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Welcome to the 40th edition of the Community Services Newsletter!

In this Newsletter we start to get excited about the festive season and all the upcoming Devonport events!

Do you have the time to share your opinion? Have your say on; work in Tasmania, the East Devonport Child and Family Learning Centre, disability standards for accessible public transport and carer recognition legislation.

Want to learn more about food labelling? Join UTAS at Food Matters Devonport.

We look at cat borne diseases and how they affect our wildlife and agriculture!

There's information on Events, Grants, Spirited Devonport and a whole lot more.

We would love for you to share the information or Newsletter with your friends, networks and community groups. You can subscribe by using the subscription button on the Council Website here.

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Upcoming events

Bookings may be a requirement of the below events, check website for information including COVID-safe conditions.

Find a complete list on the Council website: www.devonport.tas.gov.au/whats-on-devonport/

or Facebook: www.facebook.com/devonportevents

- 19 Nov Floor Talk: With curator and artists
- 20 Nov Drag Brunch!
- 20 Nov Niche Market Bazaar
- 20 Nov Wildcare EXPO North
- 21 Nov Coles Beach Duathlon
- 21 Nov Home Hill Garden Fete
- 24-25 Nov Schools Triathlon Challenge
- 24 Nov North West Film Society and Devonport Sister Cities Association -

Minamata

- 25 Nov 10 Dec 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence
- 26 Nov Public Holiday Devonport Show
- 26 Nov Devonport Girl Guides Come and Try Community Event
- 27 Nov Sea Shepherd Marine Debris Bluff Blitz #3
- 28 Nov Walk the Talk Stop Family Violence
- 1 Dec CORES Self-Care and Mental Wellbeing Workshop
- 4 Dec Christmas in the East Santa Run
- 5 Dec Carols by Candlelight
- 6 Dec Community Breakfast for Volunteers
- 6 Dec Food Matters Devonport
- 10 Dec Festive Friday in the Mall
- 10 Dec Providore Place Twilight Market
- 11 Dec KC Studio of Dance presents Stepping Through Broadway
- 11 Dec Resonance Sounds of the Season
- 12 Dec Christmas at Don Market
- 16 Dec The Traveling Wilburys Sessions
- 17 Dec Celtica
- 17 Dec Providore Place Twilight Market

31 Dec - New Year's Eve Devonport - Around the World!



Regular events

- Every Monday and Tuesday 9.30am The Community HUB Pathway to Life
- Every Monday 6pm Rotary Club of Devonport
- First Monday and third Thursday 7pm Mersey Devonport Lions Club
- Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday of the School Term <u>Ageing Stronger</u>, <u>Active Longer</u>
- Every Tuesday 1.30pm East Devonport Child and Family Centre
- Every Tuesday of the School Term 3-4.45pm Arvos @ The Junction
- Every Tuesday 6.15pm Rotary Club of Devonport South East
- Every Tuesday 7.30pm City of Devonport Brass Band Senior Band rehearsal
- Second Tuesday of each month 7.30pm Devonport Garden Club
- First Tuesday of each month 6.30pm Inner Wheel Mersey
- Second and last Tuesday of each month 2-4pm Friends of the Don Reserve
- Second and fourth Tuesday of each month 6.15pm <u>Spirit of Devonport</u> Toastmasters Club
- Second Tuesday of each month 7.30pm Devonport Garden Club
- First Wednesday of each month 6pm Soroptimists International Devonport
- Every second Wednesday 10am-midday Reflections Dementia Friendly Cafe
- First Thursday of each month 5-6.30pm <u>Headspace</u>, <u>Face to Face Safe</u>
 <u>Space Peer Support</u>
- Every second Thursday times vary Salvation Army Companion Club
- Every Thursday 6pm Rotary Club of Devonport North
- First Thursday of each month 6pm Zonta Club of Devonport
- Every Friday 4-7pm Salvation Army Craft Group
- Second Friday evening of each month Providore Place Twilight Markets
- Sundays 8am 2pm Don Markets
- First Sunday of each month 2pm International Cafe Devonport

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Media Releases

- 19 October 2021 Community input needed for sports facilities master plan
- 12 November 2021 Devonport fireworks back for New Year's Eve
- 16 November 2021 Run Devonport bigger, better in 2022

Employment Opportunities

<u>Civil Works Serviceperson</u> Applications close Sunday, 21 November 2021 <u>Customer Service Officer Bass Strait Maritime Centre (BSMC)</u> Applications close Sunday, 28 November 2021



Check in Tas app can now store COVID-19 digital certificate

The Check in Tas app now allows people to store and display their COVID-19 digital certificate. This upgrade is now live and available.

