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## Spread some cheer

**FEELING FESTIVE:** Reindeer Rowan Tilley (centre) with elves Ellen Roe and Jasmin Potter at the Mawson Place Christmas tree.



THE FESTIVE season has arrived in Hobart, with everyone invited to spread a little Christmas cheer.

In a year when some festive fare is needed more than ever, Hobart will come alive with Christmas entertainment, shopping precinct Block Parties, virtual and in-person Community Carols, and a 14m-tall Christmas tree at Mawson Place. The tree's 7500

LEDs will light up every evening until 3 January, providing plenty of festive photo opportunities.

Meanwhile, roving elves, pop-up choirs and dancing reindeer on stilts are among the entertainment that will feature in the city across the next few weekends and then daily from 17 December.

The first of five shopping precinct Block Parties was held at Battery Point last month,

with more parties happening at Midtown, South Hobart, Brisbane Street, and Macquarie Point – see inside for dates.

The City of Hobart is also supporting four Community Carols, including a virtual interactive event in West Hobart – where residents are asked to decorate their driveways and join in from home – and a livestreamed big band concert at the Botanic Gardens.

## Safer speed limit for CBD

SAFER speed limits will be introduced into Hobart's CBD early next year.

The Tasmanian Transport Commission has given its support for the introduction of 40km/h CBD speed limit, which aligns with the Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy.

In the past five years, there have been 833 reported on-road crashes in Hobart's CBD – that equates to 13 crashes every month, or nearly one every two days. Of those, about 130 crashes resulted in injuries and three, sadly, in deaths.

Independent traffic modelling found that the new speed limit would have no negative impact on travel time or congestion.

However, it will make a big difference to reaction time, leading to a reduction in the number of crashes, and in reducing injury severity.

The chance of a fatal injury on a pedestrian or cyclist is drastically reduced from 85 per cent at 50km/h to less than 30 per cent at 40km/h.

The speed limit reduction will also bring Hobart in line with other Australian capital and major cities.

Support was received from a range of stakeholders, including the Road Safety Advisory Council, RACT,

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## More places to watch fireworks this NYE

TWO fireworks displays are planned to soar high above the River Derwent as Hobart farewells 2020.

Preparations are under way for two eight-minute fireworks displays at 9.30pm on New Year's Eve and at midnight to celebrate the start of the new year.

Fireworks will be released from a barge that will be located further out into the

river than in previous years. This will allow for a greater number of vantage points across the city and Eastern Shore.

As a result of the impact of COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no waterfront public event this New Year's Eve. Revelers are instead encouraged to book into and support one of the many restaurants and venues that will be

operating on New Year's Eve, or to celebrate with friends and family safely at home.

While all preparations are being made to proceed with the fireworks, they remain dependent on relevant public health advice at the time.

More information will be made available via the City of Hobart's website at [hobartcity.com.au](http://hobartcity.com.au).



											
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# Celebrating Christmas in Hobart

## Community Carols

THE City of Hobart has provided grants to support the following Community Carols events around Hobart.

### Sun 6 Dec at 10am

Sunshine Carols, St David's Park Hobart. Presented by the Child Health Association Tasmania.

(Tickets booked out)

### Fri 11 Dec at 6pm

West Hobart Carols, various locations. Gift exchange, decorate your driveway and roaming carollers experience. Visit [wehoho.com.au](http://wehoho.com.au) to find out how to be involved.

### Sat 12 Dec at 6pm

Carols on the Hill, Guilford Young College West Hobart. Hosted by the Catholic Archdiocese of Hobart. Book through Eventbrite.

### Sat 19 Dec at 7.30pm

Big Band Carols Under the Stars, Royal Tasmanian Botanic Gardens. Limited-entry event plus livestream.

More information at [hobartcity.com.au/CommunityCarols](http://hobartcity.com.au/CommunityCarols).

## Join in the Block Party fun

DISCOVER local businesses, do some Christmas shopping and join in the fun at the upcoming Block Parties.

The first party was held at Battery Point, with parades, live music, art displays, choirs and a live nativity performance.

Check out the respective Event Pages via the City of Hobart's Facebook page for more information on the following upcoming events.

### Sat 5 Dec, 3pm-7pm

Elizabeth St, Midtown.



### Sat 12 Dec, 10am-2pm

Corner of Bathurst and Brisbane sts, Hobart.

### Sat 12 Dec, 4pm-8pm

Elboden St, South Hobart.

