



JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER

LOCAL PROGRAMS



**CHRISTMAS
IN JULY**
COOKING WORKSHOP
Prepare, present, and eat
fun Christmas recipes

23rd July 2026 **Winnaleah Hall**
10:00 am - 2:00 pm **Ages 12-17**

**Call Jack on
0473 078 759
to reserve a spot**

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY IN THE GREATER NORTH EAST

A soup & sandwich Lunch for the communities in the greater North East of Tasmania to discover how to build a strong community in times of drought

Wednesday 29th of July
11.30am - 1.30pm
Gladstone Hall

Guest Speakers:
Wellways &
Rural Alive and Well

More Info:
Fiona
0455 242 405
fiona@dorsethouse.org.au



Veggie SALES



Heart

Walking Groups



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

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.

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

Contact Scott on 0423 597 362 for more information

Dorset Diggers Drop In Center

2nd & 4th Tuesday
9:00 to 13:00
Branxholm Rec Ground



Come along for a coffee and a chat
All current and ex service personnel welcome

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 2 OF 2026

MAY 14TH - JULY 2ND

Bookings required for transport

CONTACT JACK FOR INFO

youth@dorsethouse.org.au

0473 078 759



DORSET YOUTH ALLIANCE

AGES 12-17

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

GET INVOLVED

3PM - 4:30PM

WEDNESDAYS

TERM 2 OF 2026

**DORSET HOUSE
YOUTH WORKER SUPPORTED**

CONTACT JACK ON 0473 078 759

OR YOUTH@DORSETHOUSE.ORG.AU

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Eating
With
Friends™

2026 Dates



Dorset
Community House

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



Eating
With
Friends™



Eating With Friends (EWF) is a social eating program that works from a community to create regular social eating opportunities in local communities across Tasmania.

The Dorset Eating With Friends group is part of Dorset Community House. To find out other services, programs, and support we provide drop into the House or call 0474 100 219.

EWF is about:

- bringing people together for a nutritious meal and making new friends
- reducing social isolation and improving well-being by creating regular opportunities for social connection
- working with communities and volunteer groups to organize and run regular group meals
- having fun and conversations

To book a spot, call the Community House on
0474 100 219

KIDS STREET LIBRARIES

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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



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 16th - April 13th

May 4th - July 6th

July 27th - September 28th

October 19th - December 7th



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
0474 100 219



DORSET COMMUNITY HOUSE
3 CAMERON STREET SCOTTSDALE





TAJ'S FISHING Competition

Something for EVERYONE!

Fishing Competition Categories

- Flathead - All Species
- Gurnard
- Tuna
- Gummy Shark
- King George Whiting
- Australian Salmon
- Land based catch
- Biggest Tangle
- Funniest Fishing Face
- Sunrise/sunset photo with rod or tackle box and water.
- Squid
- Snapper
- Bream

Raising awareness for Mental Health in Dorset, Tasmania.

MAY 23rd 2026 - 8.00 AM

to **JULY 26th 2026 - 8.00 PM**

TASMANIA | 10 Week Comp

Registrations FREE & Open!

All you need to do is send your photo(s) to Julie Gillespie via text to 0400057564 or through Messenger & return a completed form. To be in it! Registration close July 26th 2026

Info & Contact: Julie Gillespie 0400057564

<https://www.facebook.com/events/27024033793926798>

Prizes for each category & A 'REEL' LUCKY DOOR PRIZE. Winners announced on Sat 1st Aug, 26.



MOVE & PLAY

a fun free active play session for busy kids 0-8 years

SCOTTSDALE INDOOR ACTIVE CENTRE

THURSDAY 10.30-11.30AM
28TH MAY, 25TH JUNE, 30TH JULY & 27TH AUGUST
ARTHUR ST, SCOTTSDALE

New families/carers always welcome
FREE SESSION
more info: Tanya 0400 002 116



WHAT'S ON IN DORSET

FREE and LOW-COST activities for families with children, from birth to 5 years of age



Mondays

9:15 am - 11:00 am
Bridport Primary
Launching into Learning
Ph: 6356 1226



10:30 am - 11:00 am
Rock and Rhyme
Scottsdale library
Ph: 6778 8586



11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Baby Chat Cafe
Dorset Community House
Scottsdale
Ph: 0474 100 219



