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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, subscription available on the Council Website [here](#).

Let us know if your group or organisation has project or event that we can share by emailing: marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.gov.au

MEDIA RELEASES

Media Releases and News available on the Council website -

22 July 2020: [Mayor's Message](#)

22 July 2020: [Replacement of Spirit of Tasmania Ferries](#)

23 July 2020: [Devonport Jazz 2020 - A Festival in Retrospect](#)

27 July 2020: [Livestreamed - Council meeting 27 July 2020](#)

29 July 2020: [Mayor's Message](#)

29 July 2020: [Get Involved in Seniors Week 2020](#)

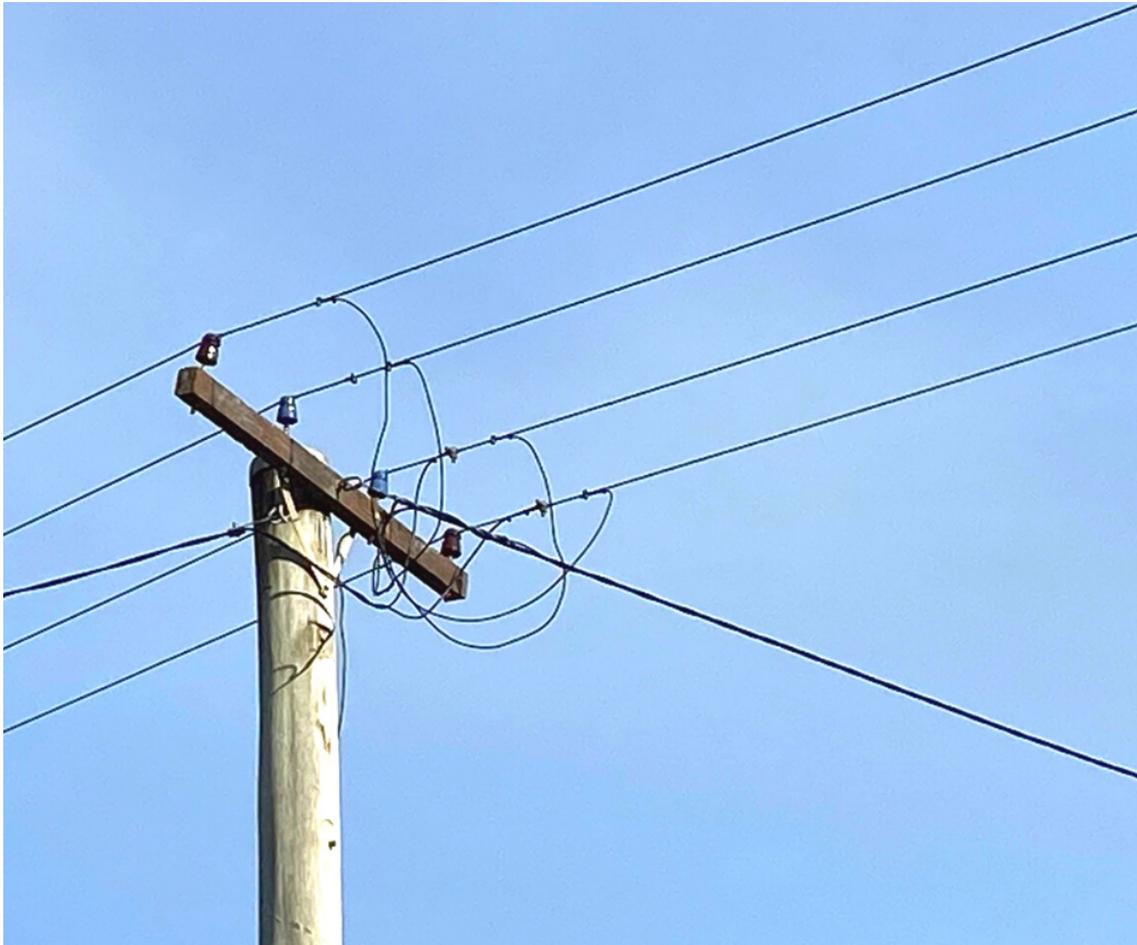
COVID Grant Opportunities

Find information on COVID related grants on the Council website [here](#).

The Impact of COVID-19 on Australians' Health and Wellbeing

The COVID Study team at National Ageing Institute want to better understand the psychological & social impact of the [#Covid19aus](#) pandemic - Have you got time to assist?

link [here](#).



Planned Power Interruption East Devonport

Council have received notification that there is a planned power interruption for the following East Devonport Streets;

- Wright Street,
- John Street,
- Tarleton Street and
- Murray Streets.

