



The Community Services team welcome you to the 44th edition of the Community Services Newsletter. In this edition we are preparing for International Women's Day, shining a light on causes affecting some families in our community, looking at changes to the Cat Management Act and a whole lot more!

Have information to share with the community? Please do not hesitate to send us an email at marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.gov.au

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](#).



U p c o m i n g e v e n t s

- 26-27 Feb - [Devonport Triathlon](#)
- 27 Feb - [Music in the Garden](#)
- 1 Mar - [Hearing Australia Bus](#)
- 4 Mar - [CORES Suicide Prevention Training](#)
- 4 Mar - [Twilight Market & Street Eats](#)
- 4 Mar - [Becoming... Belonging](#)
- 4 Mar - [The Sweet Caroline Tour](#)
- 4 - 6 Mar - [Soccer Skills Acquisition Phase Program](#)
- 5 Mar - [AFL Hawthorn V Richmond - Hillcrest tribute match](#)

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- 7 Mar - [Bat Discover Night at Don Reserve - fully booked](#)
 8 Mar - [Diamonds of Devonport](#)
 8 Mar - [Bat Discovery Night at Kelsey Tier - fully booked](#)
 9 Mar - [North West Film Society - Heroic Losers](#)
 14 Mar - [Devonport Public Holiday - Eight Hours Day](#)
 16 Mar - [Baptcare Orana Homecare information night](#)
 20 Mar - [Kombi Keg Run Devonport](#)
 24 Mar - 24 Apr - [The Great Train Race](#)
 26 - 27 Mar - [Jewellery, Gem & Mineral Fair](#)
 27 Mar - [Devonport Motor Expo](#)
 27 Mar - [Neighbour Day](#)
 1 Apr - [Twilight Market & Street Eats](#)



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 9.30am - [Mersey Singers Choir](#)
- 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](#)
- Every Thursday and Saturday 1pm - [Senior Citizen Indoor Bowls](#)
- First Thursday of each month 5-6.30pm - [Headspace, Face to Face Safe Space Peer Support](#)

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- Every Thursday 6.30pm - [Resonance Choir](#)
- 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](#)



Media Releases

- 3 Feb - [Devonport community invited to submit ideas](#)
- 9 Feb - [Devonport only Tassie stop for artist Lindy lee](#)
- 11 Feb - [Public notice for intention to licence](#)
- 22 Feb - [Devonport call to support Share the Dignity drive](#)
- 23 Feb - [Mayor's video message for February](#)
- 24 Feb - [Hillcrest Community Public Fund facts](#)



Community Grants Program

Council's Financial Assistance Scheme

The Community Grants Program supports community organisations for one-off projects, events and activities.

Major and Minor grant applications are currently being accepted from eligible community groups and organisations.

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Funding for Technology Projects

Not for Profit Funding for Technology Projects

If you're a Not for Profit, working to create a better world and facing technology funding challenges, you could be eligible for a grant through Dog & Bone.

Through their grants program, you'll be able to choose from a range of services and projects to help you with your technology.

The support ranges from help with your technology strategy and navigating the challenges and opportunities of a hybrid workplace to technology procurement.

Round One closes 15 March 2022. Find more details

here: www.dogandbone.com.au/impact-grants



Diamonds of Devonport

2022 Diamonds of Devonport Event

Since its inception in 2012, Diamonds of Devonport recognised the efforts of more than 267 amazing women who live or work within our community.

This year's finalists will be acknowledged at a cocktail event held on International Women's Day at the paranple convention centre.

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Time: 6pm

Where: paranaple convention centre, 137 Rooke Street, Devonport

Cost: \$25 per person includes canapes, welcome drink and entertainment

Tickets can be purchased via Devonport

Tickets <https://devonporttickets.com.au/event/diamonds-of-devonport-15201> or at Council's Customer Service Counter.

This event is subject to state COVID-19 Safe Laws and specific industry practises must apply. Ticket holders must be fully vaccinated and present proof of vaccination to enter the venue. Masks are to be worn, unless eating or drinking.



