

WE'RE THE NUMBER ONE 'SNAPPER'

West Tamar Council has been ranked the number one council in Tasmania in the 2026 Snap Send Solve Community Satisfaction Index.

Snap Send Solve is a popular free community reporting platform and mobile app used across Australia.

It is designed to streamline how residents report local infrastructure and maintenance issues to the appropriate authorities, including councils and State Government-owned authorities.



Each year, Snap Send Solve releases its annual community satisfaction index, which captures how residents rate their council's performance across service delivery, responsiveness, communication, and for overall satisfaction.

The 2026 index, which was released today, shows West Tamar Council as the top-ranked council in Tasmania on a rating of 64.5, up 1.8 points — and the 12th highest in Australia across 216 qualifying local government authorities.

[FULL REPORT ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

Mayor's Message

There is nothing quite like the pride of living in a community that truly cares for its backyard.

Recently, our region received a remarkable validation of that shared commitment when the West Tamar Council was named the number one council in Tasmania in the 2026 Snap Send Solve Community Satisfaction Index, ranking 12th out of more than 200 local government authorities across Australia.

Achieving a rating of 64.5 is not just a number on a page; it is a direct reflection of a proactive community and a hard-working team.



Over the past year, our residents submitted 727 service requests through the app, helping us identify everything from overgrown vegetation and damaged roads to local maintenance needs.

Because our community embraced this platform with such enthusiasm, our outdoor crews and customer service staff were able to step in quickly, averaging an impressive 1.56 days to progress actions and keeping our region safe and well-maintained.

This achievement highlights the power of modern, collaborative local government. When residents have a seamless way to report issues, and when a council has the responsiveness to act swiftly, trust grows. Local governance works best when it is a two-way street.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to every resident who took the time to snap and send, and to our dedicated council staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Together, we are setting the gold standard for community satisfaction in Tasmania - and proving that working hand-in-hand leads to a better place for everyone to call home.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Christina Holmdahl'.

Christina Holmdahl
West Tamar Mayor

EXETER STRUCTURE PLAN ADOPTED

The Exeter and District Structure Plan 2026 was adopted by Council at its Ordinary meeting on 18 August 2026.

It provides a long term plan for land use and development for the future of Exeter, Gravelly Beach, Blackwall and Lanena.

The structure plan will be reviewed regularly to ensure it remains responsive to changing circumstances and needs as the area grows and changes.



The focus of the 2026 Structure Plan is on land use and development and seeks to address future needs for growth, particularly residential growth. It builds on the previous 2014 Structure Plan which was reviewed to understand what has changed in the twelve years since it was released and what the future needs of the community are.

You can read more information and read the structure plan on our website:

<https://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/exeter-and-district-structure-plan-2026/>

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.



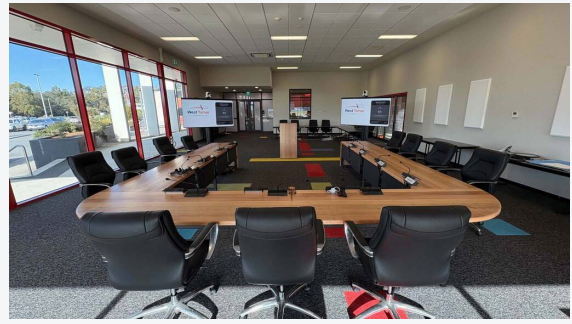
LIVE STREAMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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.





YOUTH MAYOR APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2027

Are you passionate about making your community better and want to develop your leadership skills?

This is your chance - Apply now!



Application Deadline:

2nd October, 2026



Position Aims

- ✓ Give West Tamar youth a stronger voice in the community
- ✓ Boost youth awareness and engagement in Council activities
- ✓ Advocate for youth inclusion in Council decisions
- ✓ Increase youth understanding of local government

Who should apply?