1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Ringarooma Primary
Launching into Learning
Ph: 6353 2271



If you are concerned about the safety and wellbeing of a child call:

STRONG FAMILIES SAFE KIDS 1800 000 123

Tuesdays

9:15 am - 10:40 am
Winnaleah District High
Launching into Learning
Ph: 6354 0222



10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Jetsonville Playgroup
Jetsonville Hall



Message via Facebook:
Jetsonville Playgroup

Wednesdays

10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Polliwog Playgroup
Dorset Community House
Scottsdale
Ph: 0474 100 219



May 2026

Thursdays

9:00 am - 11:00 am
Bridport Playgroup
Blue School
PLAYGROUP
TASMANIA
Message via Facebook:
Bridport Playgroup

10:30 am - 11:00 am
Rock and Rhyme
Scottsdale library
Ph: 6778 8586



10:30 am - 11:30 am
Move and Play Everyday
Building Blocks
Arthur St, Scottsdale
(26th March, 16th April, 28th May, 25th June)
Ph: 0400 002 116



Fridays

9:15 am - 10:45 am
Scottsdale Primary
Launching into Learning
Ph: 6352 0200



Did you know?

Child Health and Parenting Service (CHaPS) offer free child health & development checks for children 0-5 years, and parenting information call 1300 064 544



Great Start can support you to set your child up for life! Scan the QR code to explore free activities, play ideas, and find out about the amazing development happening as your child grows. Also find tips for connecting with help - if you need it.



raisingchildren.net.au
the Australian parenting website



is a great source of information.





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!



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

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

Updates on Facebook!



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



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



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



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

FREE Legal Advice

Visiting Lawyer

Dorset Community House
3 Cameron Street, Scottsdale

Do you have a legal issue?
10am to 1pm Thursday:

2nd July 2026
6th August 2026
3rd September 2026
1st October 2026
5th November 2026
3rd December

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



LAUNCESTON
COMMUNITY



LEGAL
CENTRE

Version Date: 24.01.2025



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

Eligibility - Must be registered with Carer Gateway



ndis **Baptcare**

Delivering the NDIS in your community



Baptcare/NDIS

Colocation Sites Dorset Community House

Baptcare Colocation Site info -

Baptcare are the NDIS partner in the North East and we enable our Early Childhood & Local Area Coordinators to provide assistance to people wanting support and referral to programs and services in local communities and assist them with support to access the NDIS.

Coordinators also network within your community to assist with enabling the co-creation of more inclusive and assessable communities.

Where:

Dorset Community House

Time:

10am to 1pm

Date:

Fortnightly on Fridays starting from the 20th March 2026

If Appointments Preferred

phone 0434 836 905

or

Baptcare NDIS 1800 290 555

Additional information: If you have any accessibility requirements please let us know prior to attending. Please note - we need a minimum of five (5) business days' notice to book Auslan interpreters.



ndis.gov.au



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



Dorset Community House

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



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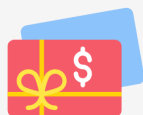
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Food (Unopened)



Clothes



Money or Gift Cards



Baby Safety Items



Women, Baby and Adult Sanitary Items



Plastic Lids



New Toiletries



Electrical Appliances



New Mobile Phones



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)



Dorset Community & Health Directory

Available At: <https://dorsethouse.org.au/dorset-suicide-prevention-network/>

WHY WE LOVE...

Neighbourhood Houses!

Community Voices Collected Through Postcard Reflections

"We build on community strengths - what's strong, not what's wrong!"

Welcoming, Friendly and Inclusive



"It's a beautiful place full of wonderful people."

"I enjoy the breakfast and community lunches and the company here."

"Always with a smile and a cuppa."

Connection, Friendships and Belonging



"I can always call in and people will talk to me."

"I have found a family I didn't know I needed."

"It provides me with a sense of belonging."

"I love the Bingo, especially if I win!"

Safe, Non-Judgemental and Respectful Spaces

"It helps me meet other people from my community."

"They embrace and accept everyone without judgement."

"It's always warm or cool and you can have coffee/tea and toast."



Engagement, Activities and Learning

"Friendships, purpose, opportunity to garden, sanity, meeting people."

"I can spend time with my craft friends and share lots of laughs."

"I am learning to drive and I never thought I would be able to drive."



