



# FEB/MAR NEWSLETTER

## LOCAL PROGRAMS



### Dorset Children's Expo

Support your child to grow and thrive in 2026!



Free Event for families and children 0-5 years

- Face painting
- Arts and Crafts
- Story telling with Paint Dorset REaD
- Playgroup Tasmania
- much more...

10am - 1pm  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Feb  
2026



Scottsdale Indoor Active centre  
Arthur St Scottsdale

[buildingblocks@fvnh.org.au](mailto:buildingblocks@fvnh.org.au)

0400 002 116

### International WOMEN'S DAY ART WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN IN DORSET

*Art workshop exploring women's stories*

*All art skills welcome*

**Tuesday March 3rd  
11.30am - 1.30pm  
Scottsdale Library**

*Light Lunch Provided*

**Call Dorset Community House  
to book - 0474 100 219  
or [admin@dorsethouse.org.au](mailto:admin@dorsethouse.org.au)**



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# Veggie SALES



## THE GARDEN AND VEGGIE SALES

Potatoes - \$2 per 1 KG bag

Onions - \$2 per Bag

Swedes - \$2 per Bag

Carrots - \$2 per bag

Beetroot - \$2 per Bag

Other assorted produce is priced as harvested.



## Heart Walking Groups

### HEART WALKING GROUPS

We are proud partners of the Dorset Heart Walking groups.

- Groups in Scottsdale include Scottsdale Strutters - Tuesday 9.30am, Hedley Street Carpark (Peter - 0419 119 608)
- Awesome Dorset Walkers - Thursday 9.30am, House Paddock Cafe (Mae - 0407 533 618)

For more information see the [Heart Walker Website](#) or ring us on 63522765.

## LINE DANCING AT LEGERWOOD HALL



## LINE DANCING AT LEGERWOOD HALL - TO BE CONFIRMED WHEN RETURNING

Community Lending for Tasmanians

Call 1300 301 650



## Essentials Loans

No Interest



No Fees



No Credit checks



Loans for essential items and services including:

- Car repairs
- New fridges
- Computers
- Medical and dental services

# DORSET YOUNG LEADERS

3 PM - 4:30 PM TUESDAYS

FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> - APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>

DORSET COMMUNITY HOUSE

3 CAMERON STREET, SCOTTSDALE

AGES 12-17

SUPPORTED BY  
YOUTH WORKERS

## STAND UP AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

BECOME A DORSET YOUNG LEADER AND HELP BRING  
POSITIVE CHANGE TO YOUR COMMUNITY

CONTACT  
YOUTH@DORSETHOUSE.ORG.AU  
0473 078 759



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## DORSET COMMUNITY HOUSE OUT AND ABOUT KITCHEN KREW

COOK GOOD FOOD, HAVE FUN AND HANG  
OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS

GRADE 7-10

WINNALEAH HALL

3:15PM - 5PM THURSDAYS

TERM 1 OF 2026

MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> - APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>

Bookings required for transport

CONTACT JACK FOR INFO

youth@dorsethouse.org.au

0473 078 759



# BRIGHT HEARTS

AFTER  
SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

FOR GIRLS IN GRADES 5-8

MAKE FRIENDS, HAVE FUN, EAT  
SNACKS AND LEARN NEW SKILLS

WITH A YOUTH WORKER

WEDNESDAYS 3:15 - 4:15

FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> - APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>

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CONTACT ZOE ON 0488 746 415

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# KIDS STREET LIBRARIES

## Paint Dorset REaD

STREET LIBRARIES FOR KIDS  
IN DORSET

Children's books  
for you to take home,  
read, swap, and share



For More Information  
please contact:  
[pdr@fvnh.org.au](mailto:pdr@fvnh.org.au)



BRIDPORT

JETSONVILLE

SCOTTSDALE

WINNALEAH



### Bridport

Bridport Primary School

### Jetsonville

Jetsonville Hall

### Scottsdale

Dorset Community House

### Gladstone

Gladstone Hall

### Winnaleah

Winnaleah Playground

## BABY CHAT CAFE DORSET

### 1000 DAYS OF CONNECTION

Interested in meeting other  
parents/carers?

Or hearing more about how you can  
support your baby to thrive and grow?

Babies under 2 years and their  
parents/carers

Morning Tea Provided

Siblings Welcome

Dorset Community House, Scottsdale  
11am-12pm Noon

MONDAYS

February 16<sup>th</sup> - April 13<sup>th</sup>

May 4<sup>th</sup> - July 6<sup>th</sup>

July 27<sup>th</sup> - September 28<sup>th</sup>

October 19<sup>th</sup> - December 7<sup>th</sup>

Dorset Community House  
0474 100 219



DORSET COMMUNITY HOUSE  
3 CAMERON STREET SCOTSDALE



## POLLIWOG PLAYGROUP

WEDNESDAY  
10:30 AM - 12:00 MIDDAY  
DURING SCHOOL TERMS

AGES 0-5  
FUN AND FREE PLAYGROUP FOR  
EVERYONE. PLAY BASED, GAMES, CRAFT,  
STORIES AND MORE!

