



The Community Services team welcome you to the 46th edition of the Community Services Newsletter. We hope you had a great autumn break!

In this edition we are looking at new exhibitions at the Devonport Regional Gallery, and we encourage you to have your say with Council's Residential Growth Strategy and Public Open Space Strategy.

There's information available for those preparing for the election 21 May and for members of board or committees, take a look at the Governance training on offer this week.

Find out about a new counselling service in Devonport and a proposed support group for those affected by forced adoptions.

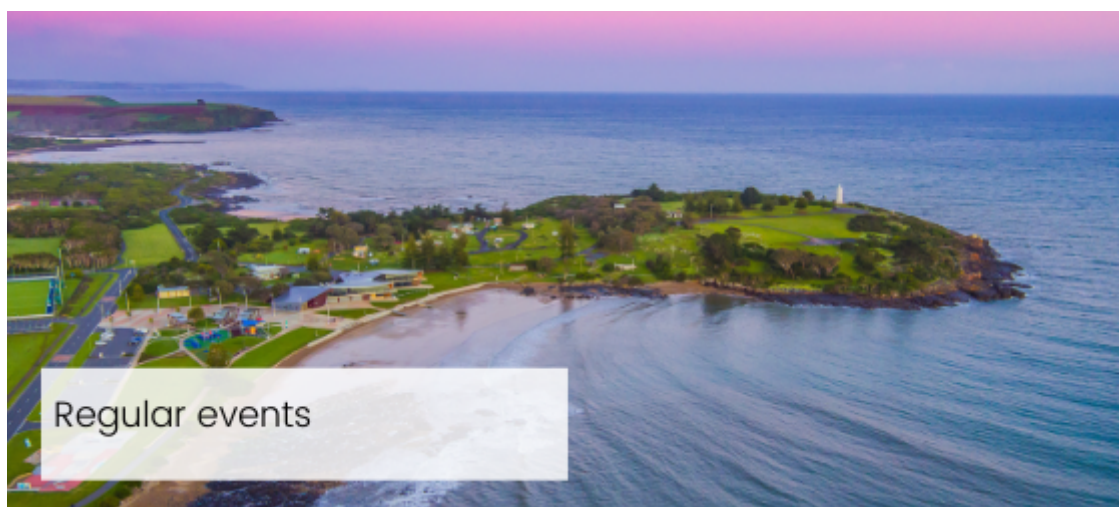
There is a whole lot more, scroll on and take a look!

Have information to share with the community? Please do not hesitate to send us an email at [marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.gov.au](mailto: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](#).

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- Every Monday and Tuesday 9.30am - [The Community HUB - Pathway to Life](#)
- Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday 7-8.50pm - [Grans Van](#)
- Every Monday 6pm - [Rotary Club of Devonport](#)

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- Forth Monday in the month 10am - [Mersey Valley Ladies Probus 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 fourth Wednesday 10am - Devonport Men's Probus Club - 0412 753 306
- 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](#)
- Every second Thursday times vary - [Salvation Army Companion Club](#)
- Every Thursday 6pm - [Rotary Club of Devonport North](#)
- Every Thursday 6.30pm - [Resonance Choir](#)
- First Thursday of each month 6pm - [Zonta Club of Devonport](#)
- Every Friday 4-7pm - [Salvation Army Craft Group](#)
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- Sundays 8am - 2pm - [Don Markets](#)
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- 28 Mar - [Anzac Day services back on for 2022](#)
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- 26 Apr - [City supports amalgamation in review](#)
- 29 Apr - [Devonport to hear ideas from councils](#)
- 1 May - [Call for Volunteers Week nominations](#)
- 2 May - [Community input for Residential Growth Strategy](#)



### Public Open Spaces Strategy

Devonport City Council is reviewing its Public Open Space Strategy to identify spaces that the community love and value.