S h a r e t h e D i g n i t y M a r c h D r i v e

Share the Dignity drive

Devonport businesses and organisations are being encouraged to get behind a March Dignity Drive that supports those struggling to afford sanitary products, through community donations.

During the month of March Council will have collection boxes at Council's Customer Service counter at the Bass Strait Maritime Centre, and as part of this year's Diamonds of Devonport event on Tuesday, 8 March. Attendees will be able to leave donations of sanitary items in a collection box at the event.

Local businesses like Terry white Chemist (Valley Road) can register their drives via the Share the Dignity website: www.sharethedignity.org.au/dignity-drives

The Community Services team is also happy to collect donations from local businesses and community groups that do their own collections. Please get in contact with us at marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.gov.au



C a t M a n a g e m e n t

Do you own more than four cats? Here's information you need to know!

From 1 March 2022, changes to the [Cat Management Act 2009](#) will mean that a person will not be permitted to keep more than four cats over the age of four months on an individual property without a Multiple Cat Permit.

There will be a number of exceptions, with the limit of four cats not applying to:

- a person who holds a Multiple Cat Permit; or
- registered cat breeders; or
- a person who holds a cat breeding permit; or
- a person fostering a cat for a cat management facility or an approved organisation; or
- cat boarding facilities or veterinary establishments; or
- a person who is minding another person's cat for less than six months, and the owner does not reside on the individual property, and no payment is made for keeping the cat.

What happens if none of the exceptions apply to me and I already keep more than four cats? Will I have to find new homes for some of my cats?

No. If you have more than four cats over the age of four months, and none of the exceptions apply to your circumstances, you will need to apply for a Multiple Cat Permit.

What happens after I submit an application for a Multiple Cat Permit?

Once your application has been received, you will receive a letter acknowledging that your application for a Multiple Cat Permit has been submitted and you be provided with instructions on next steps. The letter will enable you to be considered to meet the law under the [Cat Management Act 2009](#) whilst you are waiting for your application to be considered.

If I have more than four cats but don't have a Multiple Cat Permit on 1 March 2022, will I receive a fine?

Not initially. However, you are advised to apply for a permit as soon as possible. If you fail to make an application, you may be provided with information and advised/required to apply for a Multiple Cat Permit. If you continue to breach the legislation, you may be liable to prosecution under the [Cat Management Act 2009](#).

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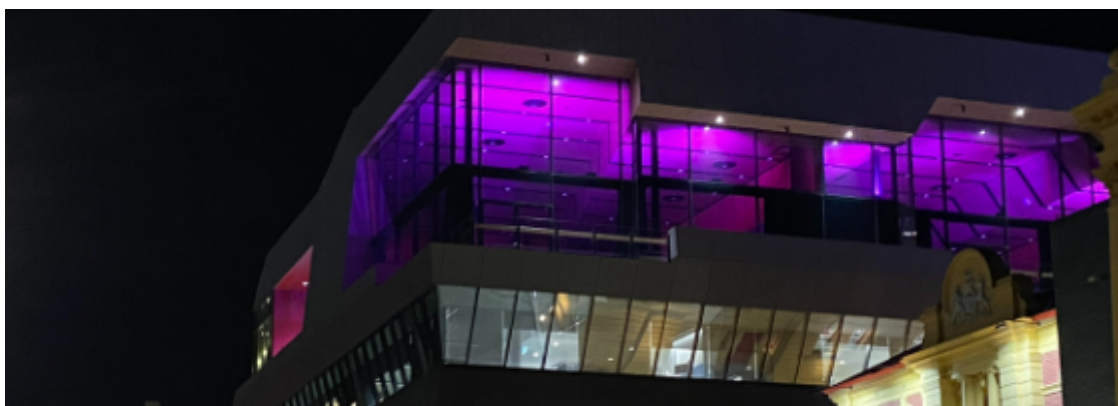
Will a rescue or shelter need a Multiple Cat Permit?

