



## DEVONPORT CITY COUNCIL

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# COUNCIL UPDATE

## DECEMBER EVENTS UPDATE

Although Devonport City Council will be celebrating Christmas a little differently this year, Santa is definitely still on track to visit the City in December.

A report was considered at the Council meeting on Monday 26 October, detailing an update on the events planned for December.

Councillors acknowledged the impacts of COVID-19 on the usual Christmas events and commended staff in finding ways to bring festive cheer to the City in COVID safe ways.

In conjunction with a number of community groups and service organisations, Council is planning activities, programs and events which will provide for Christmas festivities to be enjoyed throughout the City.

The community can look forward to a Christmas lights festival, free family movies on the big screen, a Santa tour through Devonport, the traditional Christmas tree panels in the mall, the Don Twilight Christmas Market and festive window displays. There will also be online activities and competitions including an online pet parade.

Discussions and planning are still underway for the events to be held in December, and a calendar of events and further information will be released in November.



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Through the provision of its Financial Assistance Scheme, Council supports projects, programs and activities developed for the benefit of Devonport's residents and visitors. At the October Council meeting, Council approved the following Major and Minor applications for round one of the scheme:

## Major Grants

Organisation	Project	Funding Approved
East Devonport Football Club	Girdlestone Park changeroom upgrade	\$12,500 *subject to Federal and State funding
Devonport Judo Club	Purpose fit the former gymnastics room at the Devonport Recreation Centre	\$15,000

## Minor Grants

Organisation	Project	Funding Approved
Devonport Scout Group (auspiced by the Rotary Club of Devonport)	Camping equipment	\$2,000
Mersey Rowing Club Inc.	2x Olympic barbells	\$593
Devonport Volleyball Association	New volleyball equipment	\$2,200
Working It Out Inc.	Making inclusion stick	\$600

Council also approved Rate Remission applications totalling \$27,836.76, and COVID-19 Impact Assistance Grants totalling \$30,800. The COVID-19 assistance grants were established to provide assistance to local community and sporting organisations financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Round two of the 2020/21 Financial Assistance Scheme will open on 1 January 2021.

## RANT ARTS PARTNERSHIP

Council has endorsed a partnership agreement with RANT Arts, and agreed to lease 45-47 Stewart Street Devonport to RANT for a period of 12 months.

RANT manage a number of specific arts projects, devised to increase capacity within regional areas, and provide community cultural development opportunities for people living in regional communities. Their relocation to Devonport is seen as an opportunity to leverage the benefits an independent arts organisation would provide the city, including:

- raising the profile of Devonport as an arts active city;
- provision of support and resources for local artists and activators to deliver cultural activity;
- delivery of innovative arts projects focussed on community engagement and participation
- facilitation of pathways, partnership and communication channels for the creative industries and young people in the region.

## TENDERS APPROVED

The following tenders were approved at the October Council meeting:

- Contract CT0279 Bridge Road Pavement Renewal - awarded to Walters Contracting Pty Ltd for the tendered sum of \$269,031 (exc GST).
- Contract CT0271 Mersey Bluff Traffic Improvements - awarded to Hardings Hotmix for the tendered sum of \$276,870 (exc GST).

## PUBLIC LIGHTING STRATEGY

Council has endorsed the release of the Draft Public Lighting Strategy 2021-26 for public consultation. The 30-day public consultation period will provide the community with an opportunity to provide input before the Strategy is adopted by Council.

## AGM

Council's 2020 AGM will be held on Monday, 9 November commencing at 5:30pm in the convention centre, L3 paranple centre, 137 Rooke Street Devonport.

Registration to attend the meeting will be accepted up to 12 noon on Monday 9 November.