local jobs.



Council remains determined to fight for this infrastructure.

It's time for the State Government to distribute its sports funding fairly and equitably and invest in the future of the West Tamar.



Christina Holmdahl
West Tamar Mayor

COMMUNITY CAROLS - SAVE THE DATE

The West Tamar Council West Tamar Community Carols are returning in 2026!

Sunday, December 13, 2026

Pop it in your diary now – because it's on again and the West Tamar Community Carols team can't wait to celebrate with you all again at Exeter Showgrounds in 2026!

Stay tuned for more details throughout the year ahead or follow the West Tamar Community Carols page on Facebook for more information.

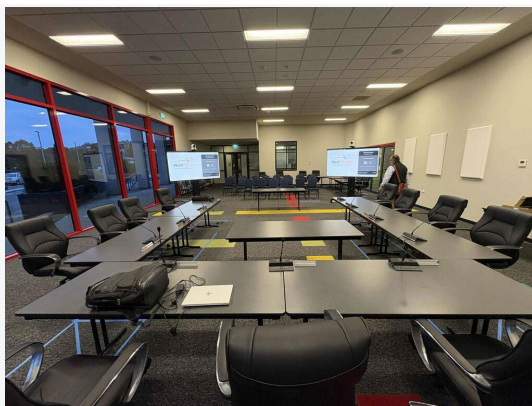


LIVE STREAMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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.

WINTER WOODHEATER TIPS

With winter fast approaching, now is the time to make sure that your woodheater is ready for the cold weeks ahead.

Some simple tips will help you have a much cleaner, safer woodheater.



FOUR STEPS TO A CLEANER, SAFER WOODHEATER



Use Well-Seasoned Wood Only

Burn aged, untreated wood with less than 20% moisture to reduce smoke.



Keep Air Vents Fully Open

Ensure vents are open when lighting or fueling for a complete burn.



Never Burn Rubbish or Waste

Avoid plastics and treated wood to prevent toxic and dangerous fumes.



Schedule Annual Maintenance

Clean your chimney or flue yearly to prevent dangerous soot buildup.



MAY 2026 COUNCIL MEETING DECISIONS

- Received the Council Workshops report for April and May 2026.
- Received the Third Quarter Performance Report – January to March 2026.
- Authorised the CEO to enter into negotiations with Visit Northern Tasmania for a new one (1) year partnership agreement.
- Endorsed a Submission to the draft Public Health Amendment (Emergency Powers) Bill.
- Endorsed the appointments to the Delegations Review Committee.
- Received and noted the Youth Advisory Council Minutes for April.
- Received and noted the Positive Ageing Committee Minutes for April.
- Approved the Environmental Health and Municipal Fees and Charges.
- Adopted the Proposed Street Names – Montague Park Stage 11 in Jetty Road at Legana as Empire Drive and Smitten Street.
- Received and endorsed the Financial Management Strategy & Long Term Financial Plan 2026–27 to 2035–36.
- Received and noted the Capital Works Project Budget Adjustments.
- Received and noted a Petition Requesting Refusal of a Planning Application.
- Approved a motion from Cr Geoff Lyons requesting Council to review the Legana Town Centre Structure plan to investigate the possibility of having an Urban Mixed Use zoning of the Southern area extending north of Acropolis Drive on the west side of the West Tamar Highway, to an area adjacent to the light industrial zone on the eastern side of of the West Tamar Highway or extending further north to Bridgenorth Road.
- Approved a motion from Cr Rick Shegog to Rescind Minute No. 26/44 regarding Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) attendance, and that Council agree to only send the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to the ALGA NGA in June.
- Approved a Motion of Condolence without Notice from Cr Julie Sladden regarding the passing of Robert (Bob) Richardson.

MAY WORKS SCHEDULE

COMPLETED WORKS

- Paringa Avenue, Lanena – Pipe Open Stormwater Channel.
- Shaw Street, Beaconsfield – Road Widening & Footpath Construction.
- Windsor Precinct, Riverside – Banner Poles Installation.
- West Tamar Highway Verge Treatment, Riverside – Cormiston Road to Cormiston Creek.