Yes. There will be specific Multiple Cat Permit application for animal rescues/shelters. A person who fosters cats for a rescue/shelter (that is not a cat management facility) will not need to apply for a Multiple Cat Permit.

How do I apply for a Multiple Cat Permit?

Applications for Multiple Cat Permits will be available soon. If you would like to be notified when the application for a permit to keep more than four cats becomes available, or you would like more information about keeping more than four cats, please [register your interest](#) with Biosecurity

Tasmania: <https://nre.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/cat-management-in-tasmania/cat-management-act-amendments/register-of-interest>



Shining a light

paranaple convention centre shining a light

When possible the paranaple convention centre will shine bright bold colours to show support and raise awareness for causes affecting families in our community.

By raising awareness we can generate change.

World Rare Diseases Day

On Monday, 28 February the paranaple convention centre will shine Green in support of World Rare Disease Day.

The main objective of Rare Disease Day is to raise awareness about rare diseases and their impact on people's lives.

Find out how you can support Rare Disease Day here: www.rarediseaseday.org/

Epilepsy Awareness Month

Throughout March, Epilepsy Australia is urging people around the country to end the stigma and discrimination of epilepsy and 'Go Purple', the international colour for epilepsy.

The paranaple convention centre will shine purple 1-6 March in support.

Did you know 20,000 Tasmanians have epilepsy which impacts around 80,000 family members, colleagues and friends? Find out more at Epilepsy

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International Women's Day

The 2022 International Women's Day theme is: #BreakingTheBias

Imagine a gender equal world.

A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination.

A world that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive.

A world where difference is valued and celebrated.

Together we can forge women's equality.

Collectively we can all #BreakTheBias.

Learn how you can participate in the

movement: <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/theme>

Not only will the paranple convention centre shine Purple 7-14 March, but we encourage you to also keep an eye on the Market Square TV, and Council's Social Media accounts during this week. The Community Services Team are working with some community members on something special for International women's Day. If you would like to be involved please email:

marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.go.au

Find out more about Diamonds of Devonport here:

www.devonport.tas.gov.au/live/your-community/community-services/diamonds-of-devonport/

EndoMarch

Endometriosis is a common disease where tissue similar to the lining of the womb grows outside it in other parts of the body. More than 830,000 (more than 11%) of Australians suffer from endometriosis at some point in their life with the disease often starting in teenagers.

The Worldwide Endo March, is a worldwide campaign aimed at raising awareness of Endometriosis. This year the paranple convention centre will shine Yellow from 15-21 March in support.

Learn more about endometriosis here: www.endometriosisaustralia.org/

World TB Day

Each year the World Health Organisation commemorates World Tuberculosis (TB) Day on March 24 to raise public awareness about the devastating health, social and economic consequences of TB. this year the paranple convention centre will shine Red in support.

The date marks the day in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced that he had discovered the bacterium that causes TB, which opened the way towards diagnosing and curing this disease.

Find more information here: www.who.int/campaigns/world-tb-day

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D o n o t r e c y c l e

Not for Recycling

To be COVID safe, used Rapid antigen tests (RATs) and facemasks should be disposed of in the garbage bin.

- Mask straps should be snipped before placing the whole item in the garbage, to reduce the risk to wildlife if the mask accidentally becomes litter.
- Used RATs are recommended to be bagged or wrapped before placing in the garbage bin (especially where bin bags are not used).
- Only the Rapid Antigen Test cardboard packaging and paper instruction leaflet can be recycled.



N e i g h b o u r D a y

Neighbour Day

The theme for Neighbour Day 2022 is 'Connecting Communities for 20 years' and Relationships Tasmania are inviting you to help celebrate this achievement.

There are many different ways to participate in Neighbour Day, whether it's big or small – it all contributes to building respectful relationships, sustainable connections and reducing loneliness in our communities.

