



The Community Services team welcome you to the 55th edition of the Devonport Community Services Newsletter.

As we embrace the winter season, we're excited to invite you to join us in celebrating the harmonious blend of Jazz and the enchanting LuminoCity.

It's the perfect time to gather your non-profit group and apply for a Major or Minor Grant, which can provide valuable support to help your projects take flight.

In this edition, we also bring you insights from our sister City, Minamata, and encourage you to nominate exceptional individuals for prestigious accolades such as the Australian of the Year award, Tasmanian Community Achievement award, or a Devonport Australian Day Award. Let's come together and recognise the outstanding contributions within our community!

Have an event you would like to share with the community? Send us an email at events@devonport.tas.gov.au

groups. Anyone can subscribe by using the subscription button on the Council Website [here](#).



- 11 July - [Author Event Claire van Ryn](#)
- 12 July - [North West Film Society - Close](#)
- 13 July - [Author Event Dean Yates](#)
- 14 July - [Vika & Linda](#)
- 15 July - [Boy Girl Wall](#)
- 19 July - 22 February - [The First 50 Years](#)
- 20 July - [Queen: It's a Kinda Magic](#)
- 22 - 30 July - [LuminoCity](#)
- 26 July - [Luke Kidgell Happy Hour](#)
- 27 July - [Devonport City Probus Club – Christmas in July](#)
- 27-30 July - [Devonport Jazz Festival](#)
- 4 August - [Opera Gala](#)
- 5 August - [National Missing Persons Week - Service](#)
- 6 August - [Devonport International Café's 5th Birthday](#)
- 8 August - [HICCUP](#)
- 9 August - [North West Film Society - Everything Everywhere All at Once](#)

11 August - [Fearness Festival Gala Dinner 2020](#)

16 August - [Providing an Inclusive Practice and Community for LGBTIQA+ People](#)

17-19 August - [St. Brendan – Shaw College presents PIPPIN](#)

18 August - [Vietnam War Remembrance Service](#)

24 August - [GRIT - Tasmania Spirit on Screen](#)

2 September - [Expo of Everything](#)



- Every Monday and Tuesday 9.30am - [The Community HUB - Pathway to Life](#)
- Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday 6-7.50pm - [Grans Van](#)
- Every Monday 6pm - [Rotary Club of Devonport](#)
- First Monday in the Month 10am - [Ladies Probus Club of Devonport Inc](#)
- Forth Monday in the month 10am - [Mersey Valley Ladies Probus Club](#)
- Every Tuesday 9.30am - [Mersey Singers Choir](#)
- Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday of the School Term - [Ageing Stronger](#), [Active Longer](#)
- Every Tuesday 1.30pm - [East Devonport Child and Family Centre](#)
- Every Tuesday of the School Term 3-4.45pm - [Arvos @ The Junction](#)
- Every Tuesday of the School Term 5.30-7pm - [Devonport Rainbow Girl Guides](#)
- Every Tuesday 6.15pm - [Rotary Club of Devonport South East](#)

Local Group

- Every Tuesday 7.30pm - [City of Devonport Brass Band Senior Band rehearsal](#)
- Second Tuesday of each month 7.30pm - [Devonport Garden Club](#)
- First Tuesday of each month 6.30pm - [Inner Wheel - Mersey](#)
- Second and last Tuesday of each month 2-4pm - [Friends of the Don Reserve](#)
- Second and fourth Tuesday of each month 6.15pm - [Spirit of Devonport Toastmasters Club](#)
- Second Tuesday of each month 7.30pm - [Devonport Garden Club](#)
- Every Wednesday 5.30pm - [Heaven's Kitchen](#)
- First Wednesday of each month 6pm - [Soroptimists International Devonport](#)
- Every second Wednesday 10am-midday - [Reflections Dementia Friendly Cafe](#)
- Every fourth Wednesday 10am - Devonport Men's Probus Club - 0412 753 306
- Every Thursday 3.30-5pm - [City of Devonport Brass, Junior Band](#)
- Every Thursday and Saturday 1pm - [Senior Citizen Indoor Bowls](#)
- First Thursday of each month 5-6.30pm - [Headspace, Face to Face Safe Space Peer Support](#)
- Every Thursday of the School Term 6-8pm - [Devonport Indigo Girl Guides](#)
- First and third Thursday 7pm - [Mersey Devonport Lions Club](#)
- Every second Thursday times vary - [Salvation Army Companion Club](#)
- Every Thursday 6pm - [Rotary Club of Devonport North](#)
- Every Thursday 6.30pm - [Resonance Choir](#)
- First Thursday of each month 6pm - [Zonta Club of Devonport](#)
- Fourth Thursday of each month 10am - [Devonport Probus](#) (Combined Group)
- Every Friday 4-7pm - [Salvation Army Craft Group](#)
- Second Friday evening of each month - [Providore Place Twilight Markets](#)
- Occasional Saturdays 8.30-12pm - [Devonport Farmers Market](#)
- Sundays 9am - 2pm - [Don Markets](#)
- First Sunday of each month 2pm - [International Cafe Devonport](#)
- Second Sunday of each month 12pm - [Devonport Orchid Society](#)



