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July 2020 - Edition 4

The Community Services Department's regular community update with information about programs, events, grants, community projects and news from across Council.

Share with your networks/community. Let us know if there is a project or event that we can share!

Email: marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.gov.au

Tasmania has extended its state of emergency

Thursday, 9 July 2020: Tasmania has extended its state of emergency until the

More details will be released Friday, 10 July 2020. Find State Government Media Releases regarding coronavirus on the [Coronavirus Tasmania Website.](#)

Council continue to update the information available via [Meeting the Challenge of COVID-19](#) on the Council Website.

Some handy links we have come across this last week from the Tasmanian Government:

[Emergency relief support](#)

[Emergency food relief](#)

[Mental health and wellbeing support](#)

[Financial services and support](#)



Changes to Ticket to Play

Ticket to Play vouchers help with the cost of sporting club registration for children aged 5-17 on Centrelink Health Care, Pensioner Concession Cards or in Out of Home Care.

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Under the 2020-21 program, each eligible child can receive two vouchers worth up to \$100 each – even if they had a voucher during the coronavirus period (between January and June 2020).

Each voucher can be used at a different Approved Activity Provider, or both used at one Approved Activity Provider.

All unredeemed vouchers from the coronavirus period are now invalid. Eligible participants can reapply [here](#).

Find more information and apply [here](#).

Contact tickettoplay@communities.tas.gov.au or on 1800 252 476 for further information.



Media Releases and News available on the Council website -

2 July 2020: [Council extends support to local sporting clubs](#)

2 July 2020: [Business registration and licence extensions](#)

7 July 2020: [Devonport Regional Gallery reopening Monday, 13 July 2020](#)

8 July 2020: [Expressions of Interest – Vacant space, Devonport Recreation Centre](#)

Devonport Community Rates Remissions

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 are open until 31 August 2020.

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

COVID Grant Opportunities

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



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Support is available to help Aurora customers impacted by COVID-19 to pay their energy bills. Support can include bill relief, waiving fees or charges, freezing debt and subsidised payment plans, in addition to a range of other support offered.

To access support call the COVID19 customer support line on 1300 132 006 or [website](#).

A fact sheet can also be found on the Council Website [here](#).



School Holiday Events

Details on School Holiday activities offered by [Youth Family and Community Connections](#) and Council are available on the [Council Website What's On Devonport](#).



Free Epilepsy-Related Advice

The Epilepsy Nurse Line is a FREE 1300 hotline available 9am-5pm seven days a week. The service is funded by the Department of Health and every call is answered by a Registered Nurse trained in epilepsy management.

The Nurses on the helpline are qualified to answer questions about medications, lifestyle implications of epilepsy such as drinking alcohol, driving, playing sport or pregnancy, planning for the NDIS, employment, first aid, seizure management and more. The Nurses can also refer callers on to external services or Consultants.

Contact: 1300 37 45 37 (1300 epilepsy) Epilepsy Action Australia

Email: epilepsy@epilepsy.org.au

Website: www.epilepsy.org.au/our_services/epilepsy-nurse-line/



Everyone can play survey

Working It Out (Tasmania's gender, sexuality and intersex status support and education service) have created a survey to gather evidence of what both LGBTIQ+ people and others are experiencing in the Tasmanian sporting environment, and how that is impacting on sports participation.

The survey is the first phase of project Everyone Can Play, focusing on increasing physical activity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer (LGBTIQ+) Tasmanians.

Participate in the Survey [here](#).



COVID19 Urban Agriculture and Community Gardening Survey

The COVID-19 pandemic brought about major changes in where we spend our time, who with and what we do. Sustain the Australian Food Network would like to know:

- The extent of edible food growing by Australians in 2020
- The impact of the COVID-19 restrictions and ongoing legacy on the take-up and / or expansion of edible food growing by Australians
- What resources and supports Australians may want or need to continue and / or expand their practices of edible food growing

Find more details and a survey [here](#).

Top Tips to Healthy Mind Habits

Over the next twelve (12) weeks the Statewide Youth Collaborative Group will be sharing a video on healthy mind habits each Monday and Wednesday at 2pm on the [YNOT facebook page](#).

They have also created a series of healthy mind resource posters that can be found on their website [here](#).

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For community members who have paid rates to Devonport City Council for 50 years or more.

This year the luncheon will be held Monday, 12 October 12-1.30pm, paranapple convention centre, 3rd Floor of the paranapple centre, 137 Rooke Street Devonport.

Bookings are essential.

RSVP by Friday, 2 October 2020 by calling Council Customer Service on 03 6424 0511 or sending an email to council@devonport.tas.gov.au

Family Safety Pack for Migrants

The Australian Government has developed a [Family Safety Pack](#) for those moving to Australia. It includes information on Australia's laws regarding domestic and family violence, sexual assault and forced marriage, and a woman's right to be safe.

Developed as part of the [National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022](#), the Family Safety Pack is translated into 46 languages, find them [here](#).

Also available, factsheets to raise awareness of the role and responsibilities of interpreters in domestic violence situations.

Devonport Recreation Centre

The [Devonport Recreation Centre](#) has reopened for casual use 9.30am-2.30pm Monday through to Friday.

[Ageing Stronger, Active Longer](#) to start back at the Devonport Recreation Centre 14 July 2020 find more details [here](#).

[Tai Chi](#) to start back at the Devonport Recreation Centre 15 July 2020 find more details [here](#).

Call the Devonport Recreation Centre for further details: 03 6424 4109

[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

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](#).



Devonport Jazz in Retrospect

It's time for Jazz in July!

Throughout the month, "Devonport Jazz In Retrospect" will be sharing some festival memories from years gone by. You never know who might pop up.

Follow the [Devonport Jazz on Facebook](#) for more details.



Roadworks Formby Road off-ramp will be closed

Roadworks will be undertaken on Formby Road Friday, 10 July 7pm-midnight, at the intersection of Formby Road and the Bass Highway Devonport off-ramp (west-bound).

Motorists are advised that the off-ramp will be closed, and traffic will be diverted to the Middle Road off-ramp.

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

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