Your digital certificate is not stored in the Check in TAS app, but on your device. A step-by-step guide to assist people with this process is available here and a short video to show people how to do this can be found

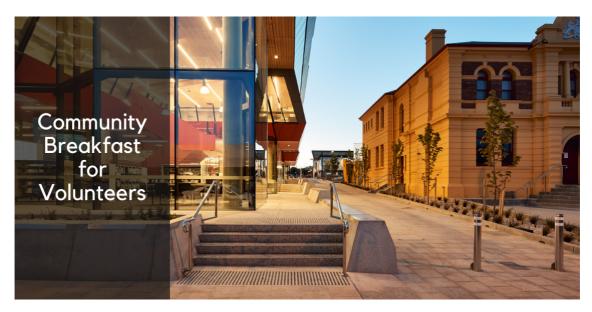
here: www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/check-in-tas/COVID-19-digital-certificate

Note: There is no Tasmanian Public Health direction requiring customers and/or

If you have any questions about the Check in Tas app or these new features, please contact the Business Tasmania team on 1800 440 026 selecting option 2 or email cita@business.tas.gov.au

Translated fact sheets on face masks and how to use them

The Public Information Unit have translated fact sheets on face masks and how to use them. Sheets are now available in 13 languages (Amharic, Arabic, Chin Hakha, Chinese (simplified), Dari, Hazaragi, Karen, Kirundi, Nepali, Oromo, Persian (Farsi), Swahili and Tigrinya). Find the fact sheets and many other resources on the My Language Portal.



Community Breakfast for Volunteers

Devonport City Council will be hosting a BBQ on Monday, 6 December 7-9am. Celebrating the contributions of volunteers within the Devonport community to commemorate International Day of Volunteers.

Council is pleased to invite all persons who work in a volunteer capacity in the Devonport municipality to attend the FREE 'Thank You' Breakfast at Market Square.

The Breakfast will be cooked by Mayor Rockliff, Councillors and Council staff. For catering purposes please, RSVP by Monday, 29 November by either: P 03 6424 0511

E council@devonport.tas.gov.au

Facebook Event



Santa plans additional visits to Devonport this December

Elves have confirmed that Santa plans to travel the main streets and crossroads of Devonport and surrounding suburbs this December to meet families and bring a little Christmas cheer!

Follow Devonport Events on Facebook to be sure to see the dates once they are announced: www.facebook.com/devonportevents



NYE - and fireworks

Devonport City Council's NYE event returns in 2021, with food, activities and live entertainment, it's a great event for all. Whether you're looking for something to do before heading onto late night celebrations or spending NYE with your kids, this event is a great way to bring in the new year. Travel the world without leaving Devonport and celebrate our multicultural community in Market Square. Stay tuned to the facebook event for announcements about performers, food vendors and an Eventbrite link to register for this free event (COVID-Safety). https://fb.me/e/3anm9nLbF

The fireworks display will then be launched at 9.30pm from Aikenhead Point and will

point that best suits them.



Food Matters Devonport

Dr Kiran Ahuja and Sandra Murray along with University of Tasmania nutrition students will be holding a food and nutrition workshop in the Quoiba Room at the paranaple centre Monday, 6 December 2021 10am-midday.

Parents of young children, those who work with vulnerable community members, volunteers / staff from neighbourhood houses, child and family centres, education staff, the childcare sector, those from community groups etc are welcome to attend.

The target focus of this session is awareness around food labelling, information on recommended food groups, information for new parents around nutrition and baby food labelling etc.

We all know how important food and nutrition is in promoting health and wellbeing and this work supports and compliments the physical activity work UTAS have been undertaking over 20 months. It's important to address both elements in order to successfully alleviate the multiple health and wellbeing challenges that plague our communities.