**0474 100 219**

CALL US FOR MORE INFORMATION





Dorset Community  
House



# PRODUCE SHARE

Got excess produce?

An abundance of apples? A zillion zucchinis? Cartons of Capsicum?

Come in and share it with the community.

**9am-4pm Weekdays**

**Dorset Community House**



## WEDNESDAY

Gladstone Town Hall  
Wed 10am - 3pm  
Except first Wed of Month  
**Pioneer Town Hall**  
First Wed of Month  
10am - 3pm

- ✓ Support and information
- ✓ Events and Training
- ✓ Community Support
- ✓ No Interest Loans
- ✓ Connection to Services

**Updates on Facebook!**

## THURSDAY

Gladstone Town Hall  
Thurs 1pm - 2pm

- ✓ Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

## LOOK FOR THE SIGN OUTSIDE

**Contact Fiona (Tues - Thurs)**  
fiona@dorsethouse.org.au  
0455 242 405

**Contact Dorset House**  
**0474 100 219**



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT 0474100219 OR  
ADMIN@DORSETHOUSE.ORG.AU



Eating  
With  
Friends™

## 2026 Dates



- February 13th** - Gladstone Pub
- March 13th** - Community Hub, Ringarooma
- April 10th** - Weldborough Pub
- May 8th** - Lord's Hotel (Scottsdale)
- June 12th** - Good Ride Cafe
- July 10th** - Branxholm Pub
- August 14th** - Bridport Bunker
- September 11th** - Grey's Hotel, George Town
- October 9th** - Northbourne Hall
- November 13th** - Mechanics' Hall

Call Pat Young to book: 0457 162 887

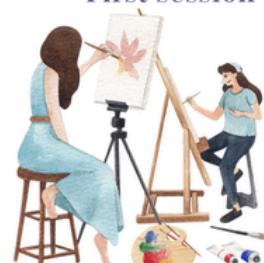


## DORSET COMMUNITY HOUSE ART AND CRAFT GROUP



Thursdays 10:30 - 1PM

First session for 2026: 29<sup>th</sup> January



Feeling crafty?  
Come and have a look at  
our free craft supplies or  
bring your own crafty  
project to do with  
company!



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# FOOD SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES

AVAILABLE TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

**WEDNESDAY  
FROM 1PM  
AT DORSET COMMUNITY  
HOUSE**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOAVES AND FISHES TASMANIA

## Dorset Carers Group

Come along and join us - a friendly confidential space where you can talk and feel supported.



Find connections and form friendships



Learn about community services



Help for you to take a break and find connection



Share your experiences and gain practical knowledge



Emotional and educational support



Meets first Tuesday every month



Dorset Neighborhood House



12 -1:30 p.m.



RSVP: [psg@care2serve.com.au](mailto:psg@care2serve.com.au)

Eligibility - Must be registered with Carer Gateway

# VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES AT DORSET COMMUNITY HOUSE



## Reception/Admin

As a volunteer, you will welcome the community to the House, answer phones and emails, support community members with information and fresh produce.



## Driver

As a volunteer you will drive community members to non-urgent medical appointments and social connection activities.

**Requirements:** Over 25 years old & Full drivers licence



## Garden

As a volunteer you will grow fruit and vegetables for our community, learn about plant care and be part of seasonal projects.

New gardeners and experienced gardeners welcome!

FOR MORE INFORMATION DROP IN TO SEE  
MARK AT DORSET HOUSE, 3 CAMERON STREET  
OR PHONE US ON 0474 100 219



## Staying In Place

Do you need support to continue living at home in the remote North East?

**“Your homecare package, Your way.  
With local assistance”**

Call in to see Fiona at  
**Gladstone Hall** on  
**Wednesday**  
**10am-3pm**,  
to see how we can  
assist **(Pioneer** on the  
**first Wednesday of the month)**



**Or Call 0455 242 405**  
Tuesday-Thursday  
9am-4pm



# SEED LIBRARY



Join The Team!

2.30PM  
EVERY 3RD THURSDAY OF  
THE MONTH  
DORSET COMMUNITY HOUSE

Volunteers are needed to help restock the seed library, package seeds and other tasks.

