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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 -

19 August 2020: [Devonport City Council's 2020/21 Community Financial Assistance Scheme](#)

25 August 2020: [Changes to end of year events](#)

25 August 2020: [2020 Festival of Learning opens 1 September](#)

26 August 2020: [Mayor's Message](#)

3 September 2020: [Treat to Eat](#)



Living + Learning

Springing Back

Devonport Festival of Learning - Springing back in September

For the month of September the community will be encouraged to focus on learning.

The [Festival of Learning](#) captures some of the learning that is happening in our community, introduces learning opportunities, and raises the profile of learning across our community.

In 2020, the Living + Learning Group, supported by Devonport City Council, have put together a blended program of online and face to face learning activities, or celebrations of learning.

The 2020 Festival opened on 1st September, with the program available [here](#).

[Festival of Learning Calendar](#)

[Festival of Learning Launch](#)



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Grant Opportunities

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

Sport and Recreation Grants Program | Round 2

Open to Tasmanian sport and recreation clubs, this funding of up to \$3 000 per organisation is available to assist ensure a safe return to play under the organisation's COVID-19 Safety or Return to Play plan. Funding will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

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

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.

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(between January and June 2020).

Find out more information and apply for a voucher [here](#).

B4 Community Story-Teller Grants

Approved non-government organisations or local governments within Tasmania, can now apply for grants up to \$20,000 (GST exclusive) to enable them to share the B4 Early Years Story across their communities. Grants will cover training for storytellers, being those natural community story tellers or leaders (who may or may not have any prior early years knowledge or experience), and developing local early years resources.

Grants close 30 September 2020.

Click [here to find out more and apply](#) or contact B4 Support Team on b4@education.tas.gov.au or (03) 616 55666.

Catholic Care Community Small Grants Program

Catholic Care Grants are for the provision of services, activities or programs that include parenting support, group peer support, case management, home visiting, community events and life skills courses. Assisting families with children pre-birth – 12 years. Up to \$12,000 per grant.

Applications Close Thursday, 24 September 2020 at 4pm.

[Click here](#) for the application form and further information [Preview the application form](#).

Mary Yaxley can assist over the phone with any questions 03 6431 8555.

Young Carers Bursary Program

The Young Carer Bursary Program supports young carers to continue with their education. The program offers 1,000 bursaries of \$3,000 each year. Young carers across Australia can apply from late July until early September.

Applications for Young Carer Bursary Program 2021 open until 8 September 2020. Find the online application form [here](#).

2020 Supplementary Volunteer Grants - Building Resilient Communities

The program will provide grants of up to \$5000 to community organisations to support volunteers and increase volunteering across Tasmania. Volunteering Tasmania will be administering the program on behalf of the Department of Social Services.

and encourage and increase participation in volunteering.

Funding can assist organisations to transition their volunteer programs back into operation following the disruption caused by COVID-19. These grants aim to help re-engage volunteers and adapt practices to support volunteers' safety as the economy reopens.

We encourage all volunteer-involving organisations across Tasmania to apply before 20 September 2020!

Find more information about the grants [here](#).



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;
- Have 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](#).



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Living the new normal

Department of Health have released new videos about 'living the new normal' in the COVID environment.

The video is available in the following languages:

- [English](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)
- [Mandarin](#)
- [Cantonese](#)
- [Korean](#)
- [Italian](#)
- [Greek](#)

View all of the Department of Health's videos [here](#).

Have you tested positive to COVID-19?

Health Consumers Tasmania would like to talk to you!

The stories of patients and carers will assist in better understanding the events and practices that occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the impact this has had on them and their families.

Understanding the patient experience will help inform and drive positive change within the health system to make sure we are better prepared in case this happens again.

Health Consumers Tasmania is a new state-wide community organisation that provides an independent, informed and representative voice on behalf of health consumers to make sure the health system better meets the needs of Tasmanians. They are funded by the Tasmanian Department of Health and Primary Health Tasmania.

For more information on Health Consumers Tasmania, visit their [website](#).

If you would like to share your experiences about contracting COVID-19, for a confidential conversation please contact Bruce Levett at bruce@healthconsumerstas.org.au



Supporting the Tasmanian Tourism and Hospitality Industry

Introducing the '*Make yourself at home travel voucher*', which means that across the months of September, October and November the Tasmanian Government will be making a total of \$7.5 million available to encourage Tasmanians to travel outside of their municipality, to stay midweek in accommodation or to purchase a tourism experience for any day of the week.

The voucher system is expected to support up to 25,000 bed nights or 50,000 tourism experiences each month.

Further information available [here](#).



Tassie's Kindness Connection is a network of people doing COVID-safe acts of kindness anywhere, anytime.

