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The Community Services team wish you all safe summer. Please continue to support and check in with each other as we all navigate this challenging time. We are always stronger together!

If you or someone you know needs any support this summer or at any time, there are a range of 24-hour support services available;

Lifeline: 13 11 44. www.lifeline.org.au/

Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800. <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

Mensline Australia: 1300 78 99 78. <https://mensline.org.au/>

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467. www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au/

Beyond Blue Support Service: 1300 224 636 (24-hour helpline). www.beyondblue.org.au/

Headspace: 1800 650 890. <https://headspace.org.au/>

QLife: 1800 184 527. <https://qlife.org.au/>

Department of Education - Trauma support: 1800 816

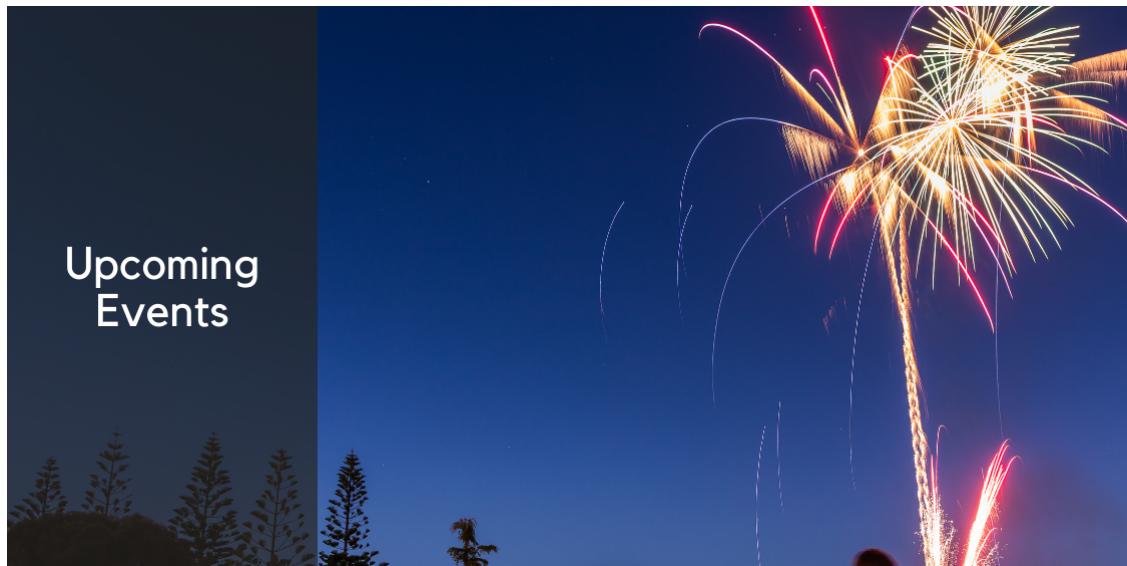
057. www.education.tas.gov.au/parents-carers/trauma-support-resources/

The 42nd edition of the Community Services Newsletter looks at January events, Council Christmas hours, and some of the recent Tasmanian COVID Updates.

There is also a mental health survey for those identify at LGBTIQ+ and we look at a new Working it Out Together program.

The Community Services Team look forward to re-connecting in 2022!

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](#).



Upcoming Events

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

25 Dec - Christmas Day

26 Dec - Boxing Day

27 Dec - Public Holiday - Christmas (substitute day)

28 Dec - Public Holiday - Boxing Day (substitute day)

29 Dec - [Devonport Athletic Carnival](#)

31 Dec - [New Years Eve in Devonport - All Around the World](#)

31 Dec - [9.30pm Devonport Fireworks Display](#)

5 Jan - Partial Public Holiday for some - Devonport Cup

5 Jan - [Devonport Cup](#)

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

11 Jan - [Skateboard Session - School Holiday Sessions](#)

15 Jan - [Ingrid James' Love & Other Fiascos](#)

16 Jan - [Australian Scooter Association Qualifier](#)

17 Jan - [Devonport Regional Gallery 'Systematic' School Holiday Workshop](#)

19 Jan - [Devonport Regional Gallery 'Systematic' School Holiday Workshop](#)

24 Jan - [Devonport Regional Gallery 'Systematic' School Holiday Workshop](#)

25 Jan - [Devonport Regional Gallery 'Systematic' School Holiday Workshop](#)

26 Jan - Public Holiday - Australia Day

26 Jan - [Australia Day Citizenship Awards Ceremony](#)

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Regular events

Note some of these events may have a January break.