RSVP by emailing: robert.soward@utas.edu.au



Work for Tasmanian residents

<u>The UTAS Tasmania Project</u> has launched a focused survey on work for Tasmanian residents aged 18 years and over.

They want to understand Tasmanians' experiences and opinions of work during COVID-19 and beyond so they can continue to inform Tasmania's response and recovery. This survey also includes questions to understand what is preventing people from (re)engaging in the workforce since COVID-19 started impacting Tasmania. The findings will be shared with Live and Learn Devonport to inform activities aimed at (re)engaging people in employment.

The survey will take approximately 15 minutes online to complete.

SURVEY LINK: www. surveymonkey.com/r/TTP Work

Individuals unable to complete the survey online can call (03) 6226 7542 and leave their name and phone number. A member of our team will be in touch to help them complete the survey.

How's Child and Family Learning Centre doing?



East Devonport Child and Family Learning Centre Survey 2021

The East Devonport Child and Family Learning Centre want to know how they can

Please take complete the 3-5minute survey to help them get a better understanding of what they do well and where they can improve. Even if you don't visit the CFLC or have young children, they would like to hear from you too.

Find the survey here: https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/IHNHCm07?
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Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre's RUN for the ISLAND fundraiser

Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre's Edward Hill, Jessica Collins, Josh Eastgate and James Brady will be put through their paces as they complete the Tasmanian Trail - from Devonport in the state's North, to Tasmania's southernmost settlement of Dover - in only five days.

Each RUN for the ISLAND runner will complete a 25-kilometre stretch of the Tasmanian Trail each day, with the team stopping in at designated regional population centres to promote health and wellbeing factors recognised at reducing dementia risk.

RUN for the ISLAND is a fundraising initiative designed to support the Wicking Dementia Centre's flagship study The ISLAND Project, a research programme aimed at creating a world-first in reducing incidence of dementia across a whole population.

Learn more about the run here: https://island.mooc.utas.edu.au/RUN#info Sign up for the ISLAND Project: https://island.mooc.utas.edu.au/signup



National Asbestos Awareness Month - November 2021

Asbestos can be found lurking under floor coverings including carpets, linoleum and vinyl tiles, behind wall and floor tiles, in cement floors, internal and external walls, ceilings and ceiling space (insulation), eaves, garages, roofs, around hot water pipes, fences, home extensions, garages, outdoor toilets, backyard and farm structures, chook sheds and even dog kennels. It could be anywhere!

If undisturbed, well maintained and in a stable, sealed condition, these products are considered unlikely to pose health risks. However, just as electricity can be deadly, asbestos can be equally lethal when invisible fibres are disturbed and inhaled if asbestos is not managed safely during renovations, maintenance, removal or during the demolition of older properties. It also poses serious risks in abandoned buildings and in the environment if it's dumped or has deteriorated due to exposure to the elements.

Whether it's a home, a garage, or a commercial or non-residential property such as an office, shop, church or church hall, childcare or community centre, theatre, workshop, warehouse or even a farm shed; it's vital that property owners and tradies respect the fact that asbestos poses serious health risks.

With any home built or renovated prior to 1990 likely to contain asbestos (1 in every 3), Australians must stop playing renovation roulette and start to respect the invisible dangers of asbestos because it's not worth the risk!

By working together we can continue to encourage property owners, renovators and tradies to visit <u>asbestosawareness.com.au</u> where they'll find user-friendly life-saving information and resources.



Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications and the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads are leading a process to reform the Transport Standards to ensure they remain efficient and effective, are fit for purpose and meet the current needs of Australian society.

The reform process is split into two stages. Stage 1 identified 16 areas of reform, as well as amendments to references of the Australian Standards, based on consultation with the disability community, governments and the public transport industry.

Learn more here: www.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure-transport-vehicles/transport-accessibility/reform-disability-standards-accessible-public-transport-2002

Have your say on Stage 2. Stage 2 of the reform process to reform the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 has identified 54 areas of reform to the across 13 thematic areas. The Department will seek public feedback on whether the proposed reform options will improve public transport accessibility for people with disability and whether they will enhance the public transport experience for all Australians.

