

## SING 'N SIP EXTRAVAGANZA

Sing 'n Sip: Travis Hennessy is a fun, relaxed, community-driven singing session where everyone is welcome.

Come and warm up with a drink in hand as we dive into a simple, feel-good group arrangement of songs everyone loves. At this relaxed session, Travis Hennessy will guide the group through gentle vocal warmups and accessible techniques before teaching an arrangement of a fabulous pop, rock or modern track.

And here's the best part: no singing skills are required. In true Sing 'n' Sip style, the bar for entry is wonderfully low.

Whether you sing in the shower, hum along in the car or have only ever dreamed of joining a choir, you're in exactly the right place. This session is all about enjoying the moment, connecting with others and feeling good – not aiming for perfection.

With a drink in hand and a lyrics sheet ready to go, you'll be part of a room full of voices celebrating the simple magic of singing together. It's your chance to let loose, sing loud and soak up the good vibes in a completely welcoming space.

**SATURDAY, JULY 11 AT 3PM**  
**AT ROWELLA HALL**

Proudly supported by West Tamar Council.



Find out more here: <https://festivalofvoices.com/events/2026/sing-n-sip-travis-hennessy/>

TICKETS: <https://tickets.festivalofvoices.com/event/6152:424/6152:567/>

## Mayor's Message

As we navigate an economic climate where rising costs impact household budgets and local government operations alike, West Tamar Council's newly adopted 2026-27 Annual Budget strikes a vital balance between robust capital investment and long-term fiscal responsibility.

Our team has genuinely attempted to minimize the financial impacts on our ratepayers as much as reasonably possible.

The resulting 4.9 per cent rates increase translates to an average increase of approximately \$2 per week.

We believe this is a fair, reasonable, and sustainable outcome that allows us to strictly maintain our high standard of core services while managing increasing external pressures.

Importantly, this budget achieves an underlying surplus of \$200,000 and headlines an impressive \$19.9 million capital works program to deliver highly anticipated community assets.

A major headline feature is our \$5.25 million allocation to kickstart construction at the Legana Sports Precinct, including \$3.25 million for an indoor basketball facility and \$2 million for a multi-purpose facility and new cricket nets.

We are also investing heavily across our municipality, dedicating \$8 million to community recreation, parks, and reserves, alongside over \$7.7 million combined for rural roads and urban streets.

Key projects like the \$2 million Deviot Road retaining wall construction and \$900,000 in upgrades for the Riverside Pool ensure our vital shared assets remain safe and vibrant.

For residents experiencing genuine financial strain, our Financial Hardship Assistance Policy is available to support you with flexible payment arrangements. I strongly encourage anyone anticipating difficulties to reach out early to our customer service team.



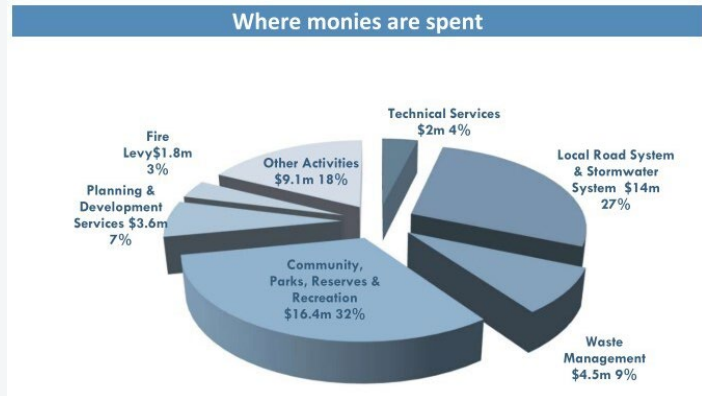
**Christina Holmdahl**



## COUNCIL SETS BUDGET FOR 2026-27

West Tamar Council has adopted its 2026-27 Annual Budget, delivering a strategic balance between robust capital investment and long-term fiscal responsibility.

The budget features a 4.9 per cent rates increase for the upcoming financial year, an underlying surplus of \$200,000, and an impressive \$19.9 million capital works program (including carry-overs).



Mayor Christina Holmdahl said the budget strikes a balance between keeping rate adjustments predictable and continuing to deliver a range of highly anticipated community assets.

“Throughout our budget conversations leading up to adoption, Councillors and staff have genuinely attempted to minimise the financial impacts on our ratepayers as much as reasonably possible,” Mayor Holmdahl said.

“The reality is that costs continue to increase, not only for household budgets but for local government operations as well. That is simply the economic climate we are navigating.

**READ MORE HERE: <https://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/2026/06/20m-capital-spend-headlines-2026-27-budget/>**



## JUNE CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

In June, Council welcomed 16 new Australian citizens to our wonderful municipality at our June Citizenship Ceremony.

Our conferees came from Germany, India, Vietnam, Nepal, Afghanistan, New Zealand, the UK and the Czech Republic - all very proud to now call Australia officially their home.

Congratulations to everyone who became an Australian citizen!





