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November 2020 - Edition 15

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 -

28 October 2020: [Annual General Meeting](#)

9 November 2020: [Mayor's Message](#)

19 November 2020: [Commencement of Tasmanian Planning Scheme](#)

20 November 2020: [Mayor's Message](#)

Council Employment Opportunities

[Executive & Communications Officer](#) - Applications Close Sunday, 22 November 2020

[Land-Use Planning Coordinator](#) - Applications Close Sunday, 6 December 2020

Speak Up Devonport - Seeking Community Feedback

[Draft Public Lighting Strategy 2021-26](#) - feedback required by Friday, 11 December 2020



2021 Australia Day Awards

Do you know a community member (or group) who has made a significant contribution to the Devonport community?

Nominate them for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year or Community Event of the Year!

Find eligibility requirements and nomination form on the Council Website [here](#).

Nominations Close Wednesday, 2 December 2020



Spirit of Christmas in Devonport

Spirit of Christmas kicks off on Tuesday 1 December for a full month of celebrating Christmas in Devonport.

Explore the full calendar of events [here](#).

#SpiritofChristmasDevonport #DevonportTas



Christmas Window Displays

Council has looked at alternatives for schools and community groups who would normally decorate Christmas Parade floats, and this year is the perfect year to decorate spaces in public areas during December. Our aim is to encourage movement around Devonport's shopping precincts and to build some Christmas cheer in a tough year, while giving these groups an opportunity to create unique displays for our community.

Should you wish to know more please contact [Community Services](#). Expression of Interest are required by Monday 23 November.



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Congratulations to the East Devonport Child and Family Centre

The [Tasmanian LiFE Awards](#) are in recognition of life-affirming work in suicide prevention, intervention and postvention. This year the East Devonport Child and Family Centre won the Communities in Action for Suicide Prevention LiFE Award. Congratulations to all involved in the Men's events, who put on the Barnesy Lunch, Doc Robinson event and a beach walk and BBQ.

Suicide. The loss of one community member is one too many. Stay connected, keep talking!

Learn more about the Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Network [here](#).

The East Devonport Child and Family Centre are planning another event this year, watch their [facebook page](#) to find out more.



5 Minute bushfire plan

Do you have a bushfire plan?

Bushfire season - it is here, if you live in or near the bush (which is pretty much all Tasmanians), you need a bushfire plan. [Tasmania Fire Service](#) have made it easy with an [online program](#).

In 5 minutes you can run through a simple questionnaire to plan out what you will do to keep yourself and everyone in your household safe in the event of bushfire.

To complete your 5 minute bushfire plan visit www.fire.tas.gov.au and click on the 'Bushfire - Why Risk It?' tab on the homepage.



No Spray Register

Devonport Local Government Area road side weed spraying is due to commence on beginning at the beginning December 2020, weather permitting.

Property owners may request the City to not undertake spraying on the road reserve in front of or alongside their properties by applying to the City's 'No Spray Register' on the Council Website [here](#).



Be Connected Digital Devices Grant

The [Be Connected Program](#), run by the Good Things Foundation, is offering one-off Digital Devices grants of \$2,500 or \$5,000 to help fund organisations within the Be Connected Network to loan devices (laptops, tablets and iPads) and data to socially isolated or disadvantaged learners over 50. The Digital Ready for Daily Life program is a supporter of the program and is sharing the message.

Community organisations who support older Australians to thrive in a digital world can [become a network partner](#), and [apply](#). Applications close on Friday, 27 November 2020.



City of Devonport Brass Band Community Concert

Sunday, 22 November 2020

2-4pm

Devonport Baptist Church 126-130 William Street, Devonport

Entry by donation



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:

[Tissue Paper Pictures](#)

[Hand-Made Artists Books](#)

[Devonport Regional Gallery Exhibitions](#)

[This is Us](#)

Little Gallery, exhibition extended to 5 December 2020

[tidal.20](#)

Main and Upper Gallery

5 December 2020 - 30 January 2021

[Road to Somewhere](#)

The Little Gallery Emerging Artists Program

Little Gallery

Town Hall Theatre Devonport

A covid CHRISTMAS CAROL

The Devonport Repertory Theatre Society is excited to present *A covid Christmas Carol*. This humorous one act play written by Joanna Benjamin & Bethany Baker reflects some of the challenges faced when trying to present community theatre under the temporary health and safety regulations currently in place.

11-19 December 2020, more details available on the [paranaple arts centre website](#).



Wildcare Friends of Devonport Reserves

With the help of a Community Environment Grant, Devonport City Council are installing 100 Swift Parrot Next-Boxes. Wildcare Friends of Devonport Reserves recently visited Kelcey Tier Reserve for a walk around, to be educated in monitoring by Shane Pinner a local guru.

Find out more about Wildcare Friends of Devonport Reserves [here](#).

Watch the two educational videos on Swift Parrot behaviour [here](#) before you next visit Kelcey Tier, you might be able to identify that a Swift Parrot is around.

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Tawny Frogmouth (*Podargus strigoides*)

Image Credit 1: Tom Sayers October 2020

Image Credit 2: Greg Close November 2020

Friends of Don Reserve

[Friends of the Don Reserve](#) meet twice each month to assist in improving the biodiversity of Don Reserve.

This is a [Devonport City Council Volunteering Opportunity](#).

When: First and last Tuesday of each month. 2-4pm

Meeting places will vary from week to week. Contact Phil at Council to find out more information. Phone: 6424 0511 Email: Council@devonport.tas.gov.au

Commuter Café

Free nutritious breakfast for cycling commuters at the [Commuter Café](#), thanks to Devonport City Council and [Healthy Tasmania](#)

The [Commuter Café](#) will run every second Wednesday until 3 March 2021, at Pinctada Kitchen, shop 1 Providore Place, with breakfast available between 7:00am-8:30am.

To secure your spot, please register through [Eventbrite](#).

Walking Group

A low impact walking group designed to encourage movement and socialising for Senior Citizens.

Sessions include 30-45 minutes of stretching, walking and morning tea.

Wear sun-smart comfortable clothing, and bring a bottle of water.

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Meeting places will vary from week to week, contact the Devonport Recreation Centre to find out more information. Phone: 6424 4109 Email:

REC@devonport.tas.gov.au

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

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](#)

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.

Events and Activities

[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.

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

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](#).

Next Council Meeting: Monday, 23 November 2020 live-streamed [here](#). Note: this meeting will commence at 4.30pm.

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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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