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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

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Media Releases and News available on the Council website -

29 July 2020: Mayor's Message

29 July 2020: Get Involved in Seniors Week 2020

31 July 2020: Call for Entries tidal.20 Tasmanian Art Award

5 August 2020: Mayor's Message

5 August 2020: Devonport Food and Wine - Expressions of Interest

5 August 2020: Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Station to be installed in the

multi-level carpark

12 August 2020: Mayor's Message

Council Employment Opportunities, position descriptions and application forms available on the Council website -

Design Officer; or Engineering and Development Officer

Waste Management Serviceperson

Civil Works Serviceperson

Parks & Reserves Serviceperson

Grant Opportunities

Healthy Tasmania Fund | Round 2

Large and Small Grant applications will be accepted between 7 September - 30 October 2020.

Find more details on the Healthy Tasmania Fund website here.

Ticket to Play

The Tasmanian Government's Ticket to Play sports voucher program in 2020. The new and improved Ticket to Play program opened on 1 July 2020.

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).

Find out more information and apply for a voucher <u>here</u>.



COVID-19 Impact Assistance Grants

Devonport City Council acknowledges that a number of local community and sporting organisations within the Devonport local government area have been financially impacted by the pandemic and has allocated funds to financially assist those impacted.

- Operate within the Devonport local government area;
- Can demonstrate the financial impacts of COVID-19 on their operations;
- no debt to Council or have entered into scheduled payment arrangements with Council which are being met.

Find more information, and an application on the Council Website here.



Major and Minor Grants

Council values engaged, resilient and inclusive communities that embrace diversity.

The Community Grants Program supports community organisations for one-off projects, events and activities through Major and Minor Grant Schemes.

2020-2021 Financial Assistance Grants Round One will accept applications up to Wednesday, 30 September 2020.

Find the guidelines and application form on the Council Website here.

Devonport Community Rates Remissions

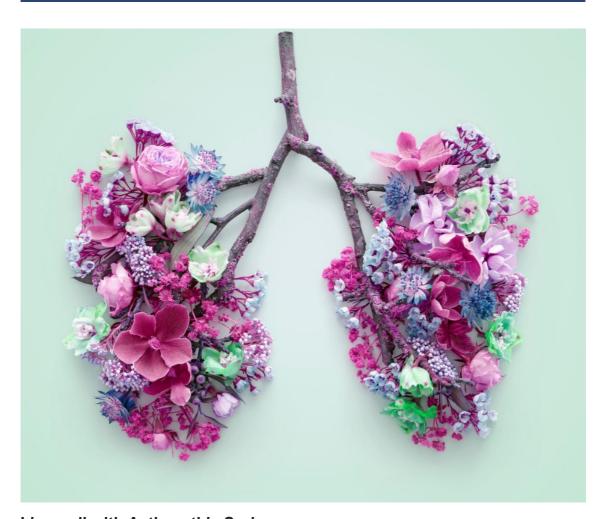
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supporting and assisting local non-profit organisations to cater for and respond to the needs of Devonport residents.

2020-2021 applications for Community Rates Remissions are open until 31 August 2020.

Find details on eligibility, conditions and the online application form on the Council website here.



Live well with Asthma this Spring

<u>Asthma Australia</u> are urging Australians who get seasonal allergies to act now – to avoid experiencing symptoms which could be mistaken for COVID-19.

Spring is the season when the weather warms, flowers begin to bloom and there's an overall sense of new beginning in the air. However, in Australia, Spring can be a difficult time for people with asthma and/or allergies.

Hay fever is common in people with asthma and symptoms can present like COVID-19 and include a runny nose, blocked sinuses, cough, sneezing, itchy eyes, shortness of breath and fatigue.

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or doctor and be sure to arrange a telehealth appointment if presenting with symptoms.

For information about managing asthma during Spring, please visit the Asthma Australia <u>website</u> or call 1800 ASTHMA (1800 272 462).

Lets be COVIDSAFE together

We need to all keep making COVIDSafe choices to help stop the spread.

- · Keep physical distancing in public spaces.
- Practise good hygiene.
- Protect others and stay at home if you're unwell. If you're experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms speak to your doctor about getting tested.
- If you haven't already, download the COVIDSafe app.

Together, let's BE COVIDSAFE.

Visit <u>health.gov.au</u> for more information.

Job Keeper Extension

The JobKeeper Payment, which was originally due to run until 27 September 2020, will continue to be available to eligible businesses (including the self-employed) and not-for-profits until 28 March 2021.