Through an online survey and series of community consultation sessions, Council is keen to find out what the community loves about Devonport's parks and reserves. Devonport has more than 40 parks and reserves, which will display a QR code so visitors have the option to take the online survey while they're in that space.

Community members are invited to share what they love about Devonport's open space on social media using the hashtag #devonportopenspace .

Read the Media release here: [www.devonport.tas.gov.au/community-input-sought-for-public-open-space-review/](http://www.devonport.tas.gov.au/community-input-sought-for-public-open-space-review/)

Find the online survey here: [www.devonport.tas.gov.au/council/get-involved/speak-up-devonport/devonports-open-space-survey/](http://www.devonport.tas.gov.au/council/get-involved/speak-up-devonport/devonports-open-space-survey/)

A hard copy of the survey can also be downloaded [here](#), please contact Council's Customer Service team for a different format, or printed version - [council@devonport.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@devonport.tas.gov.au) or call (03) 6424 0511 (please return the completed hard copy to [council@devonport.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@devonport.tas.gov.au) )

The survey will close at 5pm on Friday, 6 May 2022.





### Community input sought on Residential Growth Strategy

Devonport City Council is calling on community input for its Residential Growth Strategy which will provide overarching strategic policy direction for residential growth in greater Devonport for the next 20 years.

The draft Greater Devonport Residential Growth Strategy will provide overarching strategic policy direction for residential growth in greater Devonport for the next 20 years.

The draft strategy is open for community consultation until 5pm on Monday, 23 May 2022.

Read the media release here: [www.devonport.tas.gov.au/community-input-for-residential-growth-strategy/](http://www.devonport.tas.gov.au/community-input-for-residential-growth-strategy/)

Find more information and survey here: [www.devonport.tas.gov.au/council/get-involved/speak-up-devonport/devonports-residential-growth-strategy/](http://www.devonport.tas.gov.au/council/get-involved/speak-up-devonport/devonports-residential-growth-strategy/)



### paranapple convention centre shining a light

When possible the paranapple 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 Voice Day

Voice disorders impact approx 4% of Australians every year. The paranapple convention centre shone red 15-18 April in support of World Voice Day.

**Light it up 4HD**

Huntington's Disease is an inherited degenerative neurological condition affecting the brain and central nervous system. Progressively over time, the disease affects the ability to walk, talk, eat, think and reason.

The paranple convention centre will shine blue 2-8 May to represent those living with Huntington's Disease in our community.

Learn more about Huntington's Disease here: <https://huntingtonstasmania.org.au/>

**National Road Safety Week 2022**

Every year, approximately 1200 people are killed on Australian roads.

Traffic injury is the biggest killer of Australian children under 15 and the second-biggest killer of all Australians aged between 15 and 24. These numbers are growing every year but are preventable if we choose to Drive So Others Survive!

Pledge to Drive So Others Survive here: <https://roadsafetyweek.com.au/>

**Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month**

May is Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Month and to help the @ctfaustralia celebrate, the paranple convention centre will be lighting up blue and green on 17 May 2022.

NF causes tumours to grow on nerves in the body, including the brain and spine. Those with visible signs of NF struggle to be seen as more than just their NF, while those with invisible symptoms struggle to make others understand. Learn more here: <https://www.ctf.org.au/>