Date: Sunday, 2 August 2020

Time: 8.30am-4pm

Works to be undertaken: Upgrade light poles, as required.

For more information please contact [TasNetworks](#) on 1300 137 008

Information on preparing for a power outage can be found on TasNetworks website [here](#).

[Disability Voices Tasmania](#) invites people with disability to participate in the Tasmania Inclusive Tourism Project.

The Project will;

- Work with you to develop skills and confidence to contribute to local and statewide inclusive tourism through free workshops which will
 - explore the value of inclusive tourism to tourists and tourism operators
 - use our personal stories and experiences to assist tourism businesses to become inclusive
- Connect you with other people with disability who are also interested in inclusive tourism
- Connect you with mentors and peer support to strengthen your skills and confidence in assisting tourism operators to be inclusive and enrich their businesses

All participation costs are covered

Places are limited so if you are interested please

email projects@disabilityvoicestas.org.au or Phone 03 6215 6800



Are you interest in joining the Spirit of Devonport Toastmasters Club?

[Toastmasters International](#) aims to build confidence in communication through better listening, thinking and speaking. Follow Spirit of Devonport Toastmasters Club on [Facebook](#)

Spirit of Devonport Toastmasters Club meet;

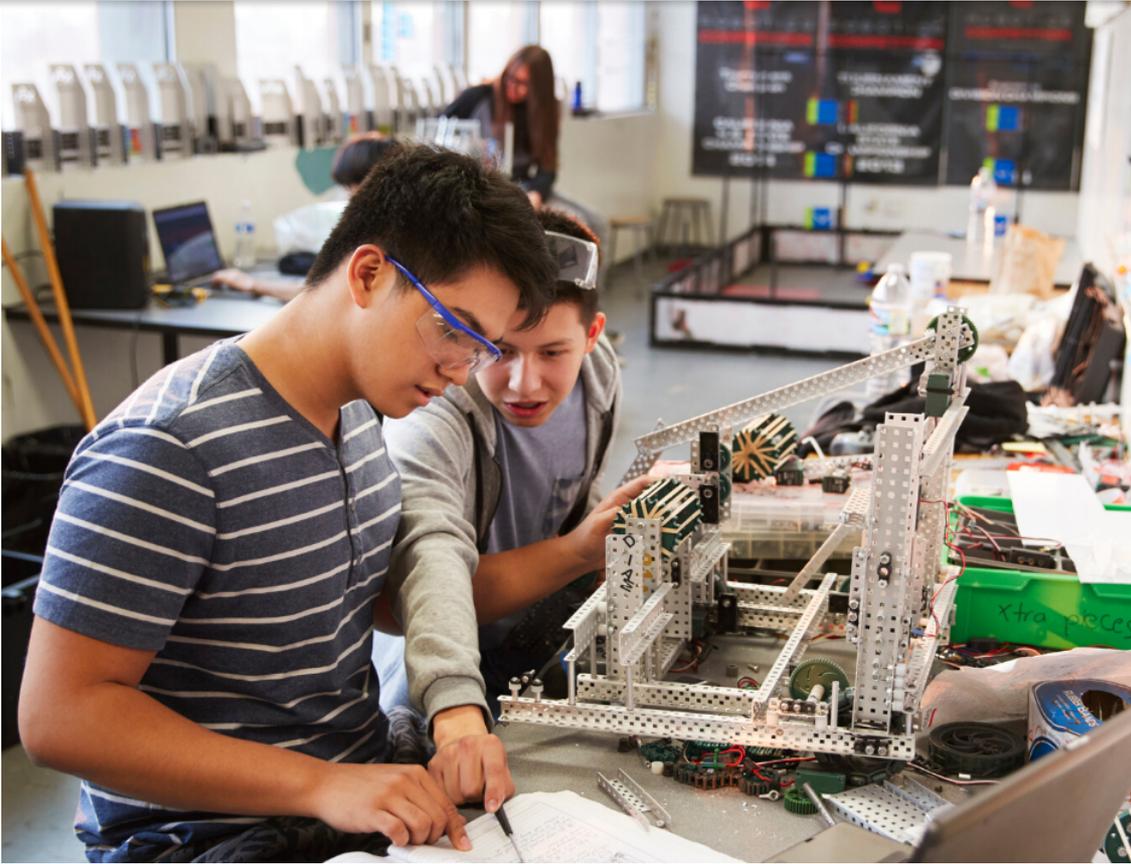
When: The second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month

Where: The Quoiba Room Level 1 paranapple centre, 137 Rooke Street
Devonport.