### Sun 13 Dec, 11am-3pm

Evans St, Macquarie Point.

## Free park and ride shuttle

A FREE Park and Ride shuttle bus service will operate from the Regatta Grounds into the city every day from Monday 14 December, right up until Christmas Eve.

No bookings necessary, just drive into the parking area at the Regatta Grounds and hop on the next available bus between 9.30am and 5.30pm daily. Buses depart approximately every 15 minutes, dropping off in Elizabeth St.

## Local gift ideas

TASMANIA'S Own Market is the perfect place to find a locally made Christmas gift, while enjoying the atmosphere of a large outdoor market.

The 'shop local, shop small' principle has never been more important to help Tasmanian family businesses get back on their feet this Christmas.

The market has a huge range of Tasmanian-made products all in the one location.

With 170 stallholders each Saturday, there is no shortage of inspiration when it comes to finding a special gift, purchased directly from the creative and passionate people who make the products.

Enjoy a relaxed shopping experience in a COVID-safe environment, with plenty of gourmet goodies and Christmas entertainment.

To have your Christmas shopping delivered to your door or directly to loved ones on the mainland, check out the great range of products at the Salamanca Market online store at [salamancamarketstore.com.au](http://salamancamarketstore.com.au).



## Bridge design commended

HOBART'S Bridge of Remembrance was awarded a National Commendation for Urban Design at the recent 2020 National Architecture Awards.

Judges commented that the bridge had "seamlessly reconnected two of Hobart's most significant public spaces: the Cenotaph and the Soldiers Memorial Avenue".

The pedestrian and cycle bridge was described as "an elegant, twisting plane" that provided a distinctive entry point to the city.

It was designed by architectural firm Denton Corker Marshall.

## North Hobart parking changes

PARKING at North Hobart's off-street car parks is now free after 6pm as part of a plan to improve parking at peak times.

To make it easier to find a park for short stops and takeaway pick-ups in the main dining and entertainment precinct, changes will also be made this month to parking on Elizabeth Street between Federal and Burnett streets.

Parking will be limited to 30 minutes, at a cost of \$1 for half an hour, from 11am-2pm and 5pm-8pm daily. Parking will be free of charge at other times but the half-hour time limit will remain.

To cater for longer visits, the off-street car parks at Condell Place and Lefroy Street are now free of charge after 6pm

for stays of up to three hours. Prior to 6pm, parking is \$2 an hour, which is a 30 per cent reduction on the previous rate.

In addition, line marking and sensors will be installed in six surrounding streets where commuter parking has caused problems for residential access.

The changes are part of an ongoing program to improve accessibility and travel options in North Hobart, and are being undertaken in consultation with residents and traders.

Payment for parking can be made at the meter by cash or credit card, or by using the EasyPark app, which is available for free from the App Store and Google Play.

## City of Hobart CHRISTMAS CLOSURE INFORMATION

### OPENING HOURS

**Council Centre** closed from 12.30 pm Christmas Eve, reopening Monday 4 January. After hours emergency call centre operates 24 hours on 03 6238 2711.

**Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre** closed Christmas Day.

**Visitor Information Hub** closed 25-27 December and New Year's Day.

**Mathers House** closed from 19 December.

**Youth ARC** closed from 24 December.

### WASTE SERVICES

All kerbside waste, recycling and FOGO collections are as normal except for Christmas Day – put bins out Saturday 26 December.

McRobies Gully Waste Management Centre closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

### CAR PARKING

Centrepont and Hobart Central car parks closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Argyle St carpark closed on Christmas Day.

Parking meters do not operate on public holidays.

More information at [hobartcity.com.au/ChristmasClosures](http://hobartcity.com.au/ChristmasClosures)



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# Eat out to earn vouchers



VOUCHERS will reward Tasmanians who visit Hobart restaurants and cafes this summer.

The *Passport to Hobart* program will launch on 7 January, with the City of Hobart to make vouchers available via a mobile app for use at participating local food and beverage outlets.

The trial program will last one month and is designed to support local businesses.

A \$10 digital welcome voucher will be available to the first 3500 people to download the app.

Then simply collect five 'passport' stamps to get a further \$20 voucher to spend. To get a stamp, just spend \$20 or more at a participating business.

Venues operating within the City of Hobart area will be invited to register as participants.

Maximum numbers of vouchers and participating businesses will apply.

Keep an eye on the Hello Hobart website and Facebook page for more information on how to download the app and get involved.

