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Welcome to the 41st edition of the Community Services Newsletter!

In this Newsletter we celebrate the success of last weekends Christmas events and we get excited about the up-coming community seasonal events!

We thank:

- Devonport Volunteers for International Volunteer Day,
- The Christmas in the East Team,
- The Carols By Candlelight Crew, and
- Spreyton Scouts and Joeys and other Volunteers for attending the Sea Shepherd Marine Debris Bluff Blitz.

We learn about Deadly Choices programs, the Older Persons Support Line and we Rethink Waste with a new Facebook group.

Be sure to have your say on the Don Reserve Management Plan and Food Security in Tasmania.

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/](http://www.devonport.tas.gov.au/whats-on-devonport/)

or Facebook: [www.facebook.com/devonporteevents](https://www.facebook.com/devonporteevents)

24 Nov - 20 Dec - [Christmas Pet Dress Up Competition](#)

10 Dec - [Festive Friday in the Mall](#)

10 Dec - [Providore Place Twilight Market](#)

10 Dec - [Christmas Craft And Christmas Lights Night](#)

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](#)

19 Dec - [Santa Train](#)

19 Dec - [Giant Devonport Christmas Fun Run](#)

20-22 Dec - [Devonport and Surrounds Santa Tour](#)

25 Dec - Public Holiday

26 Dec - Public Holiday

27 Dec - Public Holiday

28 Dec - Public Holiday

31 Dec - [New Year's Eve Devonport - Around the World!](#)

31 Dec - [9.30pm Fireworks](#)

9 Jan - [Kids Sing-along Concert](#)



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### 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 - [Ageing Stronger, Active Longer](#)
- 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 - [Spirit of Devonport Toastmasters Club](#)
- Second Tuesday of each month 7.30pm - [Devonport Garden Club](#)
- First Wednesday of each month 6pm - [Sorooptimists International Devonport](#)
- Every second Wednesday 10am-midday - [Reflections Dementia Friendly Cafe](#)
- First Thursday of each month 5-6.30pm - [Headspace, Face to Face Safe Space Peer Support](#)
- 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](#)



## Council Christmas Hours

### Council Customer Service hours

Council Offices will be closed from 5pm Thursday, 24 December 2021, and reopen on Tuesday, 4 January 2022 (8am phones, and 8.45am Customer Service counter). However Service Tasmania will be operational:

- Friday, 24 December: Open until 4pm
- Saturday, 25 December (Christmas Day), Sunday, 26 (Boxing Day) and Monday, 27 December, Tuesday 28 December: Closed.
- Wednesday, 29 December: normal trading resumes.
- Monday, 3 January (New Years Day Public Holiday): Closed.

### Rubbish collection

No changes to collection dates. Please remember to put your bins out the night before your collection day to ensure you don't miss an early morning collection.

### Spreyton Waste Transfer Station

- Saturday, 25 - Sunday, 26 December: Closed
- Monday, 27 - Tuesday 28 December: 11am - 4pm
- Wednesday, 29 - Friday 31 December: 7.30am - 4pm
- Saturday, 1 January: Closed
- Sunday, 2 - Monday, 3 January: 11am - 4pm
- Tuesday, 4 January: 7.30am-4pm
- Wednesday, 5 January: 7.30am-11am

### Devonport Recreation Centre Office

Office closes 3pm Thursday, 23 December and reopens 9am Monday, 10 January 2022

### East Devonport Recreation and Function Centre - Stadium

Closes 3pm Thursday, 23 December and reopens 9am Monday, 10 January 2022

### Bass Strait Maritime Centre

- Friday, 24 December: 10am - 3pm
- Saturday, 25 December: Closed

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- Saturday, 1 January: Closed
- Sunday, 2 – Friday, 7 January 10am – 3pm

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- Friday, 24 December: 9am – 5pm
- Saturday, 25 - Sunday 26 December: Closed
- Monday, 27 - Tuesday, 28 December: 9am – 2pm
- Wednesday, 29 - Friday 31 December: 9am – 5pm
- Saturday, 1 - 2 January: Closed
- Monday, 3 January: 9am – 2pm
- Tuesday, 4 January: 9am – 5pm
- Wednesday, 5 January: 9am – 2pm
- Thursday, 6 - Friday, 7 January: 9am – 5pm

