INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS
Welcome to Circular Head, one of Tasmania's most beautiful and productive locations.

Circular Head is a rural municipality in far north west Tasmania. Our residents value the balance between a progressive economy, a natural environment and a vibrant lifestyle. We hope you come to appreciate this special and caring community.
CLIMATE AND LANDSCAPE

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Circular Head municipality is in the far north-west of Tasmania. At 4917km², it is one of the largest municipal areas in Tasmania. The Council itself was incorporated in 1908 and serves a population just over 8,000 people.

Circular Head gained its name from the shape of the 152m-high formation commonly known as “the Nut” in Stanley, the solidified lava lake of a long extinct volcano. The formation was sighted by Bass and Flinders on their historic circumnavigation of the state Tasmania in 1798.

Circular Head incorporates a large part of the Tarkine wilderness, which is the second largest expanse of cool temperate rainforest in the world.
BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Circular Head is blessed with an abundance of natural resources, allowing for a variety of businesses and industries. Key sectors include forestry and timber production, agriculture, dairy and prime beef production, commercial fishing and aquaculture, manufacturing, tourism, vegetable processing and iron ore pelletising. Magnetite concentrate from the Savage River Mine on Tasmania’s West Coast is pumped through an 85km pipeline to Port Latta, where it is pelletised and shipped to domestic and overseas customers. Circular Head businesses export to more than 20 countries, predominantly in the Asia-Pacific region.

Circular Head is Tasmania’s largest dairy area with more than thirty per cent of the State’s dairy farms. The municipality also has its share of successful niche industries such as Leatherwood honey production, seaweed fertiliser manufacturing and Japanese Wagyu cattle breeding.

Circular Head has the infrastructure required to support business that you would expect in a progressive municipality. We have high quality telecommunications, well-maintained roads and bridges, and with many of our industries exporting internationally, we have excellent road access to sea and airports in Burnie, Devonport, Launceston and Hobart.

Whether you are a long-term visitor or looking to move permanently to Circular Head you’ll find beautiful scenery, a diverse range of sporting and cultural activities, a caring community and an opportunity to maintain family values and friendships. Many people choose to move to Circular Head for the lifestyle and new residents find they quickly become a part of a close-knit and strong community.

OUR TOWNS

The Circular Head Council area encompasses the localities of Alcombe, Arthur River, Black River, Brittons Swamp, Broadmeadows, Christmas Hills, Couta Rocks, Cowrie Point, Crayfish Creek, Detention, Edgcumbe Beach, Edith Creek, Forest, Hellyer, Irishtown, Lileah, Marrawah, Mawbanna, Mella, Mengha, Meunna (part), Milabena (part), Montagu, Montumana (part), Nabageena, Nelson Bay, Port Latta, Redpa, Rocky Cape (part), Roger River, Scopus, Scotchtown, Sisters Creek (part), Smithton, South Forest, Stanley, Temma, Togari, Trowutta, West Coast (part), West Montagu, West Takone (part), Wiltshire and Woolnorth.
With some 3,500 residents, Smithton is the largest town and the administrative centre of Circular Head.

Smithton has many fine sporting facilities including a Community Recreation Centre and associated sporting fields for aussie rules football, cricket, tennis, netball and an astroturf hockey field. There is also an adjoining skate park. Other activities available include a 9-hole golf course, bowls and a pony club.

The recently completed Smithton Wellbeing Indoor Recreation and Leisure Centre (SWIRL) has provided the community with a state-of-the-art swimming pool and indoor fitness facility adjoining an existing indoor sports building used for basketball, badminton and squash.

Smithton District Hospital provides the community with 12 acute care beds, an Accident and Emergency Service, midwifery clinic and Visiting Services such as Radiology, Physiotherapy, Counselling, Women's Health Physio, Dietician, Paediatric Allied Health, Podiatry, Early Intervention and Obstetric Clinics. A range of community services are also provided from the hospital including Community Health Nursing, Home Help/Personal Care and HACC nail care clinic.

Smithton is the headquarters for State Emergency Services, Ambulance, Police and Fire Brigade services and has a permanently staffed Medical Centre offering regular GP services. Fully qualified physiotherapists, dentists, massage therapists and other specialist services are also available within the township.

Emmerton Park Aged Care Services is a community-based, not-for-profit organisation which provides a range of quality aged care services and facilities including Residential Care, Community Care and Day Respite Care. The facility has 66 independent living units in a village setting, providing quality care with a focus on skilled care for residents with special needs.
The historic township of Stanley is situated on an isthmus which juts into Bass Strait. Stanley is nestled around the base of the Nut, the solidified lava lake of a long-extinct volcano. The Nut’s summit can be accessed by a five-minute chair lift ride or a short, steep walk. The summit provides spectacular 360° views of Bass Strait, offshore islands and Circular Head municipality.

Migratory Shearwaters nest on the Nut and from Stanley wharf visitors can take a boat tour to view up to 200 Australian Fur Seals which congregate at Bull Rock. Little Penguins can also be seen coming ashore at Stanley and at other coastal locations in Circular Head.

Stanley was the base for Van Diemen’s Land Company operations in the region. The VDL Co. itself began in 1825 by Royal Charter under King George IV, who granted the company rights to a huge tract of unsettled land in north-west Tasmania. Highfield Historic Site was developed from the mid-1800s as part of the VDL Co. settlement and is well-worth a visit.