- ✓ Students who will be in grades 7-9 in 2027 (currently in grades 6-8)
- ✓ Residents from the West Tamar Council
- ✓ Able to commit to a 12-month term from December 2026 - December 2027
- ✓ Interested in developing public speaking skills and building professional networks

More Information:



westtamaryouth.com.au



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Apply now by scanning the QR code or going to our Website

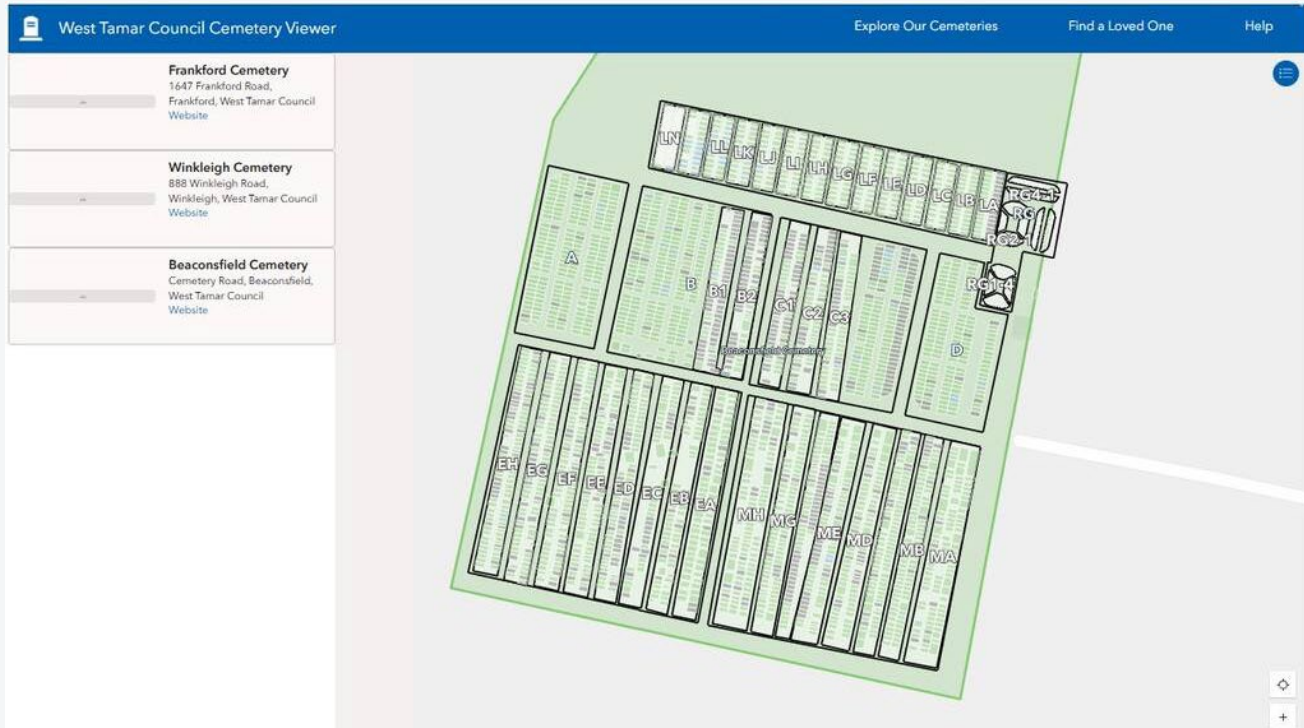


YOUTH MAYOR APPLICATIONS OPEN

We're excited to share that applications are now open for the 2027 Youth Mayor.

The West Tamar Youth Mayor Program, which began in December 2020, has seen six Youth Mayors so far. We're looking for the next name to add to that list!

Do you know a suitable candidate? Encourage them to apply now, as applications close on 2nd October 2026. For more details: <https://westtamaryouth.com.au/youth-mayor-program>



CEMETERY RECORDS NOW ONLINE

West Tamar Council's new cemetery viewer and search tool is now available on our website.

This tool has been developed to help locate loved ones interred within our Council managed cemeteries at Beaconsfield, Frankford and Winkleigh.

Please note that this tool is still a work in progress. While we are continuing to improve the accuracy and completeness of the information available, some records may be incomplete, incorrect, or not yet included.

If you encounter any features that are not working as expected or errors with the information, please contact us at wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au so we can investigate and make any necessary updates.