Make an online request/request information anytime via:

Council website: [www.devonport.tas.gov.au/contact-us/make-a-request](http://www.devonport.tas.gov.au/contact-us/make-a-request)

Email: [council@devonport.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@devonport.tas.gov.au)



## Media Releases

### Media Releases

- 12 November 2021 [Devonport fireworks back for New Year's Eve](#)
- 16 November 2021 [Run Devonport bigger, better in 2022](#)
- 22 November 2021 [Santa and his helpers are headed for the East](#)
- 26 November 2021 [Mayors Message](#)
- 29 November 2021 [Council's colouring in competition](#)
- 1 December 2021 [Community input sought for Don Reserve](#)
- 7 December 2021 [Devonport public recycling bins boost](#)



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### Christmas in the East - Santa Run

Wow, the East Devonport Christmas Spirit was strong on Saturday, 4 December! Thank you to the East Devonport Community for making the 2021 Christmas in the East - Santa Run such a memorable event.

Santa and his friends loved seeing the streets lined with smiling families.

Photos of the event are available on facebook

now: [www.facebook.com/devonportevents](https://www.facebook.com/devonportevents)

The Christmas in the East event came about thanks to:

[East Devonport Child and Family Learning Centre](#),

[East Devonport Neighbourhood House](#),

[Rotary Devonport South East](#),

[Housing Choices Tasmania](#),

[Devonport Anglican Church](#),

[Devonport City Council](#),

Volunteers and a big thank you to [Tasmanian Fire Service](#) for jumping in and making the noise!

Don't forget Santa will be travelling around Devonport 20-22 December 2021.



### Carols By Candlelight

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December, the Soroptimists International along with the Devonport City Strikers Soccer Club and Devonport City Council, held the annual Carols night at the Lovett Street Soccer Complex.

Over 1500 people attended the event that featured the City of Devonport Brass Band, Exhale Choir, and a host of other performers for the two-hour show. This year, students from Devonport Christian School assisted in the telling of the first Christmas, with the help of some tame goats and a chicken.

Santa made an appearance, but then went off to check the naught/nice list again while Mrs Claus was the MC for the evening.



### Community Breakfast for Volunteers

This International Day of Volunteers Council celebrated Devonport Volunteers with a Thank you Breakfast in Providore Place. The breakfast was cooked by Councillors and Management with the thanks of City Mission.

Thank you to all who Volunteer within the Devonport Community!

Find more photos on the Council Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/devonportcity](https://www.facebook.com/devonportcity).



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### Colouring-in competition

Devonport City Council is calling all colouring in enthusiasts to take part in this year's competition.

Try your hand at the 2021 "Treat Your 'Elf" Devonport Christmas colouring in. To enter, just download the template and send a photo or scan of your masterpiece to [marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.gov.au](mailto:marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.gov.au) for a chance to win a prize.

Age categories for judging are:

- 0-4
- 5-8
- 9-11
- 12-15
- 15+

Send in your completed template by Sunday, 19 December 2021. Template can be found here: [www.devonport.tas.gov.au/councils-colouring-in-competition/](http://www.devonport.tas.gov.au/councils-colouring-in-competition/)



### Community Christmas Tree



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The tree stands at about 10 metres high elevated by a decorate platform.  
This year panels on the platform were decorated by:

- East Devonport Primary School,
- Nixon Street Primary School,
- Miandetta Primary School,
- Hillcrest primary School,
- Spreyton Primary School,
- Devonport Christian School,
- North west Support School
- 1912 Early Learning Centre,
- East Devonport Child and Family Learning Centre and
- Devonport Girl Guides.



### Festive Friday

Festive Friday returns on 10 December 2021 in Rooke St Mall. From 12pm-4pm, Rooke St Mall will come alive with the Christmas spirit. We hope to encourage attendees to support local business, in line with this year's theme "Treat Your Elf". Please contact us if you're interested in doing a Festive Friday special deal. Attendees will get to enjoy our central shopping district before moving onto the Providore Place Twilight Market.

