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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 -

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

9 September 2020: [Mayors Message](#)

10 September 2020: [R U OK? Day 2020](#)

Grant Opportunities

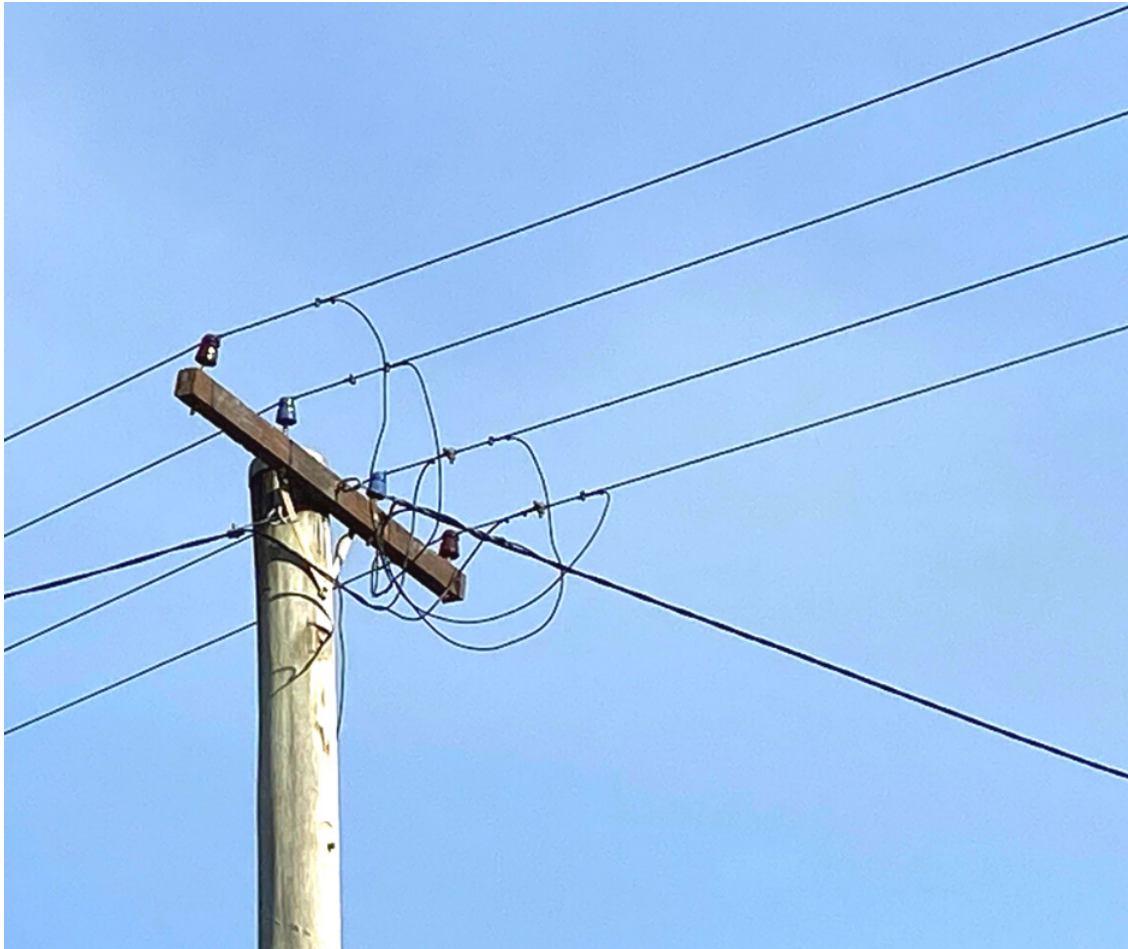
Find information on COVID related grants on the Council website [here](#).

- [Council COVID Impact Grants](#) Open until 30 September 2020.
- [Council Major and Minor Grants](#) Open until 30 September 2020.

Have a question about a Council Grant? Contact Grants@devonport.tas.gov.au

- [Healthy Tasmania Fund](#) | Round 2 Open 7 September - 30 October 2020.
- [Ticket to Play](#)
- [B4 Community Story-Teller Grants](#) Open until 30 September 2020
- [Catholic Care Community Small Grants Program](#) Open until 24 September 2020

[Communities](#) Open until 20 September 2020



Planned Power Interruption Mersey Main Road Sunday, 20 September 2020

TasNetworks have advised that a planned power supply interruption will occur Sunday, 20 September between 8.30am - 4pm for a power system upgrade. Mersey Main Road from Bay Drive to Fonterra Gates and all roads off Mersey Main Road Spreyton.

Some facilities affected:

- [Spreyton Waste Transfer Station](#)
- Maidstone Park
- Devon Netball
- [Mersey Vale Memorial Park](#)
- Spreyton Racecourse

Spreyton Waste Transfer Station will be open, please have cash as eftpos may not be available.

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

Devonport Road Closure extension

Road Closure extension - Formby Road between Best Street and Victoria Parade from 3 August - 9 October 2020.

Approved road closures can be found on the Council website [here](#).