For more information call the House on 0474 100 219

## DONATION GUIDE

*Do*



Food  
(Unopened)



Money or  
Gift Cards



Women, Baby  
and Adult  
Sanitary Items



New  
Toiletries



New Mobile  
Phones



Clothes



Baby Safety  
Items



Plastic Lids



Electrical  
Appliances



Medical Items

**CALL 0474 100 219, DONATIONS 9AM-4PM ONLY**

## Useful Numbers - 2026

### Dorset Based Support Services

#### **Dorset Community House**

- Mon-Fri 0474 100 219

#### **Rural Alive and Well (RAW)**

- Mon-Fri 1800 729 827

#### **Better Health 4 Dorset**

- Mon-Thurs 0448 393 203 (Bec)

#### **Royal Flying Doctors Service Tasmania**

- Mon-Fri 6391 0509

### Food and Accommodation

- Salvation Army 03 6208 1488

Financial Assistance Line

- **Salvation Army Case Manager**

At Better Health 4 Dorset, Scottsdale

- **Housing Connect 1800 800 588**

- **Red Dirt Café - Nugget Sellers, Scottsdale 0408 635 230 (Karen)**

Thursdays 4.30pm - 6.30pm

### Mental Health Support

#### **Lifeline Tasmania lifeline.org.au**

- 131114 (24 hour) & 1800 984 434 (8am-8pm, 7 days)

#### **Mental Health Service Helpline**

- 1800 332 388 (24 Hour support, 7 days)

#### **Launceston Medicare Mental Health Centre / Head to Health**

- 1800 424 578 Mon-Fri 9am-7:30pm, Sat & Sun 10am-2pm

#### **Kids Helpline + Webchat Counselling**

- 1800 551 800 (24 hr/ 7 days) <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

#### **Headspace Youth (Ages 12-25)**

- 1800 650 890 (9am-1am, 7 days)

#### **Standby - Support after suicide**

- 1300 727 247 (24 hr/ 7 days)

#### **Domestic & Family Violence Support**

- 1800 737 732 (24 hr/ 7 days)

#### **Beyond Blue Mental Health Support**

- 1300 224 636 (24 hr/ 7 days)

#### **Working it Out - LGBTQIA+ Support**

- 03 62 311 200 (9am-5pm, Mon-Fri) <https://www.workingitout.org.au/>

#### **MensLine Australia**

- 1300 789 978 (24 hours, 7 days a week)

#### **Open Arms - Veteran & Family Counselling Services**

- 1800 011 046 (24 hours, 7 days a week)



# FREE Legal Advice

## Visiting Lawyer

Dorset Community House  
3 Cameron Street, Scottsdale

### Do you have a legal issue?

**10am to 1pm Thursday:**

5th February 2026

5th March 2026

2nd April 2026

7th May 2026

4th June 2026

**Call us to book a 45 minute appointment**

If you need advice before our next visit, phone appointments are available with our lawyers

For more information and to book an appointment please ring

**6334 1577 or 1800 066 019**



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COMMUNITY  
 **LEGAL  
CENTRE**

Version Date: 24.01.2025



# **VISITING PROVIDERS**

## **Anglicare Financial Counselling**

Providing counseling and information for debt, consumer rights and responsibilities, superannuation, bankruptcy, referral to legal aid, money management and budgeting.

Availability: At the House on the second Thursday of every month. Call 1800 243 232.

## **Dorset Wellbeing Network**

A network of support providers located in and around Dorset, contact [manager@dorsethouse.org.au](mailto:manager@dorsethouse.org.au)

Availability: Quarterly

## **Baptcare**

Children, Youth and Family Supports and Disability and Mental Health Support.

Availability: Weekly 10am - 1pm on Thursdays  
Call: 13 22 78

## **Yemaya Women's Support**

Face-to-face and/or phone service for ALL women inclusive of religion, identity, ability, sexuality, social background or culture.

Yemaya Women's Support Service is not a crisis service.  
IF YOU ARE IN DANGER - PLEASE CALL 000  
Availability: Wednesdays Fortnightly  
Call (03) 6334 0305

# MANAGERS SECTION

Once again Dorset Community House would like to thank all our amazing volunteers who made the last year possible. Volunteers have supported the community garden, the community transport, greeting and welcome people as they come into the House, providing fresh produce sales and supporting people with a cuppa, a listening ear, technological help and information as well as many other things. Our volunteers are some of the finest people we know and an irreplaceable part of the Dorset House team, we are so grateful for their contribution.





The garden produce is coming in again, and we know that like us, the community is looking forward to when the corn, tomatoes, garlic and many other fresh items will be available. We're also very thankful for all the community members who are bringing in excess produce from their own gardens to share.

On Tuesday the 28th of January, the Dorset Youth Leaders and Bright Dorset Team worked with services and mental health support organisations to host the amazing Youth and Fam Fest in Bridport. We were fortunate to have Drop-In Skate School running a skateboarding workshop as well as the many fun activities offered by Headspace, Relationships Australia, Wellways, Medicare Mental Health, Working it Out, Youth Health North and Scottsdale Library. The day was a great success with lots of positive feedback and many families connecting, getting information and having a fun day out.



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