During this period, members of the events team will be surprising people with our Secret Santa project. As we know, Christmas is potentially going to be a very hard and stressful time for some. To assist, Council has been looking at a number of initiatives to help drive business, as well as provide support to those who may need it. Council are asking if retailers would like to donate a voucher from their store. This will ensure business for each participating retailer and joy to those down on their luck. Council's Events Team would then hand out the vouchers to those who look like they could use a little light in their day.

All businesses involved will have their involvement advertised through social media

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If you are interested in being involved with Secret Santa, have a special deal happening or are changing your opening hours for the season, please let us know by emailing [marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.gov.au](mailto:marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.gov.au)



### **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 be seen across the City thanks to SeaRoad sponsorship. There will be no specific viewing location. Spectators are encouraged to keep COVID-safe and find a viewing point that best suits them.



## Don Reserve Management Plan

### Have your say on Don Reserve

Devonport City Council is seeking community input on management priorities of the ecologically significant Don Reserve.

Council developed a management plan for the reserve in 2015, which is due for review.

During the past six years there have been several infrastructure improvements to support community recreation activities, plus a huge effort by volunteers such as the Friends of Don Reserve to improve biodiversity health.

Read the Media Release here: [www.devonport.tas.gov.au/community-input-sought-for-don-reserve/](http://www.devonport.tas.gov.au/community-input-sought-for-don-reserve/)

Have your say: [www.devonport.tas.gov.au/council/get-involved/speak-up-devonport/](http://www.devonport.tas.gov.au/council/get-involved/speak-up-devonport/)



## Visit Devonport

### Visit Devonport

Do you have any festive activities, special deals or changing operating hours that you'd like us to share on the Visit Devonport Facebook page? We want to drive as many consumers as we can into your business, so let us know by emailing



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### Lillico Penguins seeking volunteers

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

Volunteer guides receive training and spend one evening 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](mailto:volunteer@folp.info)

Visit the Lillico Penguin Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/Lillico.Penguins](https://www.facebook.com/Lillico.Penguins)

## Asthma

### Let's talk about asthma

Is your asthma really under control? This is the question Asthma Australia wants you to ask yourself this November. If you're experiencing regular asthma symptoms or your asthma stops you from doing what you want, then it's time to Talk Asthma. Take the first step in getting your asthma under control and feeling healthy again.

Visit [www.asthma.org.au/talk-asthma](http://www.asthma.org.au/talk-asthma)



### Disability Gateway

The Disability Gateway is your first step in finding information and services for people with disability, their families and carers.

If you are looking for easy to understand, accessible information and advice about COVID-19, visit [www.disabilitygateway.gov.au](http://www.disabilitygateway.gov.au) or call 1800 643 787 (Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm - not available public holidays).

An Australian Government initiative.



### Pfizer vaccination clinics

State-run Pfizer vaccination clinics are open across Tasmania for anyone aged 12 or over.

Walk-ins are now accepted at all clinics for first and second doses.

People can now get a booster vaccine from six months after their second dose, but bookings are required for state-run clinics.

#### Devonport Surf Life Saving Club

9 December 2pm - 7pm

15-17 December 9am - 4pm

22 December 9am - 4pm

23 December 9am - 5pm

To see the full list beyond December please visit the Tasmanian Government's COVID-19 website: [www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/vaccination-information/covid-19-vaccination/Book-your-vaccine/community-clinics](https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/vaccination-information/covid-19-vaccination/Book-your-vaccine/community-clinics)

To book an appointment go to [www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au) or ring the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738.

You can also get vaccinated at participating GPs and pharmacies. Contact your local GP or visit

[www.findapharmacy.com.au/](https://www.findapharmacy.com.au/) to make an appointment.





### NBL Blitz teams in Devonport

Did you know that Devonport played home to members from the National Basketball League in November? For 10 days the Brisbane Bullets, Perth Wildcats and Cairns Taipans called Devonport Recreation Centre their training home!

The teams have sent their thanks to the Recreation Centre staff for making them feel so welcome and for keeping their visit a secret.



### Bluff Beach Blitz #3

Sea Shepherd Marine Debris, Bass Strait Maritime Centre and the Devonport City Council hosted the 3rd Clean up blitz of the Bluff Beach on Saturday, 27 November. Thank you to Spreyton Scouts and Joeys who turned up in force, along with the 27 members of the community.