For a summary of the upcoming changes please refer to factsheet - <u>Extension</u> of the <u>JobKeeper Payment Summary – 28 September 2020</u>. This information is available in 63 languages, select your language in the heading.

Royal Flying Doctors Service - Mobile Health Hub for Tasmania

Two former public transport buses donated by the Tasmanian Government have been transformed into mobile health clinics. With a \$100,000 Commonwealth Government grant and funds raised by Rotary Tasmania. The buses were officially handed over to Royal Flying Doctor Service Tasmania at its Launceston base on July 30, 2020.

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care, preventative health screening clinics, tele-health services, counselling, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation advice, nutritional and health education. The buses also have focused spaces for activity and technology use, a resource library, small kitchenette and a covered outdoor option to provide space for larger groups.

Watch the Youtube information clip <u>here</u>.



Home Hill Landscape Management Plan

The Home Hill Landscape Management Plan provides a series of recommendations for the restoration of the gardens, as they were throughout the Lyons' time in the property.

It is intended that the resulting garden will increase the significance of the property, and provide grounds that are suitable for the current intended use.

The Home Hill Landscape Management Plan will go to the August Council Meeting. If the plan is endorsed by Council, the implementation will be gradual and take place over time.

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Launch into Learning at Hillcrest Primary School

The ages of 3 to 5 are critical in the development of a child's brain. That's why children who've been exposed to multiple days of at least two years of play-based learning make the best transitions to school.

Play based learning to launch your children into their learning journey:

Pre Kinder: Mondays 9-10.30am Lets explore: Fridays 9-11am

Contact Hillcrest Primary School for further information/to book:

Phone: 03 6424 5211

Address: 5 Lawrence Drive, Devonport



Keep Australia Beautiful Week 17-23 August

This years theme is 'Litter: Prevent the Spread'

Keep Australia Beautiful Week aims to raise awareness about the simple things we can all do in our daily lives to reduce our impact on the environment and encourage action.

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practices. There are some unintended consequences of this new lifestyle, especially when it comes to the waste we're producing.

Items like single-use food and beverage containers, face masks, hand sanitizer and gloves are in high demand. These all have the potential to end up as litter in our beautiful country.

The good news is, we believe we can all work towards a litter-free Australia from the comfort of our homes with some simple tips to prevent rubbish ending up in the environment.

Find out how to participate on the Keep Australia Beautiful Week website here.

Keep Australia Beautiful Tasmania 2020 Community Kindness Awards

In 2020, Keep Australia Beautiful TAS are choosing to honour the thoughtful contributions of Tasmanian individuals, organisations and businesses by adapting the Sustainable Communities – Tidy Towns Awards program. The 2020 awards will be renamed 'KABTAS Community Kindness Awards', with the focus for this year on acknowledging and awarding acts of kindness.

More information about the awards can be found on their website.

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National Science Week 15 - 23 August 2020

Virtual tours, online events, DIY science and more, all across Australia from 15 - 23 August

Find a local Science Week event National Science Week <u>website</u>. Run your own event and register it <u>here</u>.

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New look for Don Market

Don Market has returned. Sunday, 16 August saw Don Market with a new look under new management.

Visit Don Market on Sundays;

Where: Don Memorial Hall, 17 Forth Road Don

Time: 8am - 2pm

If you would like to discuss hosting a stall at the market, contact Jayne- 0438 278 730

Have your say on the in the proposed Devonport Showground Development

An opportunity exists for community members to engage with the Devonport Showground developer's consultation process. This significant private sector project promises the kind of affordable housing, new jobs, natural spaces and community connection that can enrich our city and it is important that residents have their say.

Whether you're a business owner, community group leader, builder or

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- Jobs for Devonport Friday 21 August
- Opportunity for Devonport Friday 28 August.



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:

Winter Woolly Yarn-Scapes

Mixed Media Family Portraits

Ageing Stronger Active Longer and Tai Chi for Health

<u>Ageing Stronger</u>, <u>Active Longer</u> has started back at the Devonport Recreation Centre 14 July 2020, with full classes. It's wonderful to see so many familiar

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• Tuesdays, 1-2pm at <u>Devonport Recreation Centre</u>

- Wednesday, 11.30am-12.30pm at <u>Devonport Recreation Centre</u>
- Thursdays, 12-1pm at <u>Devonport Recreation Centre</u>

Ageing Stronger, Active Longer costs a gold coin donation per session.