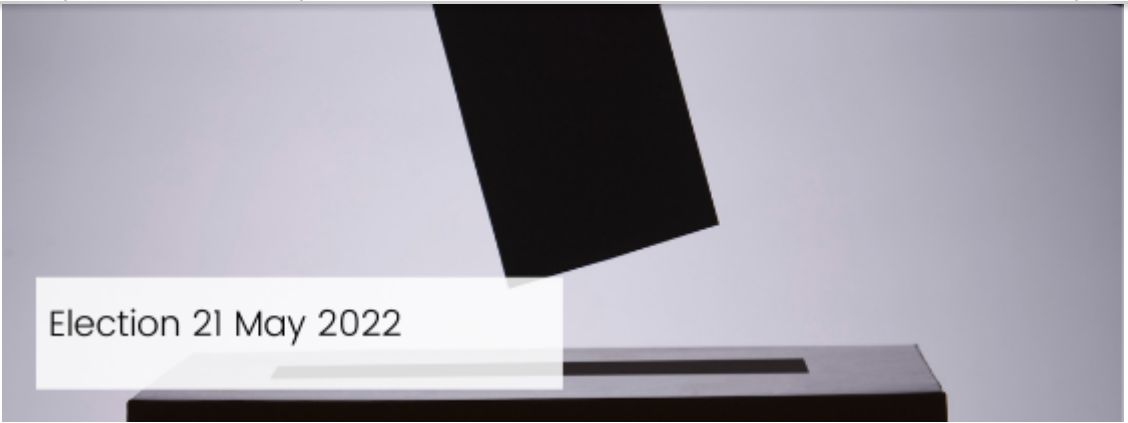
We would like to encourage our community to help #shinealight on NF by taking a photo and sharing it to their social media account – tagging @ctfaustralia, and using the hashtags: #outoftheshadows #conquernf #nfawarenessmonth

**WOW Day**

Wednesday 18 May, 2022 is Wear Orange Wednesday or 'WOW Day'. On this day you are encouraged to wear orange and thank all SES volunteers who generously give their time to help communities during flood and storm emergencies. The paranple convention centre will shine Orange to show gratitude to those who save lives and protect our community!

Share your video or photo of thanks during May, and use the hashtag #thankyouSES

Find out more here: <http://www.wowday.com.au/>



Election 21 May 2022

### **Voting arrangements for people experiencing homelessness and/or domestic violence**

While a polling date is yet to be announced, there is still time for people to update their enrolment details and understand how they can vote on polling day.

#### People experiencing homelessness

People without a permanent home have the same right to enrol and vote as every other Australian citizen. They can enrol as a person with no fixed address by completing the *Enrolment for persons with no fixed address form*. This form is available at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) or any AEC office, and can also be sent to you if you contact the AEC via telephone on 13 23 26. This form will enrol them to vote in federal, state or territory, and most local government elections.

#### People experiencing domestic violence

People can apply to be registered as silent elector if they believe having their address included on the publicly available electoral roll could put them or their family's safety at risk. If there are other family members enrolled at the same address, it is strongly recommended that they also become silent electors so that the address does not appear in association with your family name on the electoral roll. Each person enrolling will need to complete their own application for silent registration and can request silent status on the grounds that you have silent status.

To become a silent elector a person must explain in detail what you consider the risk to be and why you, or your family's personal safety is at risk. The declaration must be witnessed by a registered person. For more information on becoming a silent elector please visit [www.aec.gov.au/Enrolling\\_to\\_vote/Special\\_Category/](http://www.aec.gov.au/Enrolling_to_vote/Special_Category/)

### **Temporary jobs are still available at the 2022 federal election**

The [Australian Electoral Commission](http://www.aec.gov.au) needs to employ around 100,000 people in paid jobs around the country to help deliver the federal election, which is being held on Saturday 21 May.

No election experience is required and training is provided.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and people from a culturally and linguistically diverse background, are encouraged to apply.

Working at federal elections offers you a great opportunity to earn extra money,

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Let your friends and family know about the temporary election jobs – jobs are available in cities, regions and remote areas right across Australia.

COVID-19 safety measures will be in place to help protect you at election workplaces.

Register now at [aec.gov.au/electionjobs](https://aec.gov.au/electionjobs) to be considered for work in the 2022 federal election.