## 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.

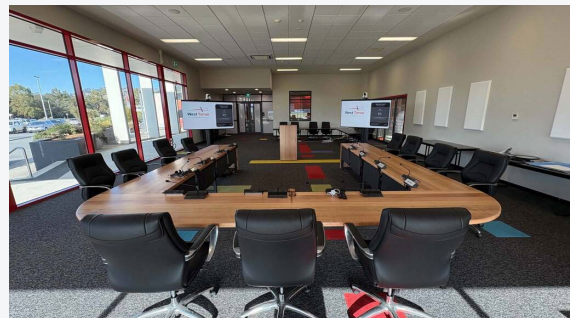


## LIVE STREAMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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.



# HOME FOOD SAFETY BASICS

Preparation & Handling

Temperature Control



## The 20-Second Scrub

Wash hands with soap and warm water before, during, and after food preparation.



## Prevent Cross-Contamination

Keep raw and cooked foods separate to stop the transfer of harmful bacteria.



## Use Fresh Ingredients

Only use wholesome food and never use items past their expiry dates.



## The 4°C Fridge Rule

Keep the refrigerator at 4°C or colder to store perishables safely.

## Target 75°C Internal Temp

Use a thermometer to ensure meat and poultry reach safe internal temperatures.



## The 4-Hour Limit

Throw out any perishable food left at room temperature for over four hours.



## JUNE 2026 COUNCIL MEETING

### At its June ordinary meeting, Council:

- Refused Planning Application PA2025327 for Educational and Occasional Care (Childcare Centre) at 2 Faye Court, Legana.
- Received the Council Workshops Report for May and June 2026.
- Received and noted the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation - Quarterly Report January to March 2026.
- Endorsed the amended Draft Terms of Reference for the Rowella Hall Committee.
- Endorsed the amended draft Terms of Reference for the Winkleigh Hall Committee.
- Received and noted the Youth Advisory Council Minutes for May.
- Received and noted the Positive Ageing Committee Minutes for May.
- Endorsed a petition to Amend a Sealed Plan for 21 Danbury Drive, Legana.
- Adopted the 2026/27 Estimates and Rates and Charges.
- Adopted the 2026/27 Fees & Charges.
- Noted the Capital Works Projects Budget Amendments.
- Deferred an amended Motion on Notice from Cr Josh Manticas to conduct an elector poll regarding weekly rubbish collection.
- Endorsed an amended Motion on Notice from Cr Caroline Lerner to release the results of the 2026 Ratepayers Opinion Survey Results Summary in the 4th Quarterly Report
- A Motion on Notice from Cr Caroline Lerner to reduce the 2026/27 Business Grant allocation was withdrawn
- A Motion on Notice from Cr Caroline Lerner to advocate a pathway for Council to relinquish its investment in TasWater was withdrawn
- An Amended Motion without Notice from Cr Caroline Lerner to receive her budget consideration documents was carried.

## CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE - JUNE 2026

### Works Completed

- The Orchards Estate, Legana - new playground
- New pontoon ladder installations (Kelso Pontoon, Clarence Point Pontoon, Dark Hollow Pontoon)
- Beaconsfield, Shaw St - Road widening, footpath construction

### In Progress

- Beaconsfield, Grubb Street Recreation Ground - Toilet Block
- Beaconsfield, Julian Street - Road Widening & Footpath
- Beaconsfield, Miner's Park - BBQ & Shelter installation
- Beaconsfield Waste Transfer Station Safety Barriers

- Exeter Car Park, RV Dump Point
- Riverside Aquatic Centre - Waterslide refurbishment
- Riverside, New Ecclestone Road - Stormwater Upgrade
- Rosevears, Rosevears Drive, - Road Reconstruction
- Windsor Precinct, Riverside - Olympic 2 soccer field reconstruction
- Road Resealing Program - various roads across the municipality

### Starting Soon

- Riverside, Riverside Drive - retaining wall replacement

## 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:**

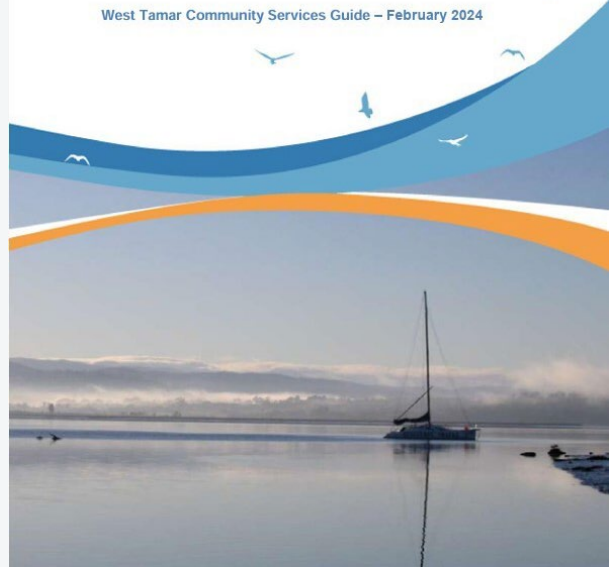
<https://www.beaconsfieldheritage.com.au/winter-events/>