IN PROGRESS

- Beaconsfield Waste Transfer Station Safety Barriers.
- Julian Street, Beaconsfield – Road Widening & Footpath.
- Rosevears Drive, Rosevears – Road Reconstruction.
- Miner's Park, Beaconsfield – BBQ & Shelter.
- Riverside Aquatic Centre – Waterslide Refurbishment.
- The Orchards Estate, Legana – New Playground.
- Windsor Precinct, Riverside – Olympic 2 soccer field reconstruction.
- Road Resealing Program – various roads across the municipality.

STARTING SOON

- New Ecclestone Road, Riverside – Stormwater Reconstruction.

STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTATION

West Tamar Council has released its Draft Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036, a comprehensive roadmap designed to guide the region's growth, infrastructure and community wellbeing over the next decade.

In a unique and modern approach to strategic planning, Council has highlighted that the draft was developed through a human-led, evidence-based process supported by artificial intelligence (AI) – which was developed by international speaker, consultant and urban futurist Stephen Yarwood.

This is the first time in Tasmania that a Community Strategic Plan has been developed in this way.

The draft plan is now open for public consultation, with residents invited to shape the final document. To have your say, go to the website: <https://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/draft-community-strategic-plan/>

For more information, see our website: <https://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/2026/05/councils-ai-community-strategic-plan-a-state-first/>



HAVE YOUR SAY!

DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2036

PUBLIC CONSULTATION NOW OPEN



Community growth. Infrastructure. Wellbeing.

Submit your feedback at wtc.tas.gov.au/draft-community-strategic-plan/

EXCLUSIVE WINTER TOURS

Two tours of the Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre running each Saturday in July.

Departing at 4:30pm & 5:00pm (check in 10 minutes prior).

Step into the moody, atmospheric grounds of the Beaconsfield Mine and

Heritage Centre for an exclusive winter experience.



As the sun sets, we invite you to explore the authentic history of Beaconsfield and the Tamar Valley through passionate storytelling among the shadows.

Led by our knowledgeable community guides, this 1.5-hour journey takes you on an above-ground exploration of our preserved heritage precinct.

Move beyond the exhibits to hear captivating, character-driven tales that give insight to social history – From the hardships endured by families in the early days of gold mining to the profound community resilience surrounding the 2006 mine rescue.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS:

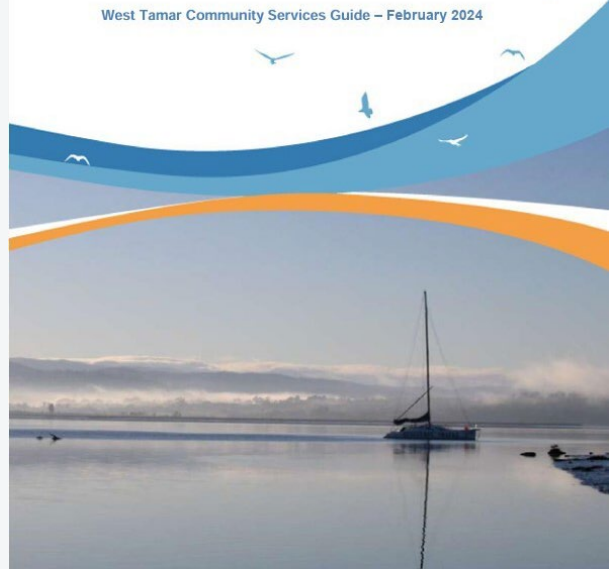
<https://www.beaconsfieldheritage.com.au/winter-events/>

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:

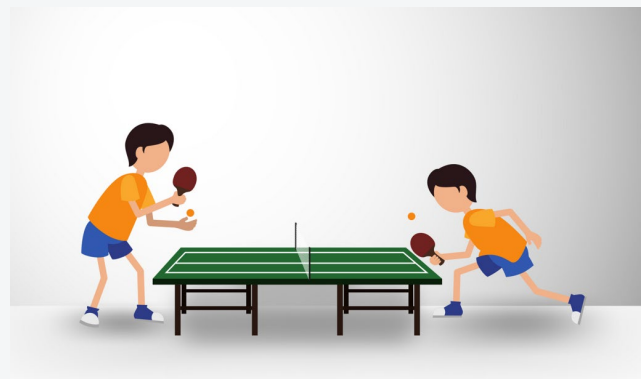
<https://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/community-service-guide/>

TABLE TENNIS CALL-OUT

The Riverside Table Tennis Club is a local community 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.