Community, Care and Support

"They helped me get back to school and my family's mental health."

"I can be myself. I can go op shopping and get help with food."

"They really care about me."

"The sense of community, people look after each other."



Purpose, Identity and Dignity

"I can have a shower and also wash and dry my clothes."

"Because of the power and energy given to everyone passing the doors."

"Their purpose is the lifeblood of our communities. Their collective love literally changes lives."



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
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.

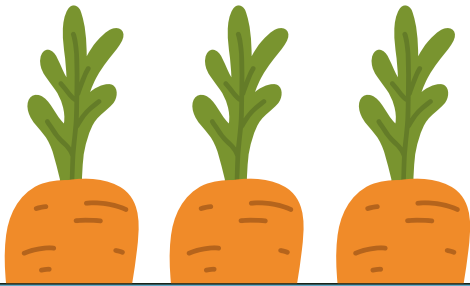
Yemaya Women's Support Service is not a crisis service.

IF YOU ARE IN DANGER - PLEASE CALL 000

Availability: By Appointment
Call (03) 6334 0305



Check out our veggie fridge!
Come and grab some fresh produce!



COMMUNITY TRANSPORT



FROM MAY 1ST 2026

RUNNING MONDAY - FRIDAY 8AM - 4PM

- Local (Scottsdale) - \$20
- Scottsdale to Launceston - \$35
- Gladstone to Scottsdale - \$35
- Gladstone to Launceston - \$60
- Ringarooma/Legerwood to Scottsdale - \$30
- Ringarooma/Legerwood to Launceston - \$55
- Legerwood to Scottsdale - \$25
- Legerwood to Lilydale - \$40
- Derby to Scottsdale - \$30
- Derby to Launceston - \$55
- Winnaleah to Scottsdale - \$30
- Winnaleah to Launceston - \$55
- Tomahawk to Scottsdale - \$35
- Tomahawk to Launceston - \$60
- Bridport to Scottsdale - \$25
- Bridport to Launceston - \$50

APPOINTMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY
MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS TAKE PRIORITY

For bookings please call Mark on
0448 015 988



DORSET
LEARN TO DRIVE SURVEY



WHO IS THE SURVEY FOR?

- ✓ Learner drivers, parents and carers of learner drivers
- ✓ Community members aware of transport barriers
- ✓ Anyone who could benefit from a learn to drive mentorship program

We are gathering information to determine if Dorset needs better access to driving support.

Your responses could be the key to help to bring driving schools and mentor programs to the area.

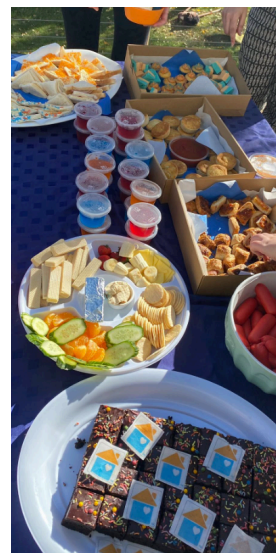
Scan the QR code to do the survey!



Any questions? Contact
dorsetlearn2drive@gmail.com

MANAGERS SECTION

Happy Neighbourhood House week for 2026! Dorset Community House celebrated with a Community Barbeque and a fun and colourful Playgroup Party. It was a good chance to reflect on all the important things that happen at the community house and the significant role that neighbourhood houses play in wellbeing across the state. We also hosted a morning tea to honour and thank our volunteers – without whom none of what Dorset House does would be possible.



Our regular programs and Bright Dorset Youth project are going well, and the Youth Week event and School Holiday workshops were very popular. However, at the end of April we said farewell to Zoe Bennett, our programs worker. Zoe has kept the team organized, laughing and safe over the last six years, and we will miss her very much. However, we are very excited about Zoe's new role and that she is moving on to another opportunity where she can use the skills she has developed at Dorset Community House.



Fun events continued throughout May, including the annual Simultaneous Storytime event and the Women's Day Art Workshop. For the story, Catherine and the children read this year's book 'Luna Roo – The Kangaroo Baller' together with the rest of the nation. The Women's Day Art Workshop was planned by Zoe and Elka in partnership with Verity from Women's Legal Service. It was an intergenerational opportunity for women from across Dorset to gather to create art, learn about their financial rights and connect with one another.



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