They have developed a number of free resources, including ideas to help you create sustainable connections with your neighbours and your community. Find the resources and register your event on their website: <https://neighbourday.org/>

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Tell Us Your Story competition invites people across Australia to help us celebrate 20 years of connecting communities by sharing their neighbourly stories. Competition is open for entries until 27 February 2022 and prizes include gift vouchers. Find out more and share your story: <https://neighbourday.org/get-involved/tell-us-your-story-2022/>



The Tasmania Project

Tasmania Project - Reopening survey

[The Tasmania Project](#) has launched a survey on the reopening of the Tasmanian borders for Tasmanian residents aged 18 years and over.

We want to understand Tasmanians' experiences and opinions of life in Tasmania since the Tasmanian borders reopened, so we can continue to inform Tasmania's response and recovery.

The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

https://utas.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5jRaty1jFwVFbwO

If you are unable to complete the survey online, please call (03) 6226 7542 and leave your name and phone number. A member of The Tasmania Project team will be in touch to help you complete the survey. This study has been approved by the University of Tasmania Human Research Ethics Committee (H0020587). If you have any questions, you can contact the team at thetasmaniaproject@utas.edu.au or (03) 6226 7542.

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Helping Families Navigate Cancer

Helping Families Navigate Cancer: how to stay connected during a cancer diagnosis

Topics include communication and connection, how to have those difficult conversations, and how family dynamics can be impacted by a cancer diagnosis. We will hear from professionals as well as real life stories about navigating cancer within a family.

This Cancer Council Tasmania webinar is open to anyone impacted by cancer including cancer patients, survivors, carers, family, health professionals and service providers. We are grateful for the generosity of the Tasmanian Community Fund.

Date: Wednesday, 13 April, 2022

Time: 11am-1230pm

Where: Online

Registrations essential; call 1300 65 65 85, email

supportservicessouth@cancertas.org.au, or enquire online

www.cancer.org.au/support-and-services/support-groups/tas/support-services-enquiry-form.



Seniors

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Senior Citizens Club re-opening

The Devonport Senior Citizens Club will be open again from Thursday, 23 of

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Indoor Bowls returns on Thursdays and Saturdays at 1pm
 Mersey Singers Choir Tuesdays at 9.30am
 Resonance Choir Thursday at 6.30pm (starting 3rd March)
 For more information call: 0407 588 700

Baptcare Orana Homecare information night

Do you know what services are available to you or to your loved ones while you/they struggle to live a happy life in their home you/they love?
 Do you get confused navigating My Aged Care website?
 Join some of the Baptcare team for a chat and light refreshments at an information night at Baptcare Orana, where they can share with you the services and supports available.

Where: Baptcare Orana, 31 Murray Street, East Devonport
 When: Wednesday, 16 March 2022
 Time: 7pm
 RSVP: By 9 March 2022, by calling 03 6421 8000

Baptcare Orana Overnight Cottage Respite

Caring for older people is such an important role and can be very rewarding however being a carer can also be challenging and exhausting. It is important for carers to look after their own health and wellbeing.
 From 16 March 2022, Baptcare Orana will provide overnight respite care in their purpose-built cottage-style accommodation. You or your loved one can enjoy a comfortable stay in a friendly and supportive environment.
 We provide care and support for people 65 years and over that are requiring low care support.
 For more information please contact Baptcare on 03 6421 8000

COTA Tasmania is undertaking community consultation activities to support the development of the next Strategy for Older Tasmanians.

COTA want to H.E.A.R how you stay Healthy, Engaged and Resilient as you age. They have developed a short survey to reach as many Tasmanians as possible, alongside holding in person events and activities with community partners across the state.

Whether you are 40, 75 or 105 years of age (or any age in between!) what are your experiences of ageing in Tasmania?

- What does ageing mean to you?
- Can you access the services and supports you need?
- What do you think Tasmanian's need to age well?

You can contribute by:

- Completing the [survey](#) – whether you have 2 minutes or 10 minutes to spare they would love to hear your views

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- Text your thoughts of what healthy ageing means to you to 0477 011 112
- Join in an online community discussion (Dates to be confirmed in April and May)

COTA staff are collaborating with community organisations, neighbourhood houses and Councils to arrange in person events and activities in COVID safe environments. If you'd like to support COTA to reach Tasmanians in your community group please contact Brigid on brigidw@cotatas.org.au or 03 6231 3265.