MAYOR CALLS OUT FUNDING FAILURE

West Tamar Mayor Christina Holmdahl has expressed disappointment over the State Government's failure to commit funding in this year's State budget for the proposed indoor sports facility at Legana.

Council had sought a \$5 million commitment from the State Government to match a \$5 million Federal Government grant for the facility.



Mayor Holmdahl said the combined funding is essential to assist with the construction of a four-court indoor sports facility on land adjoining the new Legana Primary School.

"Legana is the most significant developing residential area in the West Tamar municipality, and it has been identified by Council as our preferred focus for residential consolidation over the next 20 years," Mayor Holmdahl said.

TO READ MORE, CLICK HERE:

<http://wtc.tas.gov.au/2026/05/councils-disappointment-over-funding-failure/>

Live well Live long

For over 50s

FREE
6-week
program

“a welcoming and inclusive group has given me renewed hope, confidence and encouragement to embrace my ageing”

Health information from Health Professionals

Exeter Community Hub,
11 Murray Street, Exeter

Thursdays for 6 weeks
9:30am – 11:30am
4/06 – 2/07 and 16/07/2026

2-hour session including a break with morning tea provided

Find out more or book your place
Contact 6702 6060

West Tamar region

Information and

activities to help you stay healthy and independent

- ♥ **Happy feet**
- ♥ **Strength and Balance**
- ♥ **Staying safe online**
- ♥ **Wellness information**
- ♥ **Service information**

TASMANIAN
HEALTH
SERVICE



This program is coordinated by the Tasmanian Health Service in partnership with West Tamar Council. Originally developed by Clarence City Council, Clarence Integrated Care Centre and the Tasmanian Health Service

UPCOMING EVENTS

Australian
Independent
Retirees,





Our next Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 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.

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

BEACONSFIELD YOUTH CENTRE

WEDNESDAYS 3PM-5PM

Beaconsfield Community Hall,
92 Weld St, Beaconsfield

FOR AGES 10-17 ONLY

Term 2 dates

MAY 13TH

MAY 20TH

MAY 27TH

JUNE 3RD

JUNE 10TH

JUNE 17TH

JUNE 24TH

JULY 1ST

The Beaconsfield Youth Centre offers a **FREE** program with a range of activities, including, sports, creative activities, team challenges, a place to relax, listen to music, meet new people and enjoy tasty food.

The Youth Centre operates on Wednesdays during school terms, but not on public holidays and not in the first or last week of term, or other selected dates.

Contact:
Office: 6323 9200
Kirsten: 0437 789 103
Michael: 0436 455 093
youth@wtc.tas.gov.au
www.westtamaryouth.com



REGISTER



Friday afternoon Program

A completely **FREE** program held on selected Friday afternoons, based in the Riverside and Legana suburbs.



Come along and plant your very own pot! create a design for your pot, learn how to maintain your plant, take it home and watch it grow!

YOUTH AGED 10-17 YEARS

Friday May 29th
4pm-6pm
Windsor community garden

SPACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED
Please check social media pages for availability updates

REGISTRATIONS:
Registrations are compulsory.
Register via QR code or website:
westtamaryouth.com.au



LIFELONG RESPECT

LAUNCESTON

WALK AGAINST ELDER ABUSE

11 JUNE

12:30 PM CIVIC SQUARE

Free refreshments after the walk



REGISTER



Need help registering?
Call COTA Tasmania:
6231 3265



FREE HOT SOUP DAY!

Warm up with us
on **MONDAYS**
1st and 15th June
11am-12 noon!

Enjoy a free bowl of
delicious hot SOUP and a
CHAT- come on your own
or with a friend!

Everyone
is **WELCOME!**



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