Devonport pathway closure and detours

The Bluff

The Bluff pathway will be closed from Tuesday, 15 September for 3 weeks, as sections of the handrail are replaced.

Don Reserve

Detours will be in place as sections of Don Reserve pathway are renewed in September and October.

- Nicholls Street to James Street, works to start 18 September.
- Parker Street to Nicholls Street, works to begin October.
- Pedestrian Rail Crossing, works to occur in October.

Check Council's Social Media for more details.



National pandemic gardening survey results

[Sustain: The Australian Food Network](#) conducted a pandemic gardening survey in in June-July 2020, attracting over 9,000 respondents.

The survey results will be presented in a public webinar on Wednesday, 16 September 7.15-9.15pm. Bookings can be made [here](#).

The webinar will feature Costa Georgiadis of Gardening Australia, Naomi Lacey, President of Community Gardens Australia, and Dr Kelly Donati, Lecturer in Food Studies at William Angliss Institute and Chair of Sustain.

Victoria and Tasmania NDIS Community Update

The [National Disability Insurance Agency](#) would like to invite Victorian and Tasmanian participants, families, carers, people with a disability, and the disability community to attend a session about recent NDIS announcements and updates.

Topics covered will include:

- New initiatives and changes:

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- Participant Service Guarantee – establishes time-frames for the NDIA to make decisions about access, plan approval and plan reviews, and nominee changes
- Service Improvement Plan – sets out the activities the NDIA will deliver over the next two years to meet the engagement principles and time-frames in the Service Charter
- Independent Assessments – will be introduced in 2021 for NDIS applicants and participants aged 7 and over, improving how people access and use the NDIS, and for planning reviews based on life stages.
- COVID-19 updates
- Participant Check-ins – a more flexible scheduled plan review approach to make sure a participant's NDIS supports are meeting their needs.

Online Information Sessions held via Microsoft Teams. Details on how to join the session and the meeting link will be emailed to registered attendees two business days prior to the session date.

Sessions:

Monday, 21 September 2020 1.30-3pm register [here](#).

Tuesday, 22 September 2020 1.30-3pm register [here](#).

Wednesday, 23 September 2020 7-8.30pm register [here](#).

Thursday, 24 September 2020 10.30am-12pm register [here](#).



PROJECT ROCKIT - #WeGotThis

PROJECT ROCKIT are calling out to all students across the country to use their online power for good, by launching a 4-week kindness challenge in October.

Maybe you could use some solid strategies on staying connected with friends while physically distancing? Or maybe you want to know how to turn something you're passionate about into something that can create real change? #WeGotThis is powered by Facebook Australia and curated for you by the PROJECT ROCKIT team. It's jam packed with hot tips, blogs, playlists and all sorts of cool stuff to fill your inbox with good vibes.

PROJECT ROCKIT was launched in 2006, by two sisters hungry for action on bullying. What started small has grown into something much bigger... PROJECT ROCKIT aims to empower school students to stand up to bullying, hate and prejudice, instead of standing by watching.

Sign up for the four week #WeGotThis challenge [here](#).
Check out the PROJECT ROCKIT webinars [here](#).



A crisis is no excuse for violence at home

Unfortunately, in times of disaster and crisis, incidences of domestic and family violence can increase.

In response to the pandemic, the Australian Government launched the *Help is Here* campaign to provide information on support services to anyone affected by domestic and family violence, to help them access the support they need, when they need it.

The advertising campaign directs people to [1800RESPECT](https://1800respect.org.au/) and [MensLine](https://www.mensline.org.au/) Australia for free, confidential advice and support available 24/7, online and by phone.

Domestic and family violence includes behaviour or threats that aim to control someone by causing fear or threatening their safety. Domestic and family violence can include:

- physical violence such as hitting or choking;
- denial of essential money;
- isolation from friends and family;
- insults or constant criticism;
- the forcing of sex; and
- threatening children or pets.

For a list of support services available nationwide, visit [Australia.gov.au/dvsupport](https://australia.gov.au/dvsupport)

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Older Adults eating well at home

Join [COTA-Tasmania](#) to hear well known dietitian, [Ngaire Hobbins](#), share her tips about eating well as an older adult. What can we do to support our immune capacity? How can we eat to stay well and safe from illness? How do we stay strong and support our muscles?

There will also be an opportunity to ask Ngaire a question during the webinar.

Saturday, 23 September 2020 2pm, register [here](#).



The Cradle Coast Cat Tracker project

Cats are the second most popular pet in Tasmania and they play an important role in the lives of many Tasmanians, but where do cats go when they run out of the door in the morning? Do they visit lots of other properties or do they cross any busy roads?

The [Cradle Coast NRM](#) team, in collaboration with the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, are running a cat tracker project between November 2020 to February 2021 to unravel the mystery.

The Project will follow the movements of 20 cats for nine days each, using a light-weight GPS tracker, attached to a cat harness. This will show where the felines go when they leave the protection of the home.

You can get involved by volunteering your Cradle Coast cat to be tracked. If you are interested, visit the [Cradle Coast NRM website](#).