The new Cemetery Viewer can be accessed on our website: <https://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/cemetery-records-2/>

AUGUST 2026 COUNCIL MEETING

At its August ordinary meeting, Council:

- Received the Council Workshops Report for July and August 2026.
- Endorsed the Designation of Windsor Gardens as a Botanical Garden
- Received and noted the Fourth Quarter Performance Report – April to June 2026
- Endorsed the Economic Diversification and Investment Strategy – Submission on Consultation Draft.
- Endorsed a Funding Agreement for the Tamar Valley Wine Route.
- Adopted the updated Audit Panel Charter.
- Received and noted the Youth Advisory Council Minutes for July.
- Received and noted the Positive Ageing Committee Minutes for July.
- Noted the Rowella Committee Office Bearers and Meeting Schedule.
- Adopted the Exeter and District Structure Plan.
- Adopted the Capital Budget Carry-over and Amendments for August 2026.
- Endorsed the Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony 2027.
- Endorsed the Australia Day Awards – Nominations and Assessment.
- Endorsed a Motion on Notice from Cr Caroline Larner requesting the CEO to write to the State Government seeking that the Acropolis Drive-Tamar Island connection be identified as a priority section of the broader trail project, and to expedite opportunities to fund and deliver the project.
- Endorsed a Motion on Notice from Cr Josh Manticas to advocate for a public toilet at the Beauty Point Boat Ramp.
- Endorsed a Motion on Notice from Cr Josh Manticas to advocate for formalised footpaths on Flinders Street, Beauty Point.
- Deferred a Motion without Notice from Cr Caroline Larner regarding road safety concerns in Exeter and requesting a public meeting regarding both road safety concerns and the Exeter Structure Plan.
- Deferred a Motion without Notice from Cr Caroline Larner regarding access concerns raised by a ratepayer.
- A Motion without Notice from Cr Caroline Larner requesting provision of a supplementary Long-Term Financial Plan Capital Variance Report within 30 days and for the report to be tabled at the next ordinary meeting lapsed for want of a seconder.

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE - AUGUST 2026

Works Completed

- Beaconsfield, Julian Street: Road widening & footpath reconstruction
- Exeter, RV Dump Point
- Dog Parks and Amenities Improvement Program
- Beaconsfield Waste Transfer Station: Safety barriers

In Progress

- Bridgenorth Football Club: Netting behind goals
- Exeter, Tamar Visitor Centre Refurbishment
- Rosevears, Rosevears Drive: Road Reconstruction
- Rosevears, Bradys Lookout: Road reconstruction
- Windsor Precinct, Riverside: Olympic 2 soccer field reconstruction

- Refurbish Bonnie Beach & Deviot Pontoons
- Gravel Resheet Program

Starting Soon

- Banner poles: Christmas decorations and Flagtrax
- Beaconsfield, Archer Street: Footpath reconstruction
- Beaconsfield, Grubb Street Recreation Ground: Toilet block
- Beauty Point, Eton Street: Stormwater improvement
- Exeter Community Hub: Light towers
- Riverside, New Ecclestone Road: Property access road reconstruction
- Windsor Community Precinct: Shade structure outside cafe

CAROLS AT AULD KIRK

Christmas Carols will be held this year on the lawn at the Auld Kirk Church.

The carols will be accompanied by the West

Tamar Municipal Band, and followed by supper.

Starting time is set down for 7pm, finishing approximately 8.30pm.

West Tamar Council kindly supplies seating for this event.

For more information, go to the website:

<https://westtamarpresbyterianchurch.org.au>



BUSINESS GRANTS NOW OPEN!

Applications close midnight Monday, 26 October 2026.

Applications should align to one (or more) of the 2026 themes:

Innovation & Business

Diversification: Focuses on helping businesses adapt, modernise, and create new revenue streams that strengthen the local economy.

Activating Visitation & Regional

Promotion: Focuses on projects that draw people into the area, encourage them to stay longer, and highlight the region's unique strengths. (excludes Event Sponsorship, this is managed through Council's Sponsorship Policy).

Sustainable & Accessible Growth: Focuses on future-proofing businesses by reducing their environmental footprint or ensuring their goods and services can be enjoyed by everyone.

This is a competitive grant, so all applications received by the closing date will be assessed against the criteria. Applicants will be notified of the shortlisting outcome of the application in November 2026 (subject to council workshop and meeting schedules).