- 13 June - [LIVING CITY vision enables development of cycling hub in CBD](#)
- 19 June - [Renowned Speaker Karen Young to Address Devonport Community on Empowering Children and Youth Against Anxiety](#)
- 21 June - [Council Prioritises Ratepayer Affordability and Economic Growth: 3.9% Rate Increase and Strategic Investment for a Prosperous Future](#)
- 22 June - [Don Reserve Parkland renamed in honour of first Warden](#)
- 30 June - [View Council's 2023/24 Budget](#)
- 3 July - [Council seeks community input into Strategic Plan review](#)
- 4 July - [Devonport's Access and Inclusion Working Group seeks members](#)
- 5 July - [Devonport's Financial Assistance Scheme Extends Support to Community Groups and Organisations](#)



Devonport Jazz 2023

Devonport Jazz is just around the corner, and we couldn't be more thrilled about the upcoming musical weekend!

This year we have a lineup of 27 events spread across 20 venues over three and a half days, involving over 40 participating groups. We're excited to welcome both familiar faces and new bands, providing opportunities to inspire, entertain, and engage with our community. Moreover, we are delighted to announce the return of one of our all-time favourite artists, Vince Jones, a legendary Jazz vocalist from Australia known for his effortlessly cool voice and unique contemporary style as an interpreter and composer of songs.

Get ready for an unforgettable jazz-filled experience at Devonport Jazz 2023!

Find the full program here: [Devonport Jazz 2023 Program](#)

Learn about the Devonport Jazz paranaple Festival Pass here: [paranaple Festival Pass](#)



paranaple convention centre shining a light

When possible, the paranaple convention centre will shine bright bold colours to show support and raise awareness for causes affecting families in our community.

World Fragile X Day

The paranaple convention centre will shine orange 22 July with the aim to bring attention to the individuals and families who are facing the challenges of Fragile X-associated Disorders. These conditions stem from changes in the FMR1 gene and can cause various physical, intellectual, and behavioural symptoms.

Learn more here: www.fragilex.org.au/

Devonport Jazz

To celebrate Devonport Jazz the paranaple convention centre will shine gold 27-30 July.

Find out more about the festival here: www.devonportjazz.com.au/



Major and Minor Grants now open

Council's community Major and Minor Grants Program supports community organisations to deliver one-off projects, events and activities that enhance the liveability, health and wellbeing of the Devonport community.

Applications are open until 31 August 2023.

Find eligibility, guidelines and application form here: [Major and minor grants | Devonport City Council](#)

Have questions? Send an email to grants@devonport.tas.gov.au



Devonport Devils Masters Swimming Club - new training equipment

Devonport Devils Masters Swimming Club received a grant from Devonport City Council for new coaching and training equipment in the last grant round. The equipment helps members improve their strokes and offers various training challenges.

Club Captain Nina Edwards appreciates the support, "The club can now support existing and new members better with their goals of getting fit and linking up with like-minded people, while enjoying the experience. The new equipment will add different facets to our training sessions, challenging our bodies and minds alike."

Coach Peta Ajkunic explains the benefits of the equipment, "There are a range of benefits associated with using training equipment whilst swimming. Ultimately, the use of this equipment can help to improve a swimmer's stroke, whether that is through technique or speed."

The grant has enhanced the club's training experience and opened doors to regional and national competitions.

here: [Major and minor grants](#), [Devonport City Council](#)



Healthy Tasmania Fund Step Forward Grants

Step Forward grants are up to \$5000 for activities and equipment that support health and wellbeing. This means that the focus is on keeping people healthy and well by preventing rather than treating illness.