### 2022 Local voting locations

Find voting location for before and on election day on the Australian Electoral Commission website here: [www.aec.gov.au/election/voting.htm#start](https://www.aec.gov.au/election/voting.htm#start)



### Safe from Violence

The Tasmanian Government is working towards ending family and sexual violence and is developing a third Family and Sexual Violence Action Plan, launching in July 2022. The Government are asking victim-survivors to take the anonymous Hearing Lived Experience Survey 2022 to assist in the development of the third Family and Sexual Violence Action Plan: [www.safefromviolence.tas.gov.au/](https://www.safefromviolence.tas.gov.au/)

You can read more about the current action plan, *Safe Homes, Families, Communities: Tasmania's action plan for family and sexual violence 2019-2022* at [www.safefromviolence.tas.gov.au](https://www.safefromviolence.tas.gov.au).

If you or someone you know is impacted by family violence call the Safe at Home Family Violence Response and Referral Line on 1800 633 937.

If you or someone you know is impacted by sexual violence call the Statewide Sexual Assault Crisis Line on 1800 697 877.

In an emergency, always call 000



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## Community Governance

### Governance Training for Community Groups

The Grassroots Community Governance program has been designed for small and medium not for profit committees with volunteer directors. This program is ideal for people who are new to Boards/Committees or those that don't quite know what their role is to build their skills, or those interested in understanding roles prior to taking them on.

Friday, 6 May - Latrobe

Saturday, 7 May - Penguin

Register: [www.alkas.com.au/governance-program](http://www.alkas.com.au/governance-program)

Over the next three years there will be workshops throughout the state, on-line communities and online learning modules for Chairs, Secretaries and Treasurers.



## Devonport Athletic Club

### Are you the Devonport Athletic Club new President?

The Devonport Athletic Club Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, 11 May 7pm in the Club rooms Clements Street Devonport (followed by the May general meeting at 7.30pm).

DAC are looking for a new President to move the club into the future.

All executive positions are up for election with both present Vice Presidents having been in these positions for the past 20 years. The club are looking for some young enthusiastic people to take on these roles.

Both Vice Presidents will be staying as members and are prepared to mentor and

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message the Devonport Athletic Club.

Phone: 0409 461 160

Email: [dptathclub@gmail.com](mailto:dptathclub@gmail.com)



## Biking in Devonport

### Get on your bike

The volunteers who run [Bicycle Network](#)'s Tasmanian social rides program have also set up a Rides Club for Bicycle Network members on the [RidewithGPS website](#).

This is a very handy tool that allows you to download maps of good riding routes around the state and navigation cues for your phone.

If you are interested in signing up to access the maps, just read through this short "how to sign in" guide. Or view the how-to videos on the

website: [www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/rides-and-events/ride-tasmania/ride-with-gps-help/](http://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/rides-and-events/ride-tasmania/ride-with-gps-help/)

Are you interested on getting back on a bike?

The [Bicycle Network](#) will soon be hosting a series of workshops in Devonport, helping people to get back on a bike. If it's been a few years, or if you have never ridden a bike before and want to know where to start, these sessions are for you! Get in contact with [Marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.gov.au](mailto:Marketingandpromotions@devonport.tas.gov.au) and we will send you more information!



## TasPorts Grant Program

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Grants up to \$5,000 are available for not-for-profit Organisations through the TasPorts Community Grant Program.

There are four application rounds per calendar year:

- January – March
- April – June
- July – September
- October – December

Find more details here: <https://tasports.com.au/grant-program>

Congratulations to Rotary Club of Devonport North on their successful application in the first 2022 round!



Forced Adoptions

### **Proposed Support Group - Forced Adoptions in Australia**

A large proportion of the Australian population has been affected by Australia's historical adoption practices with approx 150,000 adoptions occurring in the peak period from 1950 – 1975. These practices continued through until the late 1980's.

Relationships Australia Tas offers free counselling services to those affected (mothers, children, siblings, fathers, grandparents) under the FASS program (Forced Adoption Support Service). This service also assists clients to search for family members who they have become separated from due to the adoption practices. There is now funding to set up support groups in the North West Tasmania who have been affected, with a view to have these up and running by end June. These groups would be self-driven and facilitated by a qualified Counsellor, free of charge, and offering a safe and confidential space to talk, listen and share (morning or afternoon tea provided).

