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### NEW SITE TO WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR IN THE CITY



#### Devonport's New Year's Eve celebrations will move to Aikenhead Point this year.

Overlooking the Bass Strait and the mouth of the Mersey River, the people of Devonport will say Bon Voyage 2019 and start cruising into 2020 at this year's SeaFM City of Devonport Skyfire New Year's Eve celebration.

With the change in venue to Aikenhead Point, the family fireworks at 9.30pm and the midnight display will take full advantage of the maritime vista and be fired over the water from the Spirit of the Sea statue.

A full evening of live music will begin at 6pm and will start with local youth bands as part of Skyfire Spotlight. Special guests, Nine Live Rock 'n' Soul Revue, will continue into the night with their trademark high energy tunes to get everyone up on the dance floor. Interspersed with the music will be Minute to Win It-type challenges with great prizes, magic and circus performers.

Across the site there'll be plenty for families to do. Activities such as Zorb Balls, Swing Cars, an inflatable slide and a jumping castle will keep the kids entertained, and family and friends can challenge each other at the tabletop and giant games.

You can also decorate yourself with face painting, temporary tattoos or Henna art, or decorate a scratch mask.

Highlights will be the SeaFM Silent Disco and the chance to write your wishes, dreams and resolutions to be added to the Wheel of Dreams.

Council and MerseyLink have partnered to offer a free shuttle bus which will run every 15 minutes during the event, with pick up points near Fourways, Kmart and at the Rooke Street interchange. The Spirit of Devonport Ferry will also be crossing the Mersey during the evening, at its normal prices.

Dress for the journey into the new decade and enjoy a scrumptious selection of food and beverages at the event of the year.

For those wanting an adrenaline rush, the Summer Family Fun Fair at Devonport Oval will also be opening on New Year's Eve with a terrific selection of carnival rides and games.

Entry is free to this non-smoking event which is fully licenced meaning no BYO alcohol and no glass can be brought on site.

COUNCIL UPDATE

## NEW LIFE RINGS INSTALLED AT THE BLUFF



Mayor Annette Rockliff and DSLSC vice-president Luke Emmett at the site of one of the life rings.

The Devonport City Council, with the support of the Australian National Sportfishing Association (ANSA), has taken a major step towards safeguarding the lives of all water users, by installing two Angel Rings at popular locations at the Bluff.

Angel Rings are life buoys which can be thrown to anyone who unfortunately finds themselves in difficulty in the water, and greatly increases the chance of survival until rescue.

One ring is located adjacent to the Bluff Lighthouse car park and the other is next to the path adjacent to a popular rock fishing area about 250 m north of the old sound shell at the Bluff.

The Mayor, Cr Annette Rockliff, said water activities were commonplace in the city, particularly during the summer months, and the rings had the potential to greatly assist anyone who finds themselves in difficulty in the water.

## BUS STOP WORKS CONTRACT APPROVED

Council last night approved a \$368,422 contract for new bus stop infrastructure required due to changes to the State Government's public bus service.

The Government is simplifying the Devonport bus network with an aim to reduce the number of routes and to provide more direct travel, with increased frequency of buses.

The project is being undertaken by Council on behalf of the State Government as most of the work is on Council roads.

It involves a hard stand area and footpath widening, connections or ramps to footpaths, bus stop signage, tactile indicators, new linemarking and bus shelter relocation.

The work - awarded to CBB Contracting - will occur at various locations throughout the city early in the new year.

"The rings certainly have the potential to save lives and while we obviously hope they will never be needed their presence is an important safety measure," she said.

"There have been incidents previously where people have lost their lives in our waters and any step Council can take to lessen the possibility of this happening must be seen as a positive."

ANSA Safety Officer Stan Konstantaras said prevention was the best cure and there were many steps rock fishers could take to ensure their safety.

Such tips can be found at [www.safefishing.com.au](http://www.safefishing.com.au)

Council worked with the Devonport Surf Life Saving Club to determine the most appropriate locations for the rings.

DSLSC vice president Luke Emmett welcomed the Council and ANSA initiative.

"These are great lifesaving aids which can be used to assist someone who ends up in the water until we, or other parties, can be contacted to provide assistance," Mr Emmett said.

## 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS PLANNED

The Bass Strait Maritime Centre is celebrating the centenary of the Heritage-listed Harbour Master's Residence and the longevity of the Museum on Saturday 18 January 2020 by having a 1920s themed garden party between 10 am and 4 pm.

There will be many activities at this Birthday Bonanza, including a 1920s costume competition, traditional rope making, flag hoisting, live music, as well as a High Tea run by Pearl Oyster Bar & Cafe. Several historical organisations will also be in attendance.

The main event for the day is the inaugural 'Slocum Dry Land Regatta', a boat race on land that will take place on Joshua Slocum Park. Teams will build their own boat out of cardboard over the course of the day, with racing commencing at 3 pm.

It is a family friendly event, with activities for all ages.

This gold coin entry fee will also allow patrons to gain access to the Museum.

Registrations for the 'Slocum Dry Land Regatta' are essential prior to the event. Team fees are \$15 to cover material costs.

Please get in touch with the Centre on 03 6424 7100 or [bookings@bassstraitmc.com.au](mailto:bookings@bassstraitmc.com.au) to receive an information pack.