



The Community Services team welcome you to the 56th edition of the Devonport Community Services Newsletter.

In this edition, we look at all this festival season has to offer, from the Christmas Parade, Carols, and Christmas in the East to Gingerbread making and a 3D Santa floating in the sky on your phone.

We also take a look back at the BioBlitz of Kelcey Tier, did you know we found some species not previously recorded in the area? Go and take a look!

If you have an event you would like to share with the community, send us an email at events@devonport.tas.gov.au

We would love for you to share Newsletter with your friends, networks and community groups. Anyone can subscribe by using the subscription button on the Council Website [here](#).



25 November - 10 December - [16 Days of Activism](#)

1 December - [Devonport Public Holiday - Devonport Show](#)

1 December - [Wreath Making Workshop](#)

1 December - [C3 Devonport Gingerbread House Building](#)

- 2 December - [Dance Revolution - A Day at the Movies](#)
- 3 December - [Community Rally - Save our East Devonport Clinic](#)
- 3 December - [International Cafe Devonport - Christmas Celebration](#)
- 5 December - [International Volunteer Day Community Breakfast](#)
- 5 December - [Consultation/Public Drop in sessions on potential offshore wind developments](#)
- 6 December - [Protect Yourself Against Scams at Devonport Library](#)
- 8 December - [Festive Friday](#) and [Storytowns Scavenger Hunt](#)
- 8 December - [Twilight Market](#)
- 8 December - [Devonport Christmas Parade](#)
- 9 December - [North West Pride End of Year Celebration - Latrobe](#)
- 9 December - [Christmas in the East](#)
- 9 December - [Caroline Small School of Dance - Alice in Wonderland](#)
- 9 December - [Devonport Farmers Market](#)
- 9-10 December - [Santa Train](#)
- 10 December - [Santa photos by the sea](#)
- 10 December - [Gingerbread House Making - Gateway Church](#)
- 10 December - [Devonport Carol's by Candlelight](#)
- 13 December - [Lunch with the Premier The Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP](#)
- 13 December - [Pete Hay/Bert Spinks - A Tasmanian Map \(Devonport\)](#)
- 13 December - [North West Film Society - Red, White and Brass](#)
- 14 December - [Pride Coffee](#)
- 14 December - [Mersey Singers Christmas Concert](#)
- 15 December - [Festive Friday](#) and [Storytowns Scavenger Hunt](#)
- 17 December - [Mr Perfect Devonport BBQ](#)
- 18 December - [Council Meeting](#)
- 22 December - [Breakfast in the Park](#)
- 22 December - [Festive Friday](#) and [Storytowns Scavenger Hunt](#)
- 24 December - [Christmas Eve Music Festival](#)
- 25 December - [Devonport Public Holiday - Christmas](#)
- 26 Devonport - [Devonport Public Holiday - Boxing Day](#)
- 29-30 December - [2023 SeaRoad Taste the Carnival](#)
- 31 December - [Eve in the City](#)
- 1 January - [Devonport Public Holiday - New Year's Day](#)



- 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](#)
- Fourth 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](#)
- Every Tuesday and Thursday of the School Term 6.30pm - [City of Devonport Scout 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 City Probus Clubs](#) (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 November - [Devonport to celebrate volunteers with appreciation breakfast](#)

22 November - [Reseal Works Program: Upcoming Asphalt and Spray Seals](#)



Nominations closing soon for 2024 Australia Day Awards

The Devonport Australia Day Awards recognise the achievements of community members and groups who have made a significant contribution to the Devonport community. Nominations can be lodged in the categories of Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year and are open from February through to beginning of December.

Nominations for the 2024 awards are open (due to close 8am Monday, 4 December 2023). Find details [here](#).



The Spirit of Christmas – Storytowns Christmas Hunt

To celebrate the Spirit of Christmas, Devonport City Council have partnered with [Storytowns Audio Tours](#), creating an immersive podcast-style Xmas Scavenger Hunt! Featuring audio clues from Santa himself, kids and families can take an adventure through the local streets as they follow Santa's clues, looking for his lost reindeer at local sites and businesses. Once the kids have found the Reindeer, their digital game cards go into a draw to win prizes!

The [Storytowns App](#) can be downloaded free from the App store. Find more details and handy hints [here](#).

