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December 2020 - Edition 16

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 -

26 November 2020: [Art Award tidal.20 to be opened on Friday 4 December](#)

26 November 2020: [The Spirit of Christmas Devonport](#)

26 November 2020: [ZipBy now available in the multi-level car park](#)

1 December 2020: [Inclusive Playground Now Open](#)

Council Employment Opportunities

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

[Civil Works 2IC](#) - Applications Close Sunday, 13 December 2020

Speak Up Devonport - Seeking Community Feedback

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



Spirit of Christmas in Devonport

Spirit of Christmas is already underway, from Santa touring Devonport, and free Christmas movies, to light displays... we will be celebrating the festive season in Devonport all month long.

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

#SpiritofChristmasinDevonport #DevonportTas

Free legal advice for older Tasmanians

Are you an older Tasmanian who needs legal advice? Or are you worried about an older person you know?

Legal Aid offers free, private and confidential legal advice, representation or referrals.

Legal Aid's experienced and trusted lawyers can advise and assist you with: advance care planning; Guardianship Board matters – lifestyle and financial decisions; Powers of Attorney; pressure to pay money or hand over assets; family conflict; scams and fraud or other criminal matters; abuse or neglect of older people; protection orders; and any other issue that affects older people.

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to the Hobart Office. Bookings essential Phone: 03 6231 3265 or email
admin@cotatas.org.au
www.cotatas.org.au
[Facebook-COTATas](#)

You can also get advice about elder abuse from Advocacy Tasmania: call
the Elder Abuse Helpline on 1800 441 169.



Making Inclusion Stick

'Making Inclusion Stick' is a project being carried out by [Working It Out](#) in Devonport. Working It Out is Tasmania's gender, sexuality and intersex status support and education service.

The project involves [SignPost](#), Working It Out's website and mobile app

businesses and services that become listed.

If you are a Devonport business that would like to know more please email: marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.gov.au and we will pass your details on.

This project is supported by Devonport City Council.



Thank you to the Citizen Scientists monitoring Devonport's Platypus population

Thank you all the Citizen Scientists in our community who provide feedback on our wildlife, flora and fauna!

Because of these volunteering efforts Founders Lake at the Tasmanian Arboretum has once again proved to be the leading hot spot for platypus sightings in the country, with 3.4 animals seen per survey submitted to the Australia Platypus Monitoring Network (APMN)

If you are interested in contribution to platypus conservation by monitoring the local platypus population, take a look at the [Australia Platypus Monitoring Network website](#).

Volunteers record platypus sightings at one or more sites using a standard visual survey method. The information recorded is then analysed to see

than later to help ensure this remarkable animal's survival.

Broadcasting Your Voice - Disability Voices Tasmania

[Disability Voices Tasmania](#) is an organisation strengthening and promoting the individual and collective voices of Tasmanians with disability. The Broadcasting Your Voice project will work with people with disability to build and strengthen their voices through learning and developing skills in speaking on broadcast media such as television, radio, podcasts, and YouTube.

Disability Voices Tasmania have created a survey to assist in developing the project to reflect the interests and experiences of people with disability across Tasmania. Complete the survey [online here](#).



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Students and staff were very excited on Friday to find this mother and baby Tawny Frogmouth sitting on the railing in our wetlands. Tahlee had a dream of seeing a Tawny Frogmouth in the wild and has been searching the [Don Reserve](#) for the past month listening and looking. How exciting to find them living and breeding in our wetlands! Many thanks to [Friends of Don Reserve](#) and [Devonport City Council](#) for your work in maintaining the [Don Reserve](#), a precious piece of natural bushland that borders out wetlands and is so close to our city. [#discoverdcs](#) [#letthemshine](#) [#seekfinddiscover](#)

Thank you Devonport Christian School for acknowledging our wonderful volunteers, and our amazing Reserve!

International Volunteer Day is Saturday, 5 December 2020. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers within our community.



Little Penguins, Lillico - Volunteers Wanted

The Friends of Lillico Penguins are looking for interested people who would like to be a volunteer guide at the Lillico Beach Penguin Platform, 6 kms west of Devonport on the Bass Highway.

Volunteer guides are trained and spend an evening once a week or fortnight from September until April at the platform protecting the Little Penguins and talking to visitors about the life and conservation of Little Penguins.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact the Friends of Lillico Penguins by emailing volunteer@folp.info

Image Credit: John Tongue



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:

[Message in a Bottle](#)

[Story Book Sculptures](#)

[Christmas Garden Wreaths](#)

[Devonport Regional Gallery Exhibitions](#)

[tidal.20](#)

Main and Upper Gallery

5 December 2020 - 30 January 2021

[Road to Somewhere](#)

The Little Gallery Emerging Artists Program

Little Gallery

12 December 2020 - 24 January 2021

Town Hall Theatre Devonport

A covid CHRISTMAS CAROL

The Devonport Repertory Theatre Society is excited to present *A covid Christmas Carol*.

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

Wildcare Friends of Devonport Reserves

[Wildcare Friends of Devonport Reserves](#) are a small group of passionate volunteers from diverse backgrounds who assist in caring for the reserves in Devonport Municipality. Find out more about Wildcare Friends of Devonport Reserves [here](#).

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: Second 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 return from Wednesday, 20 January 2021, and 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](#).

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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.

When: Fridays 10am

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

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 Market Square?

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, 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,

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Next Council Meeting: Monday, 21 December 2020 live-streamed [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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