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**Council have been regularly updating the information about**

**[COVID-19](#) on the Council [website](#).**

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Some of the most recent Community Services updates that may interest you/your networks.

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### COVID-19 Sport and Recreation Grants Program

The COVID-19 Sport and Recreation Grants Program Tranche 2 is now open to Tasmanian sport and recreation clubs. Funding will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Up to \$3,000 is available per organisation, to assist in ensuring a safe return to play under the organisation's COVID-19 Safety or Return to Play plan. Organisations are eligible to apply for reimbursement of eligible items purchased on or after 8 May 2020.

Examples of eligible equipment can include, but is not limited to:

- hygiene supplies such as hand sanitiser, soap, and disinfectant;
- additional equipment to comply with safety measures such as thermometers and face masks;
- additional protective equipment for players to avoid the need to share equipment;
- additional equipment for training to meet hygiene requirements e.g. balls, training bibs, cones;
- additional game day equipment to meet hygiene requirements; and
- printing of additional signage regarding COVID-19 safety.

Clubs must be affiliated to a State/National Sporting Organisation recognised by Sport Australia or affiliated to an organisation funded as a State Active Recreation Provider (SARP) under Communities, Sport and Recreation's State Sport and Recreation Grants Program.

The program guidelines and application form can be found [here](#).

For further information please contact Tasmanian Communities, Sport and Recreation on 1800 252 476

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The Devonport City Council recognises the immense benefits provided to our residents and visitors by local community organisations through the provision of activities and services.

Granting a full or partial remittance of the general rate is one method of supporting and assisting local non-profit organisations to cater for and respond to the needs of Devonport residents.

2020-2021 applications for Rates Remissions will be accepted between 1 July and 31 August 2020 (to be assessed September 2020).

Find details on eligibility, conditions and the online application form on the Council website [here](#).

Individual Development Grants, Community Donations and In Kind Assistance Grants are assessed on a monthly basis. Details on these grants and their application forms can be found on the Council website [here](#).

Any questions can be emailed to: [grants@devonport.tas.gov.au](mailto:grants@devonport.tas.gov.au)

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### COVID Grant Opportunities

Find information on COVID related grants and the Cradle Coast Funding Finder on the Council website [here](#).

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access free emergency food supplies.

The non-perishable food boxes contain meal starters, beverage sachets and snacks and were assembled by Plymouth Brethren Christian Church charity, [Rapid Relief Team AU](#).

A total of 320 boxes are available for access on the Braddon electorate. If you would like register or know some one who is in need, please contact the Devonport City Council on 6424 0511 to register your interest.

### **Safe from Violence Tasmania - Website**

The [Safe from Violence](#) website provides information, resources and links about family and sexual violence. It is a website for;

- victim-survivors,
- perpetrators,
- family and friends of victims-survivors and perpetrators,
- service providers (specialist, mainstream and universal) and
- the community.

It also aims to increase community awareness about family and sexual violence, the underlying drivers, provide family and sexual violence service contact information, and pathways to seeking support.

Access the website [here](#).



### **Thank you Don College**

This Winter, Council Officers and community have planted over 2,000 native seedlings in the local government area.

Don College students planted about 480 plants and grasses to the west of Coles Beach/ the old Gun Club area.

### **New plants around the Bluff headland**

As part of the program, 300 eucalyptus trees and coastal wattles were planted around [Tiagarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place](#) and the Bluff headland. Thank you to Dave mangenner Gough and the 25 community members involved.

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### Childcare fees return in July

Here's what you need to do now:

1. Families should plan for a return to paying fees from Monday, 13 July. Before then, chat with your childcare service about what this means for your family.
2. Confirm your 2018-2019 income with Centrelink by 30 June, you'll continue to receive Child Care Subsidy and Family Tax Benefit - and avoid being overpaid.
3. Check your entitlements with Centrelink. The rules may have changed, know how many hours of childcare your entitled to.
4. Talk to your Childcare provider about;
  - Any financial hardship options available,
  - Changing hours, ensure to give a few weeks notice, Or
  - Change of details including direct debit details.

How to contact Centrelink

Via your [MyGov app](#)

Phone 136 150

In person at your local Centrelink



### **Training and Support for Seniors**

Devonport Online Access Centre were successful in obtaining a Be Connected Digital Devices grant to assist in combating social isolation for Australians aged 50+ during COVID-19 social distancing emergency measures, supporting those who are not currently connected to the internet at home. With the grant funding Devonport Online have purchased Samsung tablets and prepaid SIM cards to loan to socially isolated or disadvantaged older Australians. These devices and any training required will be provided free of charge.

The tablets will be loaned out for 2 weeks at a time, with the possibility of extending. Contact 0444 525 434 for bookings/details.





### **Cradle Coast Authority COVID-19 Business Survey**

The Cradle Coast Authority has developed a survey to better understand the impact COVID-19 is having on businesses and other organisations in the region.

If you would like to participate, complete the survey [here](#).

### **Cradle Coast Authority Free Mentoring Hub**

Available for businesses, community groups, not-for-profits and clubs. Volunteer mentors with experience in business (and backed by the Tasmanian School of Business and Economics) are available to help organisations get back on their feet. Find out more [here](#).

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### **Sports Infrastructure Master Plan Working Group**

Devonport City Council is inviting nominations for a Sports Infrastructure Master Plan Working Group.

The Working Group is to include representatives with a high-level knowledge and/or experience in sport and recreation planning or development.

Three members will be drawn from the business/ general community, two from peak sporting bodies and one from the State Government. Two Councillors will also be appointed.

Find more information, the Terms of Reference and nomination form on the website [here](#).

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### Events and Activities

Council continue to advertise events and activities via the Council Website –

#### What's on in Devonport

If you have an online or in-person event to share, please don't hesitate to send the information through to [marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.gov.au](mailto:marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.gov.au)

### Fit Fridays

The Sport and Recreation Department have now covered multiple Warm Up sessions. Keep an eye out, as Super Sets are added in the next few weeks! Find them on the Council website [here](#).

### Wellness Wednesday

Even with the lifting of restrictions, it is important for us to not become complacent. Find all the hints and tips for on the Council Website [here](#).



### Devonport Jazz 2020

Make sure you are following Devonport Jazz via [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and/or the [Devonport Jazz Website](#) this July.

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Council offices may be closed, but we are still working behind the scenes and still contactable.

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