- 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 - [Soroptimists 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 4pm Thursday, 24 December 2021, and reopen on Tuesday, 4 January 2022 (8am phones, and 8.45am Customer Service counter). For emergency situations during this period please phone 6423 3074. Payments may be made via Council's website or at Service Tasmania

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 - Sunday, 26 December: Closed
- Monday, 27 - Friday, 31 December: 10am - 3pm
- Saturday, 1 January: Closed
- Sunday, 2 - Friday, 7 January 10am - 3pm

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

Email: council@devonport.tas.gov.au



Media Releases

- 1 December 2021 [Community input sought for Don Reserve](#)
- 7 December 2021 [Devonport public recycling bins boost](#)
- 16 December 2021 [Our hearts are with you Hillcrest Primary School](#)
- 17 December 2021 [Christmas and New Year facility closures](#)
- 18 December 2021 [Hillcrest Community Public Fund launched](#)
- 19 December 2021 [Preserving the thousands of Hillcrest tributes](#)
- 21 December 2021 [Hillcrest Community Public Fund video](#)
- 21 December 2021 [Funding support for Hillcrest families](#)

Employment Opportunity

[Plumbing Surveyor or Permit Authority Administration Officer](#) - Applications close Sunday, 23 January 2022



NYE - and fireworks

Be sure to register for Devonport City Council's NYE event with food, activities and live entertainment. 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 the Market Square Precinct from 3-8pm on New Year's Eve.

Thanks to Merseylink, you'll be able to get across the river and back for our New Year's Eve event! \$3 each way for adults, \$2 for kids and \$5 for an adult round trip is an absolute bargain!

Parking in Council's multi-level car park will be free of charge for the event. Entry will be via Fenton Way only.

State Health have advised that all attendees will need to be fully vaccinated and masked. Register your attendance through [Eventbrite](#).

Stay tuned to the facebook event for announcements about performers, food vendors and covid safety tips for this free event. <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 avoid gathering in large groups. There are lots of great viewing options throughout the city.



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/

Have your say: www.devonport.tas.gov.au/council/get-involved/speak-up-devonport/



Masks required for Public Indoor settings

The State Government has announced that masks will be required in public indoor settings from Tuesday 21 December 2021 by everyone aged 12 and over.

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- Indoor workplaces such as offices
- Education settings for example university buildings or schools
- Indoor businesses and shops such as supermarkets, restaurants, or pubs
- Indoor service settings such as banks or pharmacies
- Indoor areas of commercial or recreational boats, unless they are a residence (home). Masks are not required to be worn when a passenger is in their cabin. This advice applies to cruise ships and other similar vessels operating in Tasmania.
- Public transport such as bus, taxis or in a rideshare

Masks are not required to be worn outdoors, unless attending a large event where masks are already required. You may choose to wear a mask outdoors as an additional safety measure against COVID-19.

When at home or visiting someone else in their home, a mask is not mandatory.

Masks may be removed to eat or drink but must be put back on immediately after you have finished. There are certain exceptions to wearing a mask, including for certified medical reasons. Reasons for not wearing a mask are not always obvious so please be respectful of others.

For more information visit



Vaccines for
5-11
year olds

Vaccines for children aged 5 to 11

Bookings are now open for children aged 5 to 11 to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

A special vaccination clinic for children aged 5 to 11 is running in Devonport at the paranple convention centre on:

- 14 January 2022 (9am to 5pm)
- 15 January 2022 (9am to 3.45pm)
- 16 January 2022 (9am to 5pm)

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www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/vaccine or calling the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738.