Time: 6.15-8.30pm

Contact Mel Blake for more information.

Email: mblakey@ozemail.com.au or phone 0488 070 134



Metal Minds Mersey Team are looking for new members.

Do you have a child aged 10 - 14 who is interested in robotics and being part of a great team? The Metal Minds Mersey Team won the research award in the First Lego League in 2019 and are now are looking for members to join the 2020 team. Find more on Metal Mind Robotics Tasmania [here](#).

The team will meet from 29 July 2020

Where: Devonport

When: Wednesdays

Time: 5-7pm

If interested please contact Lindsay 0427 822 663 or Alison 0458 697 971 or email mersey@metalmindsrobotics.com



International Cafe Devonport Celebrates 2nd Birthday!

Happy 2nd Birthday to the International Cafe Devonport!

[The International Cafe](#) is a monthly meet-up group for people from all over the world, who now call Tasmania's North-West coast home. The August meeting will be a combination of Birthday Celebrations and an Open Day. Find more information [here](#).

Contact internationalcafedevoport@gmail.com to find out more on the International Cafe or to RSVP to the event.



Need some help understanding your online health records?

Bring your laptop, tablet or smart phone and join a free interactive session with the [Pharmacy Guild of Australia](#), and learn how to:

- Understand and update your own MyHealth Record
- Find out what 2-Prescribing is and how it changes the way your GP and Pharmacist communicate

Where: A meeting room within the paranapple centre, 137 Rooke Street
Devonport

When: Tuesday, 18 August 2020

Time: 9am-12noon

Call 03 6220 2955 or email guild.tas@guild.org.au to register.



Online art activities from the Devonport Regional Gallery

Whilst Public Programs at the Devonport Regional Gallery remain on hold they continue to post online art activities for you to do at home.

Take a look at these new activities:

[Whimsical Wind Drawings](#)

[Paper Portraits](#)



See the full Trim Toddler Time video!

The [Bass Strait Maritime Centre](#) have moved their Trim Toddler Time online, with songs, stories watch the full video [here](#).

Ageing Stronger Active Longer and Tai Chi for Health

The [Devonport Recreation Centre](#) has reopened for casual use 9.30am-2.30pm Monday through to Friday. Call the Devonport Recreation Centre for further details: 03 6424 4109

[Ageing Stronger, Active Longer](#) has started back at the Devonport Recreation Centre 14 July 2020, with full classes. It's wonderful to see so many familiar and new faces!

A new session has been added, current sessions are:

- Tuesdays, 1-2pm at [Devonport Recreation Centre](#)
- Wednesday, 11.30am-12.30pm at [Devonport Recreation Centre](#)
- Thursdays, 12-1pm at [Devonport Recreation Centre](#)

[Tai Chi](#) started back at the Devonport Recreation Centre 15 July 2020, cost \$2 per session, find out more [here](#).

Current classes are;

- Wednesdays, 1-2pm at [Devonport Recreation Centre](#) (Beginners Class)
- Wednesdays, 2-3pm at [Devonport Recreation Centre](#)
- Thursdays, 1-2pm at [Devonport Recreation Centre](#)

Fifty Year Plus Rate Payers Luncheon

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

Where: [paranaple convention centre](#), 3rd Floor of the paranaple centre, 137 Rooke Street Devonport

When: Monday, 12 October 2020

Time: 12-1.30pm

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



Friends of Don Reserve

Friends of Don Reserve Update

Friends of the [Don Reserve](#) meet every fortnight to assist in improving the biodiversity of Don Reserve and surrounds. As the nature of the work undertaken is physical distanced, they have been able to continue working throughout most of the pandemic and member numbers have increased!

Some of the work undertaken this year;

- Planting 600 of the 2,200 planted in Devonport Region over winter,
- Weed control and mapping,
- Litter collection,
- Walking track maintenance

New members are always welcome! Complete a Council [Volunteer Registration Form](#) or contact Phil at Council for more information
council@devonport.tas.gov.au

Events and Activities

Council advertise events and activities via the Council Website – [What's on in](#)

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to marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.gov.au and we will add your event to the website!



Seniors Week 12-18 October 2020



Expressions of Interest in Seniors Week 2020

Seniors Week (12-18 October 2020) is an opportunity for Tasmanians of all ages to join together and celebrate the valuable contributions of older people within our community.

After last year's successful calendar, Council will once again be collating events for seniors week to create a calendar of events which will be advertised throughout the Devonport Municipality. Let us know what events and activities your organisation will be hosting by completing and returning an [expression of interest form](#) by 3 September 2020.