Have your say: <u>www.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure-transport-vehicles/transport-strategy-policy/disabilities/have-your-say</u>



Carer Recognition Legislation

The Tasmanian Government is now consulting carers about Carer Recognition Legislation to be introduced in late 2022.

As Tasmania is the last state to have this legislation it is important to have your voice heard!

Carer Recognition legislation will support, value and formally recognise more than 80,000 Tasmanians who provide support to family members and friends as unpaid and informal carers.

There are many ways to get involved, visit the Department of Communities Website to learn

more: <u>www.communities.tas.gov.au/csr/policy/Policy/Policy/Work/carer_policy/and_action</u> plan/carer-recognition-legislation-consultation



Associate Degree in Applied Health and Community Support

The University of Tasmania (UTAS) are hosting online information sessions for the UTAS Associate Degree in Applied Health and Community Support in early December.

support their experience, as well as those aspiring to work in the sector: www.utas.edu.au/courses/university-college/courses/z2h-associate-degree-in-applied-health-and-community-support

Individuals interested in learning more about the Associate Degree can attend a ZOOM information session by clicking the link below to join the session at the listed time. RSVP is not required, you only need to attend one session.

- Wednesday, 1 December 5.30pm-6.30pm https://utas.zoom.us/j/81857589253
- Thursday, 2 December 5.30pm-6.30pm https://utas.zoom.us/j/81857589253

Please direct any course enquires to UTAS at Course.Info@utas.edu.au or 1300 363 864 or online enquiry: https://www.utas.edu.au/enquire



Cat-Borne Diseases and the affects on our wildlife/agriculture

Last newsletter we answered some commonly asked questions about Cat management, you can read them in edition

#39 here: www.devonport.tas.gov.au/live/your-community/community-services/newsletter/

Did you know that cats have a significant impact on wildlife and agriculture in Tasmania?

Not only does a single roaming domestic cat kill an average of 186 animals a year (of which 115 are native), but cat's are also a host to a number of diseases that can harm and kill our wildlife and livestock.

Toxoplasmosis

Toxoplasmosis is an infection caused by a common parasite found throughout the world, it's occurrence is related to cats, as the parasite is only able to sexually reproduce in the body of a cat.

The problems caused by *toxoplasmosis* for humans are often minor, but can occasionally result in serious health problems. However the disease can be fatal to a

The disease can cause a range of symptoms including fatigue, poor coordination, disorientation, loss of appetite, unnatural daytime activity, blindness, breathing difficulties, fever and miscarriage. Some of these symptoms can kill the host directly, while others make the host more susceptible to predation. The Eastern Barred Bandicoot typically dies within 2-3 weeks of infection.

Toxoplasmosis has also been found in marine mammals (including dolphins and whales) and is thought to enter the marine food chain from cat faeces washed from land through sewerage or stormwater systems, or from cats living near estuaries.

Sarcocystosis

There are many species of *sarcocystis (sarco)*, but the kind that impacts the sheep industry in

Tasmania uses the cat as its definitive host.

Sheep eat *sarco* eggs/spores off pasture or feed, and these develop into cysts in the muscle tissue. While sheep exhibit no clinical signs of *sarco*, meat with cysts will be condemned. Sheep processors in Tasmania are seeing a significant increase in the number of carcases coming through with *sarco*.

Note: There are no drenches or vaccinations available for *toxoplasmosis* or *sarcocystosis* in Australia.

The Australian Veterinary Association and all Tasmanian cat management facilities strongly encourage cat owners to keep their cats safe at home for the wellbeing of their cat as well as for the protection of our community and wildlife.

At the September meeting Council endorsed the Cradle Coast Regional Cat Management Strategy (2021-2026), developed in response to the <u>Cat Management Act 2009</u> and the <u>Tasmanian Cat Management Plan 2017-2022</u>.

The Strategy has been developed by Councils in the region, Cradle Coast Authority (CCA), RSPCA Tasmania, Australian Veterinary Association and the Tasmanian Government (Biosecurity Tasmania and Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service).