## 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:

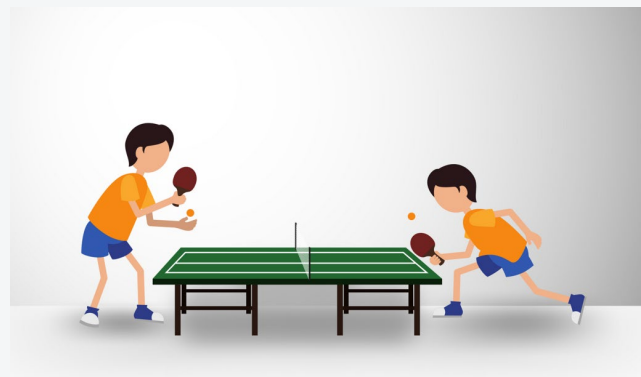
<https://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/community-service-guide/>

## 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.



# GRAVELLY BEACH FOOTBRIDGE

West Tamar Council continues to evaluate both short-term and long-term options for the Stony Creek footbridge at Gravelly Beach.

Engineers have recently conducted further structural assessments, inspecting the underside of the footbridge and its supporting pylons to gauge their current condition.

Constructed nearly 70 years ago, the original one-lane bridge structure has reached the end of its practical service life.



The assessments confirm that the primary supporting pylon has subsided, rotated from its original alignment, and exhibits significant cracking and a discernible lean.

Based on the engineering information, the current structure will likely require demolition. However, Council is actively investigating temporary infrastructure solutions - such as a portable bailey bridge - to identify the most viable short-term option for restoring pedestrian access across Stony Creek.

Concurrently, engineers have been engaged to investigate permanent works. This includes assessing the adjacent two-lane vehicle bridge to determine the feasibility of attaching a pedestrian walkway to this structure.

In the interim, enhanced signage is being installed in the vicinity to increase public awareness of the closure and associated hazards.

To support residents requiring access to public transport, Council has coordinated with Manions Coaches, who have confirmed they will service an additional, temporary pick-up location on the southern side of the bridge. Passengers will be collected outside 188 Gravelly Beach Road.

For public safety, community members are reminded that pedestrians must not use the vehicle bridge to cross Stony Creek under any circumstances.

# 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, Northern





## Our next Ordinary Council Meeting

**Tuesday, July 21, 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.

## 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](mailto:airnorthtas@gmail.com)

### July School Holiday program

for ages 10-17

**PCYC**  
Date: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 11am - 1pm  
Cost: \$10.00  
Transport: Bus provided  
Bring: Hat, water bottle, lunch

**TEN PIN BOWLING**  
Date: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 11am-1pm  
Cost: \$5.00  
Transport: Bus provided  
Bring: Hat, water bottle, lunch

**THE RANGE**  
Date: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 11-1pm  
Cost: \$5.00  
Transport: Bus provided  
Bring: Hat, water bottle, lunch

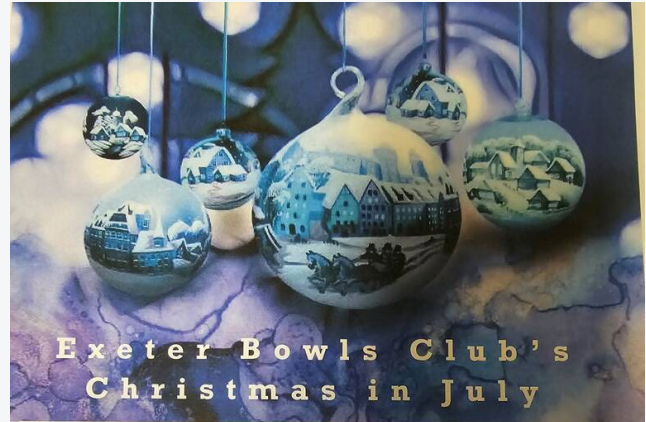
**BEACONSFIELD YOUTH CENTRE**  
Date: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 11am-3pm  
Cost: Free - lunch included  
Transport: Not provided @92 Weid street

families welcome to attend the Youth Centre and enjoy activities. Under 10s must be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times.



Limited spaces available register now!

For more information & enquiries please email: [youth@wfc.tas.gov.au](mailto:youth@wfc.tas.gov.au) or call 6323 9200



### Exeter Bowls Club's Christmas in July

3 course Christmas in July luncheon (Entree choice of 2 alternate drop, Buffet style Main Course consisting of 3 meats, vegetables and Salads, with choice of 2 desserts alternate drop)

Cost \$45 PP (Family & Friends welcome)

RSVP Phone/email: Roseanne 0400 585 461 / [rsummers470@gmail.com](mailto:rsummers470@gmail.com) by: 8th July 2026

Only 80 spots available bookings a must.

**Date:**  
Saturday  
18<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Time:**  
6:00 pm

**Exeter Bowls Club**  
10 Murray Street  
Exeter

CONTACT US

FOLLOW US

 (03) 6383 6350  
or (03) 6323 9300

 [wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au](mailto:wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au)

 6 West Street,  
Beaconsfield TAS  
7270

2-4 Eden Street,  
Riverside TAS 7250



Copyright 2023. All rights reserved.