With thanks to Devonport City Council, Elizabeth Matthews Gifts, Luzette Florist, Evolve Sport & Leisure, Devonport Bookshop, Just For You Homewares, Passport Surf, A H Pease Shoe Store, Tasmania Printer Cartridge Company



The Spirit of Christmas in Devonport

Imagine seeing an enormous 3D Santa and his reindeers floating in the sky, or placing a virtual 3D Santa next to you through your phone, and being able to capture your annual Christmas photo/video.

Visit the paranapple precinct, Haines Park and the Rooke Street Mall throughout

space and experience a magical Christmas adventure.



BioBlitz

On 20-21 October local community members (including local school children) worked together with scientists and Naturalists to identify as many living species as possible living in the Kelcey Tier Greenbelt as part of an [Extinction Matters BioBlitz](#). Species were recorded in the [iNaturalist](#) app/program (research grade records) and once verified will be then transferred to the Tasmanian government database, the [Natural Values Atlas](#) (NVA) and the federal government's database, the [Atlas of Living Australia](#) (ALA).

The BioBlitz numbers (so far):

- A total of 52 events were conducted as part of the BioBlitz, this included speaking events, an award ceremony, art sessions, and surveys.
- Lead up sessions saw 72 people participate.
- The BioBlitz school session engaged 90 students from 5 schools and 1 homeschool group.
- The community BioBlitz sessions drew 150 participants, most of whom attended multiple sessions, amounting to 380 recorded attendees.
- 30 Survey leaders consisting of Scientists and Naturalists.
- 7 Staff onsite consisting of; 1 Bookend Trust employee, 2 UTAS employees and 4 Council Officers.
- Collaboration with 12 local businesses contributed to the success of the event.
- 422 distinct species recorded in iNaturalist, with 221 fully confirmed at the event. These may fluctuate with time as contributors ('identifiers') confirm species.
- Among the species recorded, were 5 threatened species recorded, and many new species were noted, pending confirmation.

Notable BioBlitz moments:

- The impromptu participation of families, initially there to observe after hearing about their child's school experience on site, but ending up fully engaged in

bats gliding at a slower than usual pace directly above them. This occurrence allowed for the species differences to be pointed out to the attendees.

- A common question at the Bioblitz from participants to the survey leaders of the 'plant team' Philip Milner and Phil Collier was "what plant is this?". On one occasion the species in question was a plant previously unseen within the Kelcey Tier Greenbelt. What made this discovery significant was that the plant, identified as *Pimelea curviflora* var. *gracilis*, commonly known as Slender Curved Riceflower, is classified as rare under the Threatened Species Protection Act 1995. This shrub typically ranges from 20 to 120cm in height and showcases petite red to yellow flowers during the spring season. At this stage three separate populations of this species have been identified in the area, totalling an estimated 150 individual plants. Comprehensive data regarding these populations have been documented and submitted to the Natural Values Atlas (the official Tasmanian Government Database)
- Threatened Species recorded
 1. *Neophema chrysostoma* – Blue-winged Parrot
 2. *Dasyurus maculatus* – Spotted-tailed Quoll
 3. *Falsistrellus tasmaniensis* - Eastern False Pipistrelle
 4. *Sarcophilus harrisii* - Tasmanian Devil
 5. *Pimelea curviflora* var. *gracilis* - curved riceflower

The BioBlitz was thanks to: [Bookend Trust](#), UTAS, Devonport City Council, Individual Scientists and their Organisations (eg: Tas Land Conservancy), and ALL who participated.

A complete list of the flora recorded can be found on Council's website: [Kelcey Tier Flora](#)

Bat species have been identified and some sound recordings can be found on the website here: [Kelcey Tier Wildlife](#) (Note more wildlife will be added as records are verified)



Major and Minor Grants open soon

Council's community Major and Minor Grants Program supports community

Applications will open 1 January until 28 February 2024.

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



Neighbours Every Day 2024

Local Tasmanian community members, groups and organisations are encouraged to apply for grants up to \$1,250 that can be used to host neighbourly activities in the community.

Purpose of the grant scheme: to support and encourage people to connect with their neighbours to increase belonging and minimise loneliness.

Grant activities/events don't have to occur on the day of action - Neighbour Day 31 March 2024 (Easter Sunday), but this is encouraged.

Grant Guidelines, and application form can be found [here](#).