Children's vaccinations are also available at participating GPs.

To find a clinic in your area, visit: <https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/vaccination-information/covid-19-vaccination/where-to-get-a-vaccine/community-clinics#5to11clinics>



Check in TAS card

Now available: a free card containing a unique QR code with your details to allow a business to scan with their device and check you in. This provides a quick and private option where there are staff available to assist with check in.

This option is for those who do not have a smartphone or are unable to use the Check in TAS app and can be ordered online www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/check-in-tas/information-for-the-community or via the Public Health Hotline 1800 671 738.



LGBTIQ+ and mental health care survey

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Tasmania, is launching an online survey to better understand the LGBTIQ+ community's experiences with mental health care services in Tasmania.

The survey is open from 10 December 2021 until 31 January 2022. Tasmanians aged 16 years and older who identify as LGBTIQ+ are eligible to complete the survey. Its purpose is to better understand the gaps, needs and issues within the current mental health system specific to the LGBTIQ+ community, including individual population groups within that community.

The survey is one component of a broad consultation process, which includes a literature review (completed) and focus groups to be held in early 2022.

Find the Online Survey here <https://bit.ly/3rQ9GSa>

Rethink 2020 Implementation Plan <https://bit.ly/3ypZSQp>



Working it Out Together

A new peer support program aimed to help LGBTIQ+ people connect with the communities around them.

People who need a hand or have a hand to spare can register on the Working it Out website or phoen Garry on 0455 031 262.

Once you've registered, there will be a little bit of online training before you get matched with someone.

Some examples of what this program can provide:

- Regular 'Are you ok?' checks by phone, email, SMS etc.
- Information & support for people to engage in social activities
- Walking buddy
- In-person catch ups
- Dog walking
- Meeting for a coffee
- Attending public social events

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Active Kids Grants

Does your team need new uniforms or equipment to kick off the season? The Active Kids Grants are available for volunteer-run community clubs and organisations with members aged 20 or younger.

Grants are awarded in the form of equipment supplied by HART Sport and on field uniforms supplied by ISC.

Applications are open now, until Monday, 24 January 2022: <https://fundraise.sportsfoundation.org.au/grants>



Youth

Free confidential youth health nurse appointments
Book a free appointment with the headspace youth health nurse who can offer advice, test for STI's, provide education and support.

Call to book an appointment at headspace Devonport on Mondays or Wednesdays -

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Commissioner for Children and Young People - Ambassador Program 2022

The CCYP Ambassador Program provides Tasmanian children and young people with an opportunity to have their voices heard about matters that are important to them. The Program also looks at how things can be improved for children and young people in Tasmania.

Ambassadors are also provided with opportunities to come together to discuss key issues and to influence decision-makers.