Find more information here:

- <u>Tasmanian Cat Management Plan (Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment)</u>
- · Information for Cat Owners TassieCat
- Resources TassieCat
- Cradle Coast Regional Cat Management Strategy (2021-2026)
- Pet Owner Responsibilities Devonport City Council

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Rural Business Tasmania

Financial Counselling Services

This program aims to provide confidential and independent counsel to primary producers, fishermen and small rural businesses that are suffering financial hardship, and that have no alternative sources of impartial support. This program is part of the national Rural Financial Counselling Program.

The service:

- Helps clients gain better understanding of their financial position.
- Helps clients identify financial and business risk and opportunities.
- · Helps clients negotiate with lenders and creditors.
- · Gives clients information about government and their assistance schemes.
- Refers clients to specialist service providers including accountants, agricultural advisers and educational services, succession planners, family mediation and personal counselling, and emotional and social counselling.

Find more details here: www.ruralbusinesstasmania.org.au/financial-counselling-services

Tasmanian Skills Fund 2022

Interested in improving your farm management skills but aren't ready to commit to full time study?

Have a taste with an agricultural skillset of 2-3 nationally accredited units. Brush up your skills and improve your farm productivity.

Rural Biz has a flexible online format and support to help you achieve your goals.

Learn more here: www.ruralbiztraining.com.au/announcements/tasmanian-skills-fund-2022

Expressions of interest close 10 November 2021, training will commence early 2022

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TasNetworks Sustainable Future Grants Program

The TasNetworks Sustainable Future Grants Program provides funding support of up to \$10,000 to eligible Tasmanian Not-For-Profit Organisations for projects that are contributing to a more sustainable future for Tasmania.

Applications will directly benefit the community by:

- Assisting community groups, schools and businesses to build capacity and capability to operate more sustainably
- Promoting energy efficiency initiatives in the community
- Developing initiatives that demonstrate care for our environment

Application close Tuesday, 23 November 2021.

Find guidelines and application form: www.tasnetworks.com.au/grants



Cultural Tourism Accelerator Program

The Cultural Tourism Accelerator Program is a \$5 million targeted measure announced by the Australian Government as part of the Regional Arts Tourism package, which will enable arts organisations to promote and develop cultural events for tourists across regional Australia. The program will increase tourism visitation in

creative industries play a critical role in contributing to the creativity, diversity and prosperity of Australia's regional and rural economy.

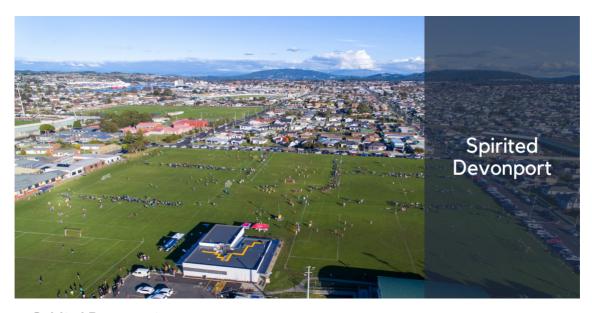
The Cultural Tourism Accelerator Program aims to:

- Support place-based programs to increase visitation
- · Build consumer confidence and activate engagement
- Drive engagement across communities and between regions
- · Support sector-led responses.

There are four grants offered as part of the Regional Arts Fund Cultural Tourism Accelerator:

- Flash Marketing Campaign
- Targeted Marketing Campaign
- Experience Initiative
- · Partnership Initiative

Find more information, guidelines and online application forms here: www.rantarts.com/raf-cultural-tourism-accelerator-information



Spirited Devonport

Spirited Devonport is a new RANT Arts Rising Phoenix digital project dedicated to celebrating and showcasing young people from North West Tasmania. It is a platform that aims to give voice and a place to showcase things that matter such as: community, art, events, sport, opinions, games and important social issues.

Young people from the North West are invited to submit opinion pieces, short fiction, poetry, art or talk about the exciting things that are happening in the region.

Find more information here: https://spiriteddevonport.com.au/

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Devonport Doorways

Devonport Doorways changes

Emergency Relief appointments are changing at Devonport Doorways: If you are needing emergency relief support, please call: 0427 825 251 and leave your name and the reason you called, you will be called back for a phone assessment.