Over the 1 hour clean up 4 boxes of rubbish were collected. 3 boxes were soft plastics, food wrapping, plastic plates, coffee cups, and 50 wipes meaning a lot of picnic rubbish is not making it to the bins.

On a positive note, last year the clean up collected over 3,000 cigarette butts and this year 600!

Follow Bass Strait Maritime Centre on Facebook  
here: [www.facebook.com/BassStraitMaritimeCentre](https://www.facebook.com/BassStraitMaritimeCentre)



### Deadly Choices

Deadly Choices aims to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to make healthy choices for themselves and their families – to stop smoking, to eat good food and exercise daily. It also encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to complete an annual '715 Health Check'.

The focus being preventative health – encouraging community to not just see the doctor when they are sick, but to visit their health service and access support to prevent or better manage their chronic disease and remain healthy.

Having a 715 Health Check every 9-12 months means a clinic can build a picture of health and measure changes in a client's wellbeing – helping to prevent chronic disease from become reality, and reducing the impact of existing chronic disease, while providing ongoing health management and support.

To encourage mob to participate, IUIH and licensees, provide clients with a free Deadly Choices shirt. These shirts change yearly, with a variety offered to attract different audiences.

Contact Karadi to get your form for your GP Ph: 03 6272 3511  
email: [deadlychoices@karadi.org.au](mailto:deadlychoices@karadi.org.au)

Find more details here: [www.karadi.org.au/programs/](https://www.karadi.org.au/programs/)



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## Older Persons Support Line



### Older Persons Support Line

Older Australians, their families, friends and carers can call 1800 171 866 (Freecall) if they:

- would like to talk with someone about the COVID-19 restrictions and its impact on them
- are feeling lonely or are worried about a loved one
- are caring for someone and need some information or a listening ear
- need help or advice about changing the aged care services they are receiving
- need help to access new care services or essential supplies such as shopping
- are living with dementia or are concerned about a friend or family member living with Dementia
- would like to arrange a one-off or regular wellbeing check.

1800 171 866 - 8:30am-6pm (AEST) Monday - Friday

## Food Security



### Food Security 2020 and beyond

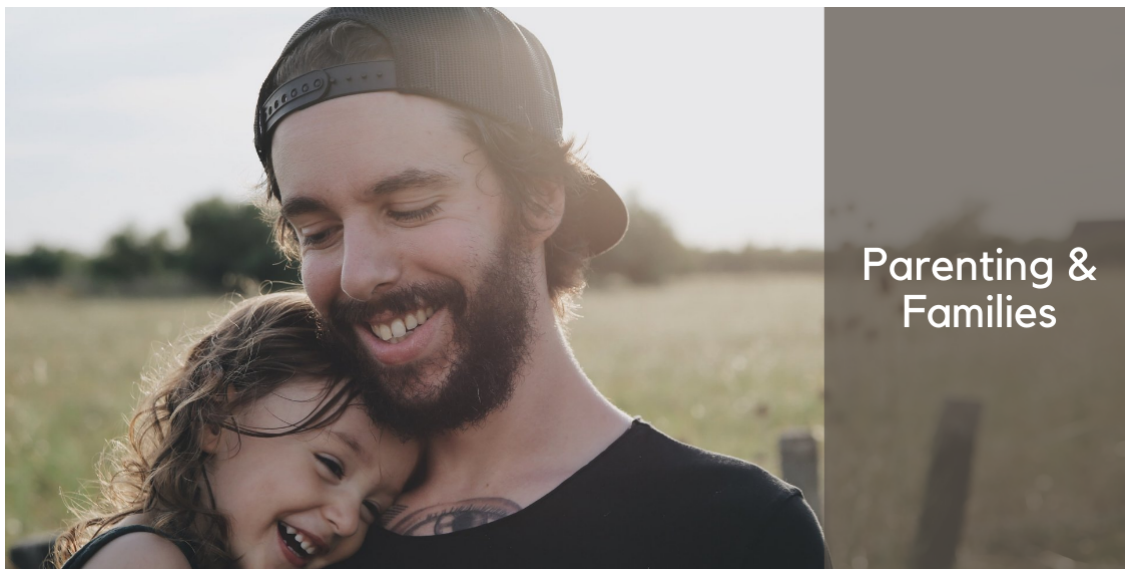
Public Health Services are looking for community stories. Did you have difficulty affording food during 2020? Maybe you still are? Do you have a story to share with them?