Applications opened 1 July 2023 (and will close when the funding pool is used up). If successful you will have 5 months to spend the money.

Read the updated guidelines and learn more on the Healthy Tasmania Fund website: <https://www.health.tas.gov.au/about/what-we-do/strategic-programs-and-initiatives/healthy-tasmania-strategic-plan/step-forward-grants>



Minamata - Sister City

Minamata recently hosted its annual "Renryuusai" festival, translates to "Love Dragon Festival." This year's celebration marked a significant milestone as it was the first large-scale festival since the easing of COVID restrictions. Unlike the previous year's smaller gathering, the festival returned in full force with a vibrant atmosphere and a massive turnout of attendees.

The highlight of the event was the lively "sou odori," a grand group dance featuring hundreds of participants from the city hall, local businesses, and community organizations. Lasting for approximately two hours, the dance encircled the festival area, captivating spectators with its energetic rhythm.

Another major attraction was the spectacular fireworks display, which illuminated the sky with a stunning array of colours and shapes for approximately half an hour.

Additionally, the festival delighted visitors with a variety of local food stalls, offering a taste of regional flavours. Adding to the excitement, the Japanese Navy showcased the JS Hamana, allowing festival-goers to tour the ship. The presence of the Japanese Self Defence Forces, particularly during the rainy season when they

community's connection to Minamata's culture and resilience.



Nominations closing soon for 2024 Australian of the Year Awards

The Australian of the Year Awards is a national event held annually in Canberra to honour the achievements and contributions of Australians. It has showcased remarkable individuals from Tasmania, such as John Kamara, the most recent Tasmanian Australian of the Year, and Grace Tame, the 2021 Australian of the Year. Recipients can be anyone you admire, whether they are colleagues, friends, neighbours, or community figures. Their work may be highly visible or quietly impactful. If you believe their work deserves recognition, why not nominate them?

The cut-off date for nominations is Monday 31 July 2023. Find more information and application form here: <https://australianoftheyear.org.au/nominate>

Alternatively, the cut-off date for the Devonport Australia Day Awards is Friday 1 December 2023. Find more information and application form here: www.devonport.tas.gov.au/live/your-community/awards/australia-day-awards/



2023 Tasmanian Community Achievement Awards

If you know an individual, community group, organisation or business that is currently positively impacting the community you can nominate them for a Tasmanian Community Achievement Award!

Nominations close Tuesday 1 August: [click here](#)



Planning a special event or activity for Children's Week 2023 (21 - 29 October)?
Playgroups Tasmania would like to help you advertise it!

Registration is now open to include your activity in the Tasmanian Children's Week Activity Guide 2023. This great promotional tool will make sure your event gets in front of families around Tasmania. Registration for the Guide closes 1 August.

Registration link: [Children's Week Tasmania \(webflow.io\)](https://webflow.io).



Tasmania State of Volunteering - Have your say!

Volunteering Tasmania is seeking your input about how volunteering works in your community - including motivations and challenges to help them inform Tasmania's decision makers.

The survey takes about 10 – 15 minutes to fill in, and can be found in 11 different languages.

[Survey.](#)

[Devonport Regional Gallery Exhibitions](#)

[Atmospheres, Ecologies and Attunement](#)

Contemporary Landscape Practice from the Devonport Regional Gallery Permanent Collection

Curated by Guest Curator, Dr Troy Ruffels

Upper gallery, Level 2

27 May - 29 July 2023

[Create & Make Miniature Floats Exhibition](#)

Works from Create & Make Workshop Participants

Foyer Space, Ground Level

May - July 2023

[A Day From Now](#)

Little Gallery Emerging Artist

Sevé de Angelis

Little Gallery, Level 2

[To companion a companion](#)

Fernando do Campo

Main Gallery, Ground Level

24 June - 5 August 2023

[2023 Little Gallery Emerging Artist Program](#)

- 4 November 2023 - 9 December: Rodney Gardener
- 16 December 2023 – 20 January 2024: Joseph Collings-Hall



Council Meetings

Council meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month, in our Council Chambers in the Aberdeen Room, level 2, paranapple centre, 137 Rooke Street Devonport, starting at 5.30pm. Meetings will continue to be livestreamed on [Council's YouTube channel](#) for those who are unable to attend the meeting, and a link will be available the following day on Council's website: www.devonport.tas.gov.au/council/council-meetings/

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