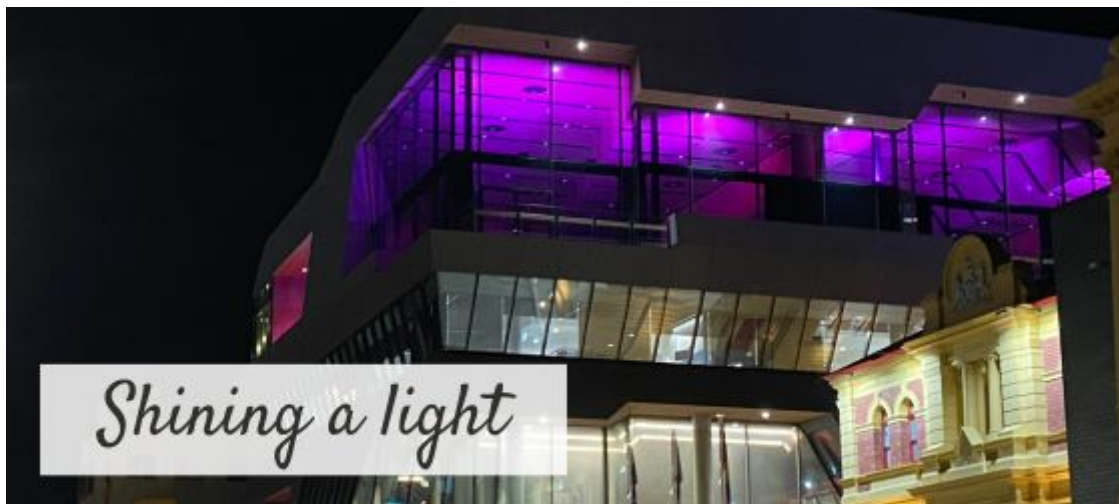
International Women's Day Small Grants Program

To celebrate and promote the contribution of Tasmanian women to their communities,

Organisations can apply for grant of up to \$2,000 for each application. All funding is subject to terms and conditions, which will be outlined in the Grant Agreement with successful applicants.

Applications close Friday 8 December 2pm find guidelines and application form [here](#).

Planning an International Women's day event for next year? We would love to hear about it, to add it to our calendar of events. Please send an email to events@devonport.tas.gov.au



paranaple convention centre shining a light

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

Over the last few months, we have acknowledged;

[Bravehearts](#) Wednesday 30 August, 2023 - Purple

[Women's Health Week](#) 4-8 September 2023 - Purple

[World Lymphoma Awareness](#) Day 15-18 September - Lime

[Light up for Mito](#) 22-25 September - Green

[Probus Day](#) 29 September - 2 October - Blue

[Anti Poverty Week](#) 15-21 October - Green, White and Blue

[World Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month](#) 16 November - Purple

[16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence](#) 25 November - 10 December - Orange



e-Transport support

Three new programs have been announced to support the uptake of electric vehicles and reduce transport emissions in our state:

1. Rebates for the purchase of e-Mobility devices such as e-bikes, cargo e-bikes, e-scooters and e-skateboards.
2. Rebates to help fund the cost of purchasing an electric vehicle.
3. No-interest loans to install home chargers for electric vehicles.

Programs 1 and 2 are now open. The guidelines for the programs including the details about how to apply can be found here: <https://recfit.tas.gov.au/e-transport>



Tasmanian Housing Strategy and Action Plan 2023-27

The Tasmanian Government's first 20-year, whole-of-system housing strategy, with the ambitious vision to end homelessness in Tasmania, was launched mid-November.

The Strategy seeks to create a more equitable housing system where Tasmanians can live in homes where they are safe and healthy, within communities where they can thrive, and which are close to where they work.

With the delivery of more quality homes, faster, our homelessness services will have the capacity to identify and assist people experiencing homelessness, by quickly providing them with suitable housing and support.



[Devonport Regional Gallery Exhibitions](#)

[Limilnaturi \(Devonport\): Visions of a Palawa](#)

Rod Gardner

Little Gallery, Level 2

4 November - 9 December 2023

[Zoonoses](#)

Dr Nicola Hooper

Main Gallery, Ground Level

25 November 2023 - 6 January 2024

[2023 Little Gallery Emerging Artist Program](#)

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, parnaple 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

- Monday, 18 December 2023 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 22 January 2024 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 26 February 2024 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 25 March 2024 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 22 April 2024 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 27 May 2024 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 24 June 202 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 22 July 2024 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 26 August 2024 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 23 September 2024 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 28 October 2024 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 2 November 2024 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 23 December 2024 | 5:30pm

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