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year. If that's you, they'd like to hear about your experiences accessing food in 2020. You can tell them your story by talking to one of the project team or you could send your story, image or video about what happened for you and your community. Please contact [community.nutrition@health.tas.gov.au](mailto:community.nutrition@health.tas.gov.au) or visit the website for more information on this

project: [www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/publichealth/community\\_nutrition/health\\_and\\_community\\_workers/food\\_security](http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/publichealth/community_nutrition/health_and_community_workers/food_security).



### Parenting/families

#### Cooking for Success

Get involved with this FSK10219 accredited course! Gain skills through hands on learning in the kitchen, improve your reading, writing and computer skills.

This course runs Terms 1 & 2 in 2022 during school hours.

For more information call Keith Sanderson – 0429 685 779

Email: [keith.sanderson@tastafe.tas.edu.au](mailto:keith.sanderson@tastafe.tas.edu.au)



### Youth

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figuring out your next steps?

Youth Navigators are a Free one-stop-shop to help young Tasmanians explore their education, training and employment needs!

Visit the website and find a Youth Navigator near you! [www.youthnavigators.com.au/](http://www.youthnavigators.com.au/)



### Rethink Food Waste

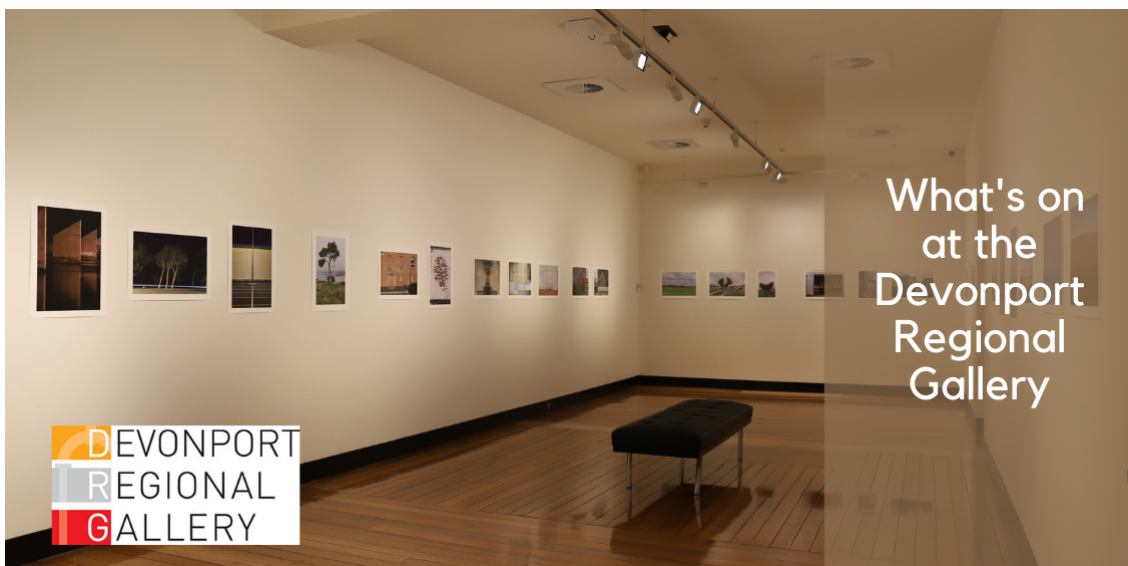
Rethink Waste has a new Facebook group to discuss food waste.

- swap tips on how to store food so it lasts longer,
- share recipes to make the most of the food you've already got,
- find do it yourself home cleaning hacks using food waste, and more!

Join the Group: [www.facebook.com/groups/rethinkfoodwastegroup/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/rethinkfoodwastegroup/)

Follow Rethink Waste: [www.facebook.com/rethinkwastetasmania](https://www.facebook.com/rethinkwastetasmania)

#Beagoodsort



### Devonport Regional Gallery

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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/](http://www.devonport.tas.gov.au/council/council-meetings/)

Scheduled Council Meetings for 2021:

- Monday, 20 December

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