If you are interested in participating by being part of a community reference group (with ideas and knowledge to help get the support groups to get up-and-running), or due to lived experience would like to be part of a support group, please contact Lyndell 1300 364 277 or email [admin@reltas.com.au](mailto:admin@reltas.com.au)





## Counselling Service

### Free Devonport counselling service

Devonport has a new service offering free counselling for grief, loss and mental health support. The service includes outreach and group support services for Devonport and the broader community.

Referrals are not required. Make an appointment to talk to a [Rural Health Tasmanian Inc](#) Counsellor - call 0477 661 339 or Email: [dcs@ruralhealthtas.com.au](mailto:dcs@ruralhealthtas.com.au)  
Rural Health Tasmania 1/64 Best Street Devonport TAS [www.ruralhealthtas.com.au/](http://www.ruralhealthtas.com.au/)



## Families

### Families

#### Dads at mealtimes

The first 2,000 days from conception to five years have been identified as a critical window of opportunity to support child growth and development. Parental feeding practices play a critical role in shaping children's eating behaviours, nutritional intake, and growth. Woolworths Centre for Childhood Nutrition Research are calling dads and caregivers of children aged 6months to 5years to complete a survey about feeding your kids when times are tough.

Find out more about the research here: <https://research.qut.edu.au/>

Complete the survey here for your chance to win 1 of 4 \$100 e-vouchers  
: <https://redcap.ihbi.qut.edu.au/surveys/>

#### Bringing Up Great Kids



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This program aims to enhance parent/caregiver's understanding of their parenting style and make positive choices in their parenting journey.

Where: Salvation Army, 166 Williams Street, Devonport

When: 11-1pm commencing Monday, 9 May 2022

Contact Doorways to Parenting - Marni: 0408 880 624 or Madi: 0418 207 310

### Families Week

15 - 21 May - [Families Week - A calendar of activities will be released soon!](#)



### **Autism Tasmania Free Parent and Carer workshops**

Registrations are now open for FREE Parent and Carer Workshop events in May 2022 with [Autism Tasmania](#).

- Early Days - My Child and Autism 10 May - 10am - 2pm. For parents & family members of children aged 0-6 (*North West Tasmania*)
- Early Days – My Child and Autism 11-12 May - 10 - 11.30am. For parents & family members of children aged 0-6 (*online*)
- Welcome to Autism - 25 May 2022 – 10am to 2pm (*North West Tasmania*)
- Welcome to Autism – 26 May 2022 -10am to 2pm (*online*)

Bookings are essential: Parents / Family members can register through website calendar - [www.autismtas.org.au/learning-development-autism-community-workshop-calendar/](http://www.autismtas.org.au/learning-development-autism-community-workshop-calendar/)

Any questions call 03 6722 5000



## Youth

### Youth Health Fund

The Youth Health Fund (YHF) is a program that supports young people aged 12-24 years to access essential health services or buy health related items who otherwise could not afford them. The fund assists disadvantaged young people across Tasmania. Find out more and connect to a local YHF Access Worker by contacting The Link Youth Health Service at [hello@thelink.org.au](mailto:hello@thelink.org.au).

### headspace Doctor service

Dr Josie Woodman, a GP with extra training in sexual and reproductive health will see 12-25year olds bulk billed - no charge - with a valid medicare card.

Call 6424 2144 to book an appointment.

Level 1, 35 Oldaker Street, Devonport, Tasmania

### Mission Australia Youth Survey – EOI now open

Mission Australia is preparing for the 2022 Youth Survey, the largest annual survey of young Australians aged 15-19 years. Youth Survey results are shared widely to inform decision makers of current youth affairs and to support the development of policies, services and programs for young people. Register a school, community organisation or community group to be involved in the 2022 Mission Australia Youth Survey [online here](#) or contact [youthsurvey@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:youthsurvey@missionaustralia.com.au).