Visit [hellohobart.com.au/passport](http://hellohobart.com.au/passport) to find out more.

# State award for Connected plan

THE City of Hobart's *Connected Hobart Smart City Framework and Action Plan* has received the award for Improved Planning Processes and Practices from the Planning Institute of Australia – Tasmania Division.

*Connected Hobart* was recognised for its role in transitioning planning policy and strategy into practice, with initiatives like digital bus shelters, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, sensor networks, street lighting and use of drones for more efficient operations.

As the state award winner, the plan will now be considered for the National Awards for Planning Excellence in the same category.

# FOGO makes impact in first year

MORE than 500 tonnes of food waste has been diverted from landfill in the first year of Hobart's food organics and garden organics (FOGO) fortnightly collection service.

But there is still plenty of room for improvement, as residents are encouraged to make the most of the service.

An audit of kerbside waste prior to the start of FOGO showed that food waste made up more than half of household general waste. The average household was contributing more than 200 kilograms of food to landfill each year.

FOGO is different to the average backyard compost bin in that it can take items that are more difficult to break down, such as bones, meat, dairy, citrus and processed foods.

Other non-food organic materials can also go in, including compostable packaging, paper towels and



Lansdowne Crescent Primary School students Harper and Liam Stanaway and their classmates make good use of the FOGO service to dispose of food scraps.

tissues, coffee grounds and even pet hair.

Organic materials collected from FOGO bins are delivered to a commercial organics treatment facility, where it is transformed into a quality compost that meets Australian standards.

While contamination of FOGO bins has been minimal, the occasional non-organic item has found its way into the service – the main offender being plastic bags.

Food scraps should be put into the FOGO bin loose, or use newspaper or a certified compostable bag.

Find out more at [hobartcity.com.au/FOGO](http://hobartcity.com.au/FOGO).

# Art meets history

AN ARTS project has been launched to encourage discussion about the future of the William Crowther statue in Franklin Square.

Temporary artworks responding to the statue and the people associated with it will be installed near the statue during the next 12 months.

The project is in response to the City's commitment to telling a more complete history of Hobart and concerns about the statue from members of the community.

The statue of Crowther – a 19th century naturalist and surgeon and briefly Premier of Tasmania – is seen by many Tasmanian Aboriginal people as a symbol of injustice and oppression because of Crowther's mistreatment of the remains of Aboriginal man William Lanne, also known as 'King Billy'.

# Grant received for security hub

THE City of Hobart has received a grant to improve public safety and security.

The \$855,000 grant is under the Federal Government's Safer Communities Fund, which provides funding for initiatives that aim to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour through security infrastructure and services.

The grant will contribute to the development of the Safe City Hub, which will be a central location for monitoring and actively contributing to safety across the city.

# Council meetings

THE final Council Meetings for 2020 will be held on **Monday 7** and **Thursday 17 December** at 5 pm.

Meetings continue to be livestreamed via the City of Hobart's YouTube channel. Upcoming full Council meeting dates for 2021:

- 27 January
- 9 & 22 February
- 9 & 22 March

# Slow down for safer Hobart CBD

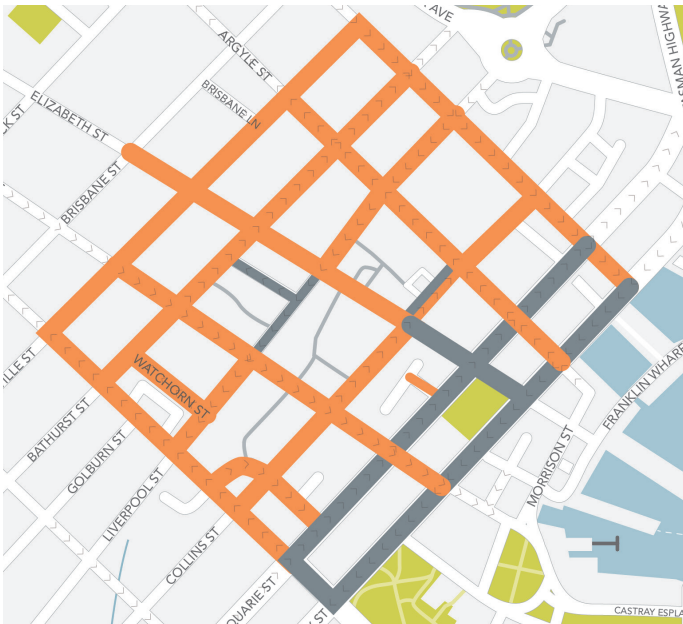
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Tasmanian Transport Association and Metro Tasmania.