<u>Tai Chi</u> started back at the Devonport Recreation Centre 15 July 2020, cost \$2 per session, find out more <u>here</u>.

Current classes are;

- Wednesdays, 1-2pm at <u>Devonport Recreation Centre</u> (Beginners Class)
- Wednesdays, 2-3pm at <u>Devonport Recreation Centre</u>
- Thursdays, 1-2pm at <u>Devonport Recreation Centre</u>

Call the Devonport Recreation Centre for further details: 03 6424 4109
The <u>Devonport Recreation Centre</u> is open for casual use 9.30am-2.30pm
Monday through to Friday.

Baptcare's MyHorizons Program

MyHorizons is a state-wide program helping those with a mental health diagnosis that is severe and episodic in nature, to connect with services. Assistance is also provided in the form of group meetings to develop support networks, build upon life skills and better understand their well-being.

Find more information about the program and referral from:

Phone: 1800 290 666

Website: www.baptcare.org.au

Email: <u>MyHorizons@baptcare.org.au</u>

Exercise Treatment Program

If you live in North West Tasmania:

- · Aged 60 and over
- OR aged 45 and over, if Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders, and
- Are at risk of developing or currently have a chronic health condition

Find more information here.

Fifty Year Plus Rate Payers Luncheon

If you have paid rates to Devonport City Council for 50 years or more, you are invited to the annual Fifty Year Rate Payers Luncheon.

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



North West Film Society to screen again

The North West Film Society are back, and due to current COVID-19 physical distancing requirements, films will be shown at the paranaple convention centre

Scheduled films:

September - in conjunction with the Devonport RSL - SGT Will Gardner

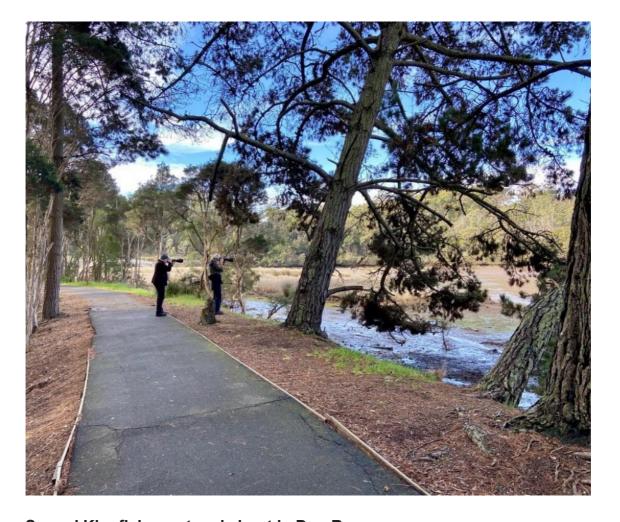
September - Honeyland

October - Seniors Week - Happy Ending

November - Portrait of a Lady on Fire

Check the website for membership details and eventbrite booking details:

Email: nwfs@nwfsorg.au Website: https://nwfs.org.au/



Sacred Kingfisher out and about in Don Reserve

Keen Birders and Wildlife Photographers (and Twitchers) are excited to see that Spring appears to have descended early in Don Reserve. They have noticed birding activity a lot earlier this year, and have spotted what appear to be a few hybrid birds.

Did you know that Don Reserve is a home to the Sacred Kingfisher, and Birders travel from near and far to try and photograph it as it perches on logs around Sawdust Bridge? It has been making an appearance the last few weeks.

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Think you have captured a hybrid bird in a photo, or just want to have the species identified? Upload the image and location it was taken to <u>iNaturalist</u>, this is the program Council and the <u>Bookend Trust Nature Trackers</u> used with the 2019 Don Reserve BioBlitz. #citizenscience
Learn about National Bird Week, and the Aussie Backyard Bird Count 19-25
October 2020 <u>here</u>.

Friends of Don Reserve Update

Friends of the <u>Don Reserve</u> meet every fortnight to assist in improving the biodiversity of Don Reserve and surrounds.