F a m i l i e s

Families

Devonport PlayConnect

PlayConnect is a facilitated, supported playgroup for children 0-6 years old, who may have autism-like characteristics, developmental delays in communication and social skills and/or behavioural or sensory issues.

- No diagnosis is needed to attend PlayConnect and parents can self-refer.
- Families who are on the waitlist for a diagnostic assessment, as well as children who have been formally diagnosed are welcome to attend.
- It is a free playgroup and all family members including siblings with or without autism are welcome.
- PlayConnect Playgroup provides support, social interaction and skills and techniques to try at home

Playgroup is held at Mac's Place, 32-36 Valley Rd, Devonport.

When: Mondays 10am – 11.30am during school terms.

Interested families are asked to contact Felicity Harris on

felicity.harris@playgrouptas.org.au or phone 0428 633 214 for more information.



Y o u t h

Youth

Recruiting Youth Advisory Group members

Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) are seeking applications from people aged 12-25 years to co-design three youth projects!

1. Youth Week Tasmania - inform a statewide campaign that promotes the week and celebrates the achievements of young Tasmanians!
2. Tasmanian Youth Forum - help shape one of the largest youth voice events in Tasmania!
3. Youth Leadership Training - develop a brand-new youth leadership and self-advocacy training package for young people!

Each advisory group will run slightly differently, but applicants can expect to participate in four (4) x 1-hour online meetings held between February and June 2022.

No prior experience needed, but applicants need to feel comfortable sharing their ideas and giving feedback in a small-group online meeting.

Advisory group members will be remunerated for their time and experience with e-gift vouchers - \$25 per meeting.

Young people can apply by completing a short 5-minute survey here

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YNOT2022Applications>. Applications close 9am Monday 28 February 2022.

Contact Jo with any questions at tyf@ynot.org.au or call 0488 235 511.

Youth Navigators Program - career and transition support to Year 12 students

In response to interrupted learning due the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tasmanian government is providing additional support to Year 12 leavers from 2020 and 2021 across Tasmania.

This is a free, confidential one-on-one service, aimed to assist young people and their parents with the decision-making process of what to do after year 12 ends.

Contact Leanne, Youth Navigator with YFCC by email leannec@yfcc.com.au or call 0460 632 688 or visit:

www.youthnavigators.com.au

2022 Tasmanian Youth Forum topic

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around the State to share their views and opinions on youth issues, as well as ideas and solutions for improving outcomes for young Tasmanians.

Forums are topic based, with a different topic selected each year based on what young people want to discuss and see action on.

YNOT is seeking feedback from young people aged 12-25 years on what they think should be discussed at TYF 2022. The survey should take less than 5 minutes and participants can enter the draw for a \$25 e-gift voucher for having their say.

The survey will be open till 28 February 2022. Complete the survey here:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/TasYouthForum2022



Devonport Regional Gallery

Devonport Regional Gallery

[Lindy Lee: Moon in a Dew Drop](#)

Artist: Lindy Lee

Main, Upper & Little Galleries

12 February - 19 April 2022

[Little Gallery Emerging Artist Program](#) 2022 Selected Artists:

30 April – 28 May: George Kennedy

16 July – 20 August: Luke Viney

27 August – 24 September: Jane Menzies

1 October – 29 October: Stephanie Reynolds

5 November – 3 December: Elizabeth Braid

10 December – 14 January: Armie Sungvaribud

Upcoming exhibitions:

Paper on Skin

23 June - 30 July

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Council Meetings

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/

- Monday, 28 February 2022 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 28 March 2022 | 5:30pm
- Tuesday, 26 April 2022 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 23 May 2022 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 27 June 2022 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 25 July 2022 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 22 August 2022 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 26 September 2022 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 24 October 2022 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 28 November 2022 | 5:30pm
- Monday, 19 December 2022 | 5:30pm

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