Reduced vehicle speeds will also support actions to widen footpaths, expand outdoor dining areas, promote active travel, and make it easier and safer to access on-street parking. More information at [hobartcity.com.au/SaferHobart](http://hobartcity.com.au/SaferHobart).

**New CBD 40km/h zones from 1 February 2021:**

- Melville St and Bathurst St (Harrington St to Campbell St)
- Harrington St (Melville St to Macquarie St)
- Murray St, Argyle St and Campbell St (Melville St to Davey St)
- Liverpool St (Harrington St to Murray St, and Elizabeth St to Campbell St)
- Collins St (Harrington St to Campbell St)
- Market Pl, Trafalgar Pl, Harrington Ln, Watchorn St, Victoria St and Bidendopes Ln.



Roads coloured in orange will be 40km/h from 1 February.



# Protecting rare native habitat

MORE than 100 Bushcare volunteers have helped protect nationally important grasslands on the Queens Domain from the growing numbers of she-oaks that were threatening the native habitat.

Less than 1 per cent of lowland temperate grasslands remain and those found on the Domain are of national significance.

The she-oaks had been steadily increasing in density, crowding out other plants like eucalypt

seedlings and a diverse array of native grasses and herbs – some of which are threatened species.

The City of Hobart had spent the past year thinning the she-oaks before the Bushcare force moved in to help with removal.

The many native animals that call bushland on the Queens Domain home – such as the eastern quoll, eastern barred bandicoot, tussock skink and masked owl – will also benefit from the project.



Bushcare volunteers have been protecting native habitat by removing damaging she-oaks from the Queens Domain grasslands.

INSET: Eastern quoll are among the native inhabitants of the grasslands.

## Have say on busking Award for bush advocate

FEEDBACK is currently invited on a trial busking and street performance program that includes more places to entertain audiences.

The additional locations and extended performance hours have been introduced with the aim of creating a more vibrant outdoor environment and to showcase Hobart's immense local talent.

Under the six-month trial arrangements, buskers and street performers can

perform between 8am and 8pm on weekdays and from 10am to 8pm on weekends, with a maximum 80 minutes of performance time per location, per day.

Regular turnover at each location is expected to keep things fresh and interesting for audiences and give more performers the opportunity to busk in the higher-profile locations.

Find out more at [yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking](https://yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking).

IN JUST 18 months, Namkheang Ly has gone from an environmental novice to one of Hobart's strongest advocates for nature.

Born in Cambodia, Mr Ly's enthusiasm for protecting the city's bushland reserves as a Bushcare volunteer has won him this year's Golden Secateurs Award.

"Volunteering with Bushcare lets me be part of a movement that is protecting wildlife habitat by getting rid of environmental weeds, planting native trees and shrubs, and getting others



Award recipient Namkheang Ly to join our cause," Mr Ly said." In Cambodia, land mines still make it very dangerous to explore natural areas, but here in Hobart you can walk out your back door and be in a beautiful bushland reserve in minutes."

Despite a lengthy interruption by COVID-19, Bushcare has held 103 activities this year, involving more than 600 volunteers who have contributed a combined 3180 volunteer hours.

Also at last month's awards presentation, the Trackcare Legend Award went to the Johnston family – comprising mum Anna, dad Mark and youngsters Lucie and Ollie.

The Trackcare team of 120 volunteers managed 10 'dig days' to support the City's many walking and cycling bush tracks.

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## Charge electric cars faster

ELECTRIC vehicles can now power-up quickly and conveniently in the heart of Hobart city.

A fast-charge station has been installed at the Dunn Place carpark, after the City of Hobart was successful in obtaining a \$50,000 ChargeSmart Grant from the Tasmanian Government.

The Dunn Place fast charger can be used at any time of day or night and is in a convenient location with room to expand as demand increases.

It can fully charge a standard electric car battery in about half an hour, which is around a quarter of the time of the older-style trickle chargers.

In the first month of use, the charger was used 130 times with an average charge time of 30 minutes.



A fast-charge station is now at Dunn Place.

The new fast-charge station is a fee-for-service facility that is operated via the EasyPark app. It can be used any time and is located within the Dunn Place carpark, accessed via Davey Street.

The new station is in addition to two free AC trickle-charge bays at the Hobart Central carpark.

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