The town boasts a 9-hole golf course and a recreation ground where the annual Circular Head Agricultural Show is held.

The Stanley Town Hall which was opened in 1911 and still hosts many cultural activities throughout the year.
There are a few things you may need to know about when you move to Circular Head. Please also see the Guide to Services Brochure and our website circularhead.tas.gov.au for current and additional information.

Council Services

DOGS
In Tasmania, dogs over six months old must be registered with the Council within fourteen days of moving.
- Bring your microchipping certificates or evidence of prior registration to Council
- When registration fees are paid you will receive a permanent dog tag
- Registration fees are renewed annually. Discounts apply if paid in July each year
- If you move, or anything changes, you must let the Council know in writing within 14 days

FIRST HOME OWNERS ASSISTANCE
If you are purchasing your first home, you may be entitled to a $750 rates remission. Ask at the Council office for details.

KERBSIDE WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION
- Your rates notice will indicate which services you have, and how many bins you can put out
- In rural areas you may need to confirm with Council regarding pickup locations
- Maps and calendars for collection days are available from Council offices or from the website
- There is a My Local Services app available, which can be set up to give reminders for collection days
- The wheelie bins should be located on the side of the road with wheels facing away from the road by 7am on collection days. Please ensure that your wheelie bin does not obstruct traffic or pedestrians.

General Waste:
- General Waste is picked up weekly in Smithton and Stanley, and fortnightly in rural areas in the collection area
- All general waste needs to be placed in a green waste collection bin with a green lid
- Residents are responsible for the supply and maintenance of their own waste bin. Replacement bins may be purchased from a hardware store
- Waste bins require an authorisation sticker. Contact the Council office if you need one

Recycling:
- Kerbside recycling is picked up fortnightly in Smithton and Stanley
- Recycling may be taken free of charge to the White Hills Transfer Station
- Recycling bins have a yellow lid and are the property of Veolia Environmental Services
- If you require a replacement, please contact Council to arrange for this. A fee applies for the replacement

WHITE HILLS WASTE TRANSFER STATION
The Waste Transfer Station is located at 22475 Bass Highway, Smithton.
- Entry is managed by a coupon system
- Ten coupons are provided with rates notices each year
- Coupons can be purchased at the site (cash) or at the Council office (cash or EFTPOS)

State Government Services

CENTRELINK & MEDICARE
The nearest Centrelink / Medicare Service Centre is at 23 Marine Terrace, Burnie (approximately 85km from Smithton).
**ELECTRICITY & GAS**

TasNetworks operate the electricity network in Tasmania.

- Call 1300 137 008 to arrange a connection
- If you have recently moved to Tasmania ask about the CablePI safety device

Pipeline connected natural gas is not available to homes in Circular Head. If your house is connected to gas you will need to contact a retailer to supply gas bottles, e.g. Roberts Ltd Smithton - 6452 2511.

**PENSIONER RATES REMISSION**

If you have a valid concession card, you may be entitled to a rates remission from the State Government. Ask at the Council office for details.

- NOTE: If you have had a rates remission for your previous property and you have moved, **YOU WILL NEED TO REAPPLY** to receive the remission for your new property

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

There are no metro public transport services in Circular Head.

- Intertown bus services are limited to one or two services a day. Redline – 1300 360 000
- There is a taxi service. Star Taxis – 6452 1348

**SERVICE TASMANIA**

Service Tasmania provides customer service for many government services, including

- Licensing
- Vehicle Registration
- Fine payments
- State taxes
- Concession Cards
- Limited Centrelink Services

Service Tasmania is located at 134 Nelson Street, Smithton.

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**Health & Education**

**SCHOOLS**

- There are five public primary schools (K-6): Smithton, Stanley, Forest, Edith Creek and Redpa
- St Peter Chanel Catholic School in Smithton teaches primary classes (K-6)
- Smithton High is a public high school that teaches secondary school classes (7-12)
- The Circular Head Christian School teaches primary and secondary classes (K-12)

**SWIRL**

SWIRL features an indoor six lane, 25 metre pool, a program pool and a play area. The facility includes showers, a kiosk and other merchandise for sale.

**Local Services**

**BUSINESS DIRECTORY**

The Tarkine Coast Progress Group have created a business directory. You can download it from their website.

**NEWSPAPERS**

- The local weekly newspaper is the Circular Head Chronicle, published on Wednesdays
- The local daily newspaper is The Advocate, which is based in Burnie

**Approximate Driving Times**

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<td>14 King St, Smithton - 6452 2555</td>
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<td>LOCAL HOSPITAL</td>
<td>Smithton District Hospital – 6478 9520</td>
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<td>REGIONAL HOSPITAL</td>
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<td>23 Brickport Road, Burnie</td>
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<td>TASMANIAN FIRE SERVICE</td>
<td>Non-emergency - 1800 000 699</td>
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<td>ROAD EMERGENCIES – CIRCULAR HEAD</td>
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<td>ROAD EMERGENCIES – HIGHWAYS</td>
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### Social Media

Search Facebook for these terms or click on the links:

- **COUNCIL**: Circular Head Council
- **LOCAL NEWS**: Circular Head News & Events
- **JOBS**: Circular Head Jobs
- **CULTURE, HERITAGE & ARTS**: CHArts
- **LOST PETS**: Tasmanian Lost Pet Register
- **LOCAL BUY & SELL & CHAT**: Smithton Sale
- **REGIONAL BUY & SELL**: North-West Tassie Buy and Sell