Cradle to Coastlines

The September edition of Cradle to Coastlines newsletter includes Little Penguin management, grant opportunities, local bird monitoring results and citizen science opportunities, orchid spotting tips and much more. The Cradle to Coast Newsletter is an initiative of the [Cradle Coast NRM](#) team.

Read the Cradle to Coastlines newsletter [here](#).

To subscribe to Cradle to Coastlines [here](#).



Community Kindness Awards 2020

[Keep Australia Beautiful Tasmania](#) 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, send Keep Australia Beautiful Tasmania an email - entry is 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

You can nominate yourself or the organisation or business you belong to, or you can nominate someone else. Contact the Keep Australia Beautiful Tasmania Community Programs Coordinator Lesley. Email:

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- 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
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Business Services

Fusion Business Services provide business advisory & consultancy under the Enterprise Centres Tasmania Program.

Free Business Advice:

- 2 hours of free business advice to intenders and start-ups: business plans, knowing your product & market, financial analysis
- 5 hours of free business advice for established businesses: managing finance, growth, succession planning

Fleur Bourke at [Fusion Business Services](#) can be contacted via phone on 0400 012 681, or fleur@fbervices.com.au



Bat Discovery Night at Kelcey Tier

Bat expert Andy Spate will take you on a short walk in the reserve to see how many species there are to be found.

Tuesday, 6 October 2020

Session 1: 7-8pm

Session 2: 8-9pm

Find more details on the Council website [here](#).



Dogs' Lunch at Coles Beach

Come down for a free bbq lunch at Coles Beach. There will be water and treats for the dogs too (if they're on a lead).

Listen to guest speakers talk about the importance of controlling your dog on the beach.

Saturday, 10 October 12.30pm

Bookings essential as numbers will be restricted. Maximum two dogs per person.

Phone Council on: 03 6424 0511 to book.

Find more details on the Council Website [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

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6424 0511 or sending an email to council@devonport.tas.gov.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:

[Gestural & Action Painting](#)

Devonport Regional Gallery Exhibitions

Portrait of a Place

Upper Gallery, exhibition extended to 14 November 2020

Tasmanian photography from the Devonport City Council Permanent Collection

Artists: Julia Davis, Peter Dombrovskis, Lisa Garland, David Martin, Ricky

Maynard, Geoffrey Parr, Troy Ruffels, Ilona Schneider and Brian

Sollors. Curated by Erin Wilson

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Little Gallery, exhibition extended to 5 December 2020

Local young people in Devonport have explored Australian cultural identity using imagery and text. Curated by Debbie Qadri

Recent Acquisitions

Main Gallery, exhibiting until 19 September 2020

Works from the Devonport City Council's Permanent Collection

Artists: Rodney Pople, Anton Holzner, Kelly Austin, Lisa Garland, Garry Greenwood, Jessie Pangas, Nerida de Jong, Gerald Makin, Katherine Hattam, Anne Morrison, Joel Crosswell and Julie Fragar.

Making Marks

Foyer and the Creative Space, exhibiting until 18 September 2020

In conjunction with the Festival of Learning the Devonport City Council is proud to host Making Marks – A Celebration of Children's Art Travelling Exhibition.

A collaboration between B4 Early Years Coalition (B4), Early Childhood Australia (ECA) Tasmania, Lady Gowrie Tasmania, Goodstart Early Learning, Northern Children's Network, All That We Are, and Dr Barbara Piscitelli AM.

Now accepting *tidal.20* entries

City of Devonport Tasmanian Art Award is a biennial, acquisitive award exhibited at the Devonport Regional Gallery. Artists are invited to submit 2 or 3-dimensional artworks that reflect on the theme of tidal – the natural, cultural, personal or political concerns related to the sea and coastal regions.

Applications close Wednesday, 16 September 2020.

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Regional Gallery
Presents

HOME IS WHERE THE ART IS

Exhibition

30th January- 14th March 2021

An exhibition of works created in homes during the COVID 19 restrictions as part of the Devonport Regional Gallery's on-line art programs, 'Home is Where the 'Art is'.

Open to anyone who has or who would like to create works as part of the on-line art workshops available at: paranapleartscentre.com.au/devonport-regional-gallery/public-programs-creative-learning/
Please register your interest in participating by email: artgallery@devonport.tas.gov.au

**DEVONPORT
REGIONAL
GALLERY**



Exhibition: Safe Space

Main Gallery - [Devonport Regional Gallery](#)

3 October - 14 November 2020

Safe Space is a major touring exhibition of contemporary sculpture, showcasing the works of 12 acclaimed Australian artists. It explores different notions of space - abstract or real, physical, psychological, political and social.

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](#)

[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.

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 - Mental Health Week - Bellbird

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/>

Ask R U OK?

😊 You've got what it takes 😊

Start a conversation using these 4 steps

- 
1. Ask R U OK?
- 
2. Listen
- 
3. Encourage action
- 
4. Check in



Devonport Festival of Learning - Springing back in September

[Festival of Learning Calendar](#)

[Festival of Learning Launch](#)

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

Find the conditions and Mall Permit application form [here](#).

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, paranple 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, 28 September 2020

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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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