## Dementia study - HOMESIDE

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effects of music and reading/word-based interventions for people living with dementia and their family caregivers. The interventions are designed to be personalised to each person's preferences and needs, and delivered by the family caregivers, who are trained and supported by health professionals throughout the 6-month study. The University hope that the interventions will offer opportunities for people with dementia and their family caregivers to share meaningful moments together and give caregivers tools that can help in the care and management of their loved ones.

Find the YouTube invitation here: <https://youtu.be/g5EfX0dcGDs>.

More information can also be found at: [www.homesidestudy.eu/Australia](http://www.homesidestudy.eu/Australia)



### Exhibitions

#### [Youth Exhibition: This is Us 2022](#)

Various works from Devonport High School and College Students

Upper Gallery

30 April - 28 May 2022

#### [A Place in Flux: Queering the North Coast](#)

Artist: George Kennedy

Little Gallery

30 April - 28 May 2022

#### The Koinobori Project

A 2018-2020 art exchange project: Koinobori (carp kites) received from Devonport's Sister City - Minamata, Japan.

paranaple art centre foyer

5 May (Japanese Children's Day) - 28 May 2022

#### [North West Art Circle Annual Community Art Exhibition & Awards 2022](#)

Various works from North west Art Circle members

Main Gallery

7 May - 4 June 2022

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

30 April – 28 May: George Kennedy

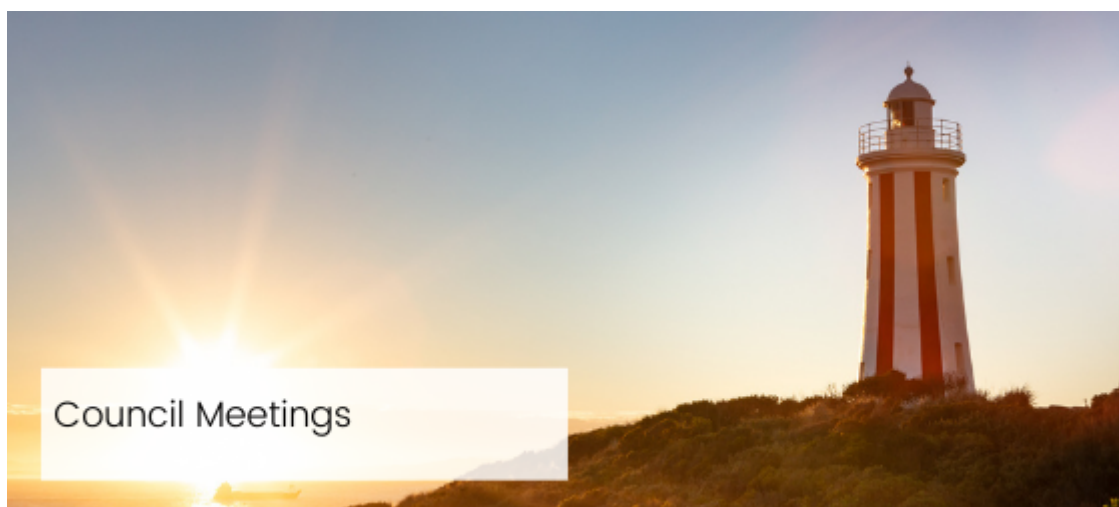
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1 October – 29 October: Stephanie Reynolds  
5 November – 3 December: Elizabeth Braid  
10 December – 14 January: Armie Sungvaribud

### After School Workshops

The [Devonport Regional Gallery](#) have announced a 6-week After School Program for Term 2 (Wednesday's and Thursday's).

These workshops will be free but numbers will be limited. Bookings will be essential - please contact the Gallery to record your Expression of Interest via [artgallery@devonport.tas.gov.au](mailto:artgallery@devonport.tas.gov.au), or phone 6420 2900 during office hours.



### **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, 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/)

- 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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