Please thoroughly read the guidelines prior to submitting your application and ensure that the business can contribute at least 10% of the overall project cost.



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

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.

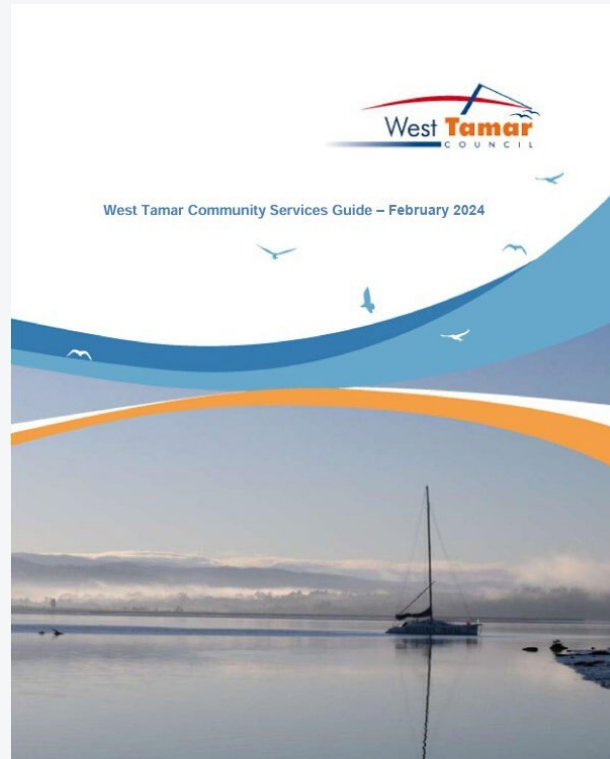
The Community Support Resource is a compiled information booklet created to assist community members experiencing hardship or needing extra support. It sits alongside Council's broader Community Service Guide and is promoted as a central point to access local and statewide services.

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/>



COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM

FRIDAY, 30
OCTOBER
2026

WINDSOR COMMUNITY PRECINCT, RIVERSIDE.

	AREA 3		AREA 2
10.00 AM - 11.00 AM	Dr Reddy Beaconsfield Family Medical Practise -Healthy Ageing-		Jane Henriette Cota -Ageism Awareness-
11.00 AM - 12.00PM	Dr Katie-Jane Brickwood -Exercise Physiologist-		Dr Matt Bulman -Riverside Chiropractic-
12.00PM - 12.30PM		LUNCH	Access to Health
12.30PM- 1.30PM	Community Dementia Service & Banksia House		Sarah Guo Medicare Mental Health Stride
1.30PM - 2.00PM	Tatum Lyon Care2Serve		Heather Jolly Positive Ageing Committee -Community Activities-



BOOKINGS (EVENT IS FREE/NO COST)

SCAN THE QR CODE AND FOLLOW PROMPTS
OR CALL 63239200



PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE SENIORS MONTH 2026

• FREE LUNCH PROVIDED

READY TO GET HIRED?

Pathways to Employment

Tuesdays 4pm-5:30pm
Aug 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and Sept 1st

5 week program

Windsor Community Precinct, Riverside

REGISTER NOW



Resume / cover
letter



Job search
profiles



interview prep



Exploring
industries &
careers



Email &
voicemail
setup



FOR 14-17 YEAR OLDS

PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT

Are you or someone you know looking to get hired, brush up your skills or learn about new industries? Then Pathways to Employment may be for you. For ages 14-17 years old.

To learn more, follow this link: <https://westtamaryouth.com.au/news/pathways-to-employment>

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Our next Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 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





YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE GRANTS PROGRAM

2026/2027

West Tamar Council's Youth Representative Grants Program is to provide financial support for young residents who have been selected to represent their community, region, or state in sporting, academic, cultural, or other achievement-based events at local, national, or international levels.

Aged between **12-25**? You might be eligible! View the Guidelines on the West Tamar Council Website.

Applications are now open, and close COB 30 April 2027 or when the funding pool is exhausted, whichever comes first.

For more information call or email the Community Services Department today, or visit the West Tamar Council Website.

NOW OPEN!

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COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

2026/2027

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 2027, 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.

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