Through Tassie's Kindness Connection, COTA Tasmania, supported by the Tasmanian Government, has created a hub for listing, promoting and recording acts and messages of kindness from around the State.

Find out more on:

Website: www.cotatas.org.au/information/tkc/

Facebook: [@tassieskindnessconnection](https://www.facebook.com/tassieskindnessconnection)

Keep Australia Beautiful Tasmania - Community Kindness Awards

KABTAS are seeking nominations for acts of kindness however small or large. From one off acts of spontaneous giving to organised campaigns supporting people, charitable causes, animals, the environment etc on an ongoing basis. They want to hear about them all.

If you know of an individual or organisation, including yourself, fitting any of the criteria below, your nomination is warmly invited and entry is completely free.

- A kind act by individual. All ages from children to the elderly are eligible
- A pivot made by a business or organisation inspired by caring for community
- An individual, organisation or business going above and beyond the call of duty
- Random acts of neighbourly consideration
- Compassionate giving to strangers
- Thoughtful caring for the most vulnerable

The nomination process? Email;

- Your Name:
- Your Contact Details:
- Name of the Individual, Organisation or Business being nominated:
- Write 4 - 5 sentences explaining why you think the nomination is deserved

You can nominate yourself, or the organisation, or business you belong to, or you can nominate someone else. Contact the KABTAS Community Programs Coordinator Lesley. Email: lesleygardner@kabtas.com.au or call on 0421913474.



Come and try Golf!

Devonport Country Club are offering some come & try golf sessions to the community.

- Get into Golf – Seniors (over 50): Wednesday, 2 September, 2:00pm [book here](#)
- Get into Golf – Women: Wednesday, 2 September, 11:00am [book here](#)
- MyGolf Girls (5-12yr olds) – Sunday, 25 October, 11:00am [book here](#)

These session are all free & everyone is welcome to attend, book via the links above.

National Dementia Helpline

The National Dementia Helpline is a free, federally funded service that provides information and advice to:

- people living with dementia
- people concerned about changes to memory and thinking
- people living with mild cognitive impairment (MCI)
- family, friends and carers of people living with dementia

In addition to sharing information and advice, the team can also:

- provide emotional support and guidance
- connect constituents to Dementia Australia and community support services and programs
- discuss government support, including My Aged Care, National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), Carer Gateway and Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Service (DBMAS).

The National Dementia Helpline can be accessed via phone on 1800 100 500, webchat at dementia.org.au/helpline/webchat and email, helpline@dementia.org.au.



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:

[Up, Up and Away](#)

[Bubble Prints](#)

Ageing Stronger Active Longer and Tai Chi for Health

[Ageing Stronger, Active Longer](#)

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](#)

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

[Tai Chi](#)

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](#)

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

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

Lone Girl Guide Members

Wherever you are!

Where ever you are, you can become part of the 10 million girls and women that make up the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

If you aren't able to attend a unit, for whatever reason (no unit nearby, it clashes with sports, travel is difficult) you can become a member of Lone Guides, the Guide unit on the internet! Lones delivers the Girl Guide Program, however you need it; through email, social media and the post.

Find out more:
03 6244 4408
office@guidestas.org.au
www.guidestas.org.au




5-12Yr old Girl Guide Members

Join the fun!

As a Girl Guide, you get to do so many fun activities and make lots of new friends. From creativity to camping and beach trips to badges, there's something for everyone at Girl Guides.

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12-18Yr old Girl Guide Mem

You can make a difference:
 Girl Guides inspire change and advocate on issues all over the world - environment, humanities & animals just to name a few. In addition, we teach skills to equip girls to be 'not just girls'. Girls can be anything and anyone they want or aspire to be. Together we can all work towards a better tomorrow.

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www.guidestas.org.au




Adult Girl Guide Membe

Volunteering with Girl Guides is a fun and rewarding way to help open a world of possibilities for girls in your community. Help inspire the leaders of tomorrow!

Find out more:
 03 6244 4408
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www.guidestas.org.au




Girl Guides Tasmania - Devonport

Girl Guides Tasmania aims to empower girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members. Women who become Leaders are supported through training and personal development.

Find out more about Girl Guides on the [Australian Website](#).

See what Devonport Girl Guides have been up to [here](#).

Girl Guides is registered under the Tasmanian Government [Ticket to Play](#) Scheme.

North West Film Society

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

Scheduled films:

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/>



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Events and Activities

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

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 [Planning a Community Event page](#) on the Council website for hints, tips and an event application pack.

Mall or Market Square Permits

Are you interested in Busking in Rooke Street Mall, or hosting a Promotion in Market Square?

Find the conditions and Mall Permit application form [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.

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

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 [here](#).



Council Meetings

Council meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month, in our Council Chambers In the Aberdeen Room, level 2, paranapple 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](#).

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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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