New members are always welcome! Complete a Council <u>Volunteer Registration</u> Form or contact Phil at Council for more information council@devonport.tas.gov.au

Events and Activities

Council also advertise events and activities via the Council Website – <u>What's</u> on in <u>Devonport</u>

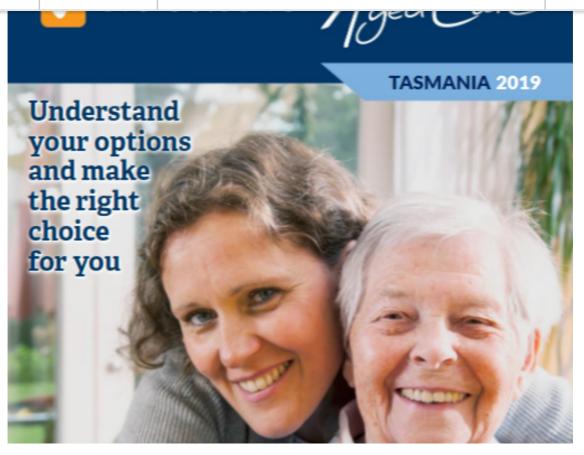
If you have an online or in-person event to share, send the information through to marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.gov.au and we will add your event to the website!

Looking to plan an event?

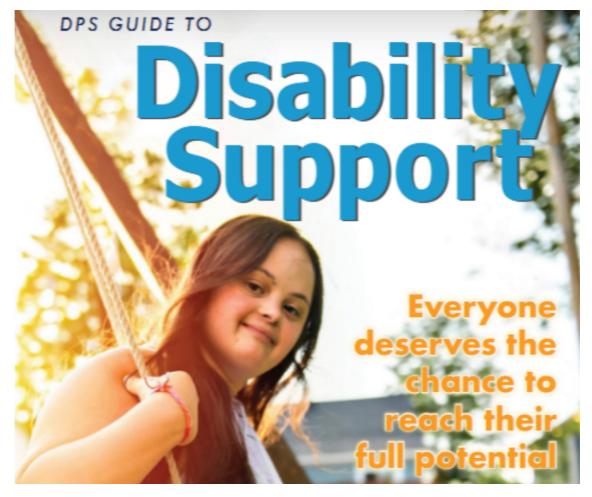
Check out the <u>Planning a Community Event page</u> on the Council website for hints, tips and an event application pack.

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Click on the image to access the online DPS Ageing Care Guide - Tasmania



Click on the image to access the online DPS Disability Support Guide

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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.

Council will once again collate events for Seniors Week into a calendar of Devonport events. Let us know what events and activities your organisation will be hosting by completing and returning an <u>expression of interest form</u> by 3 September 2020.

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 marked the 75th anniversary of the Second World War, educational resources are available for free download from the ANZAC Portal here.

ABC will be broadcasting the Australian War Memorial Remembrance Service find more details <u>here</u>.

The Vietnam Veterans Mersey-Leven Sub-Branch will hold a Remembrance Service at Aikenhead Point, Tuesday, 18 August 2020. Find more details <u>here</u>.

Assistance is available when you are in need

Sometimes we need a bit of support.

Council has collated a list of helplines and websites to assist you/our community when in need, find details here.

Food relief services are available, find details <u>here</u>.



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.

Next Council Meeting: Monday 24 August 2020

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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.
- -Oldaker Street, between North Fenton Street and Victoria Parade Tuesday, 1 September 2020. 9am- 5pm

Department of State Growth Road Works

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

Deloraine to Wynyard

Sweeping on the Bass Highway, between Devonport and Wynyard, until Friday, 28 August.

There will be a reduced speed limit with occasional lane closures during our working hours, 7:00 pm - 4:00 am.

Bass Highway, between Don Road and East Devonport

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

Note: Roadworks 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

Retail Steering Committee

The <u>Devonport Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc</u> Executive is finalising a committee to work closely with Devonport City Council on developing and driving a vision for Devonport CBD as a destination. Expressions of interest from interested parties across retail, tourism & hospitality are welcome. Full info & contact details <u>here</u>.

Rates payment due by 31 August

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.

Pay your rates online via the Council Website <u>here</u>. Or find the full payment option list on the back of the rates notice or on the Council Website <u>here</u>.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can apply for rate relief, form available here.

Financial Hardship Assistance Policy & Commercial Addendum.



Climate Change Adaption Plan

Councils Corporate Climate Change Adaption Plan 2018-2023 aims to improve the capability of the Council to manage 4 key risks associated with climate change, being:

- 1. Rainfall and Flooding
- 2. Sea Level Rise and Storm Tide
- 3. Heat
- 4. Bushfire

The development of the Plan was based upon council-specific, climate projection data provided by the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre (ACE CRC) 'Climate Futures for Tasmania' program. Read more 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,

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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