Devonport Jazz in Retrospect

Have you been enjoying "[Devonport Jazz In Retrospect](#)" on YouTube?

We want to hear your favourite videos, performers and your feedback! Sending your comments to marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.gov.au

75th anniversary of Victory in the Pacific

To acknowledge the significance of the 75th anniversary of the Victory in the Pacific and the end of the Second World War, the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) have produced a Commemorative Medallion and Certificate of Commemoration. These are available to every living veteran of the Second World War. Applications are now available and can be made through the DVA website [here](#), or phone 02 6191 8217.

Saturday, 15 August 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the Second World War, educational resources are available for free download from the ANZAC Portal [here](#).



Rapid Relief Boxes

Please share with your schools, organisations and groups. Families hit hard by the effects of the coronavirus pandemic have been accessing 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](#).

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 in receiving a relief food box.

Other Food Relief Services are available

Find a list of Food Services available on the Council Website [here](#).

Weed Management – No Spray Register

Devonport Local Government Area road side spraying is due to commence on Monday, 3 August by a contractor, weather permitting.

City's ['No Spray Register'](#) on the Council Website.



Council Meetings

Council meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month, in our Council Chambers In the Aberdeen Room, level 2, paranaple 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 link will be available the following day on [Council's website](#).

Council Meeting 27 July 2020 [YouTube](#)



Road Closures

The Following Road Closures have been advertised by newspaper and the [Council Website](#).

-Formby Road, between Best Street and Victoria Parade from Monday, 3 August to Friday, 25 September 2020.

-Wright Street, between Torquay Road and Tarleton Road from Thursday, 6 August to Friday, 7 August 2020. 9am- 5pm daily

Department of State Growth Road Works

The Department of State Growth has advised that they are undertaking the following road works:

-Bass Highway, between Don Road and East Devonport
Testing on the Bass Highway, between Don Road and East Devonport, until Friday, 14 August.

There will be a reduced speed limit with frequent lane closures during our working hours, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

-Sheffield Road, between Clayton Drive and Mersey Main Road
Conducting testing on Sheffield Road, between Clayton Drive and Mersey Main

working hours, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Note: Road works are often dependant on weather and contractors availability. If you have any queries, please call the Department of State Growth on 1800 030 688, or via email: info@stategrowth.tas.gov.au

This information can be found on the [State Government Website](#)

HOW TO PAY DOG REGISTRATION RENEWAL ONLINE TIP #1

VISIT THE DEVONPORT CITY COUNCIL WEBSITE AND CHOOSE: FORMS & PAYMENTS

Paying via the Council Website is just one of the many ways to pay the registration. See tip #5 for other payment options

Dog Registration Renewals

All dogs over 6 months old must be registered annually.

Pay before 31 July 2020 to avoid a penalty.

Council has created a step by step video on how to pay your rates [online](#), watch the video [here](#), Click [here](#) to pay online.

Note Pensioner Rate: These payments are to be made at any Service Tasmania Branch.

On the Devonport City Council Website you can find a lot of handy hints about owning a pet in the Local Government Area:

- [Pets and Animals](#)

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- [Frequently Asked Questions for Dog Owners](#)
- [Farm Animals](#)
- [Kennel Licencing](#)
- [Lost or Found Animals](#)
- [Nuisance Animals](#)
- [Pet Owner Responsibilities](#)
- [Registering Your Dog](#)

Devonport City Council
How to pay Rates online
Tip #1

Visit the Devonport City Council Website and choose:
Forms & Payments

Paying via the Council Website is just one of the many ways to pay your Rates. Check the back of the Notice of Rates and Charges for other options.

Paying your rates online

Your rates help pay for parks and sports ground maintenance, operation of community halls, road repairs, waste & recycling, community services, and more.

Rate notices were sent out 7 July 2020, and can either be paid in full, or via four instalments. Full payment, or payment of the 1st instalment, is due by 31 August 2020 (note: date of Facebook post 29 July 2020).

Pay your rates online via the Council Website [here](#). Or find the full payment

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If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can apply for rate relief, form available [here](#).

[Financial Hardship Assistance Policy & Commercial Addendum](#).

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](#).

Meetings with Council Officers

Phone and online meetings are still the preferred method of contact with Council Officers. In person meetings can be scheduled if necessary, however notification of any additional participants will need to be made in advance to ensure social distancing measures are met.

Council's Customer Service or Community Services Departments can be contacted via;

Email: council@devonport.tas.gov.au

Phone: 03 6424 0511

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