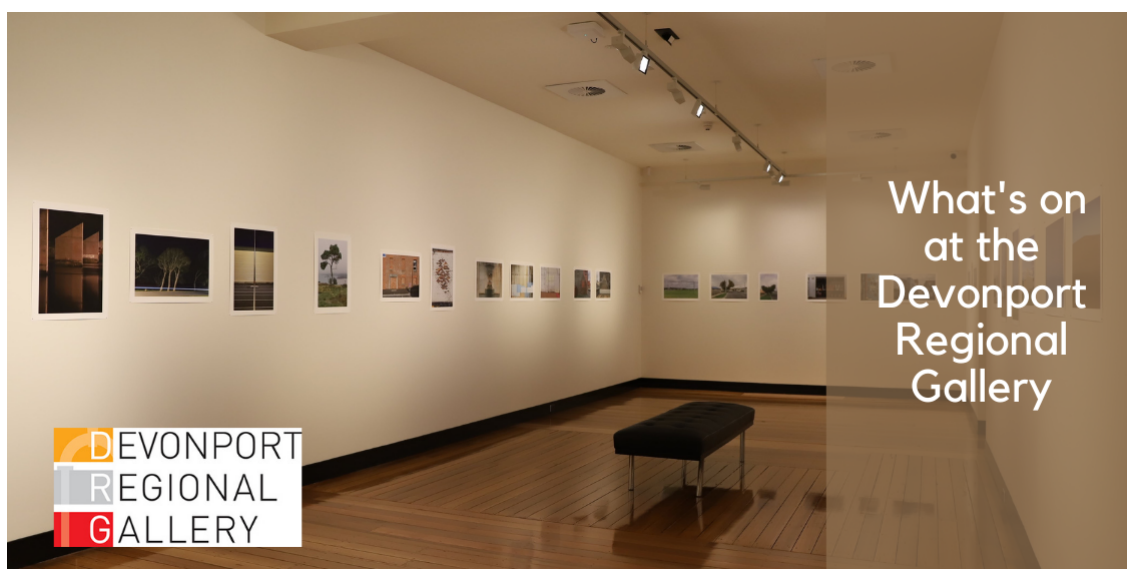
The information pack and electronic application form are now available on the CCYP website at: <https://www.childcomm.tas.gov.au/get-involved>. The application will be open until 5pm on Friday, 18 February 2022. If you have questions or would like further information call 03 6166 1366.

Youth Navigators

Are you finishing school, or have you just finished school and want some help 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/



Devonport Regional Gallery

Systematic

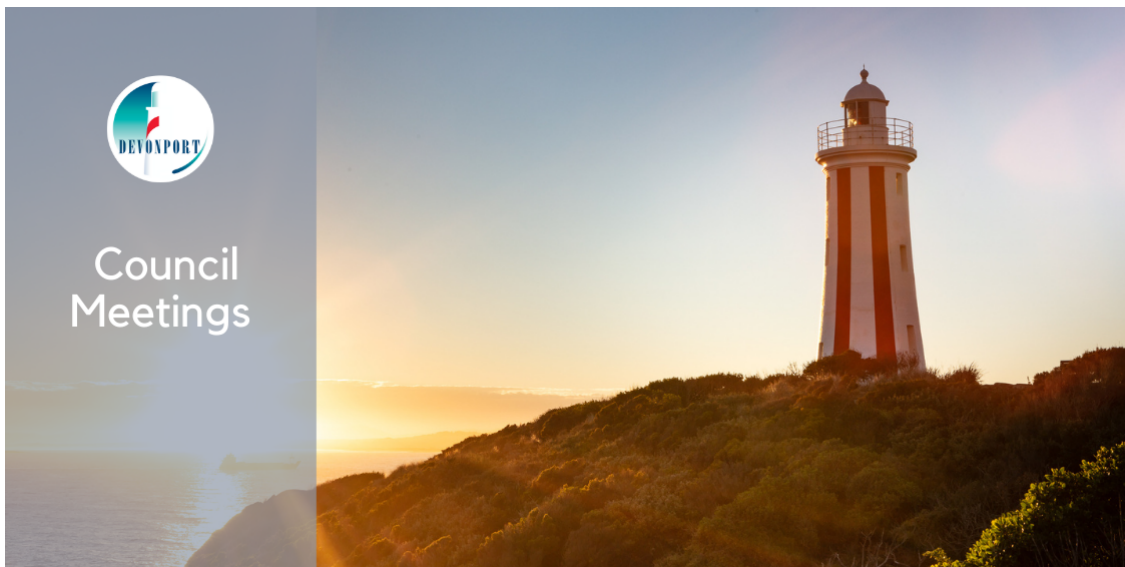
Artists: Tega Brain, Ian Burns, Bill Hart, Jacob Leary, Nadège Philippe-Janon, Patrick Pound, Tricky Walsh, Laura Woodward

Upper & Little Galleries

20 November - 29 January 2022

Painting Places: Past and Present

Stephen Lees

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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/

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