If material and/or financial support is granted, you will be given a date and time of when you are to pick up those goods from the centre.

Find more details: www.facebook.com/SalvationArmyDevonport



Parenting/families

My Child and Autism

A free online workshop for parents and carers. Early Days provides workshops for parents and other family members of children 0-6 who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis or are awaiting assessment. A confirmed diagnosis is not needed to attend. This workshop helps you to:

- » Learn about autism and what it means for your family and your child
- » Learn practical strategies that can make a difference to your child's development

This workshop is run in two parts. Participation in both sessions is

Part B: Thursday 2 December 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Register at: trybooking.com/BVEKC

Questions? Contact the Learning and Development Team: 03 6722 5000 Email:

<u>learning@autismtas.org.au</u>

Helping my child cope with change

A Free workshop for parents and carers. Early Days provides workshops for parents and other family members of children 0-6 who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis or are awaiting assessment. A confirmed diagnosis is not needed to attend.

This workshop helps you to:

- » Understand why change is difficult for young children
- » Identify challenges and successes for when change occurs
- » Make a plan to help your child and family cope
- » Develop strategies for day-to-day, minor, major and unexpected changes.

Please note: Childcare is not provided. Light refreshments will be provided.

Burnie, Wednesday 24 November 2021: 10am - 11:30am

Autism Tasmania, 9 King Street, Burnie Register at: www.trybooking.com/802081

Questions? Contact the Learning and Development Team: 03 6722 5000 Email: learning@autismtas.org.au

Parent/Child art workshops

Aboriginal Artist Arthur Conlon will be hosting workshops and mural painting at the East Devonport Child and Family Learning Centre.

When: Tuesday, 30 November

For more details watch East Devonport Child and Family Learning Centre Facebook

page: www.facebook.com/EastDevonportCFC



Youth

young people under the age of 30.

Nominations close on 16 December 2021.

Visit the Tasmanian Young Achiever website for more information and nomination

form: https://awardsaustralia.com/young-achiever-awards/tas/



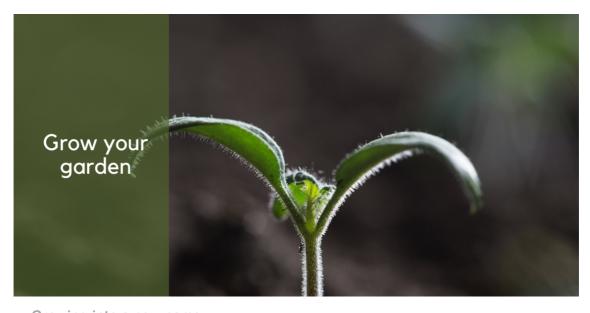
Can it go in kerbside recycle?

Confused about what can go in your kerbside recycling bin?

Message Rethink Waste a picture of the clean waste and they'll post the answers in our "Can it go in kerbside recycling?" photo album.

Follow Rethink Waste: www.facebook.com/rethinkwastetasmania

#Beagoodsort



Growing into a new name

The Street Seed Libraries, Devonport has a new name, it's now the Devonport Seed Library!

It's hoped the new name will make it a little easier to find on Facebook, it's only a

Join the online group to find tips on November seeds to sow, seedlings to plant and what plants to remove from your garden.

Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/2763393530542418/



Devonport Regional Gallery

Without a Sound
Melissa Smith - 2021 Solo Commission Artist
Main Gallery
16 October - 26 November 2021

Self-portraits by North West Support School Foyer Space 23 October - 27 November 2021

Upcoming Exhibition

Systematic

Artists: Tega Brain, Ian Burns, Bill Hart, Jacob Leary, Nadège Philippe-Janon, Patrick Pound, Tricky Walsh, Laura Woodward Upper & Little Galleries 20 November - 29 January 2022

Painting Places: Past and Present

Stephen Lees
Main Gallery
4 December 2021 - 29 January 2022



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: www.devonport.tas.gov.au/council/council-meetings/

Scheduled Council Meetings for 2021:

- Monday, 22 November
- Monday, 20 December

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