



SEP/OCT NEWSLETTER

LOCAL PROGRAMS

Mental Health Week

DORSET

**YOUTH + FAM
FEST**

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6TH
11AM - 2PM

Learn To Skate Workshop
Hosted by Drop in Skate School (BYO Helmet)

- Activities • Music • Food
- Youth Workers • Stalls

BRIDPORT SKATE PARK

CONTACT
JACK - 0473 078 759 OR
DORSET HOUSE - 0474 100 219

**SENIORS
MONTH 2026**

Eating With Friends Community Lunch

**Two-Course
Free of Charge**

Where: Northbourne Hall, Scottsdale
When: Friday, October 9th
11:30am - 2:30pm

Supported by Dorset Council
Bookings Essential
To Book Call Pat on **0457 162 887**



MEETING



**Dorset Community
House**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 22nd October at 2 pm

Dorset Community House
3 Cameron Street, Scottsdale.

Confirmation of minutes, financial report, proposed amendment to the constitution (*see below*), election of board members and general business.

Please contact the House on **0474 100 219** or
admin@dorsethouse.org.au for details or RSVP

Proposed Amendment to Constitution:

It is proposed that the following amendment be put to the 2026 AGM to amend the Constitution to insert

Clause 26 (6) (A)

That for the purposes of Clause (6) that for existing office holders the calculation of the 6 years consecutive service period commences from the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

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



**Come and grab some
fresh produce!**



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 4 OF 2026

OCTOBER 29TH - DECEMBER 10TH

Bookings required for transport

CONTACT JACK FOR INFO

youth@dorsethouse.org.au

0473 078 759



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DORSET YOUTH ALLIANCE

AGES 12-17

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

GET INVOLVED

3PM - 4:30PM

WEDNESDAYS

TERM 4 OF 2026

DORSET HOUSE

YOUTH WORKER SUPPORTED

CONTACT JACK ON 0473 078 759

OR YOUTH@DORSETHOUSE.ORG.AU



Dorset Christian Leaders Network

Mental Health Family Fun Day Event

IN HONOUR OF VICKI KNIGHT

Lazer Tag & Remote Cars



3.00PM TO 6.30PM
TUESDAY,
20TH OCTOBER 2026

NUGGET SELLERS PAVILION
SCOTTSDALE RECREATIONAL
GROUND

FOR INFORMATION EMAIL
MARIABRANCH@HOTMAIL.COM



YOU ARE INVITED TO

BUILDING BLOCKS
20 YEARS OF PROGRAMS IN
BREAK O'DAY/BICHENO
10 YEARS IN DORSET

Birthday Party

OCTOBER
THURSDAY 15 10-1PM

Scottdale Indoor Active Centre

Free Event

- Circus Workshop
- Move & Play
- Facepainting
- Art Activities
- Food/Tea/Coffee



more info Tanya: buildingblocks@fvnh.org.au or
M: 0400 002 116
www.buildingblocks.org



KIDS STREET LIBRARIES

Paint Dorset REaD

STREET LIBRARIES FOR KIDS
IN DORSET

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



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

Dorset Community House
0474 100 219



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
3 CAMERON STREET SCOTTSDALE



CHILDREN'S WEEK PARTY

10.30AM – 12NOON

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28TH
DORSET COMMUNITY HOUSE

0474 100 219

ADMIN@DORSETHOUSE.ORG.AU

JOIN US FOR FUN AS
WE CELEBRATE
CHILDREN'S WEEK!



MOVE & PLAY

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

SCOTTSDALE INDOOR ACTIVE
CENTRE

THURSDAY 10.30-11.30AM
27TH AUGUST, 24TH SEPTEMBER,
29TH OCTOBER, 26TH NOVEMBER,
10TH DECEMBER

ARTHUR ST, SCOTTSDALE

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



Join us at Dorset Early
years Reference Group
to talk about the new
Thriving Kids Program

Thursday 1st October
3:15pm - 4:15pm

Guest Speaker David Gardiner
Policy Analyst | Tasmanian Government

Thriving Kids will be the new
Australian early intervention,
aiming to strengthen family
capacity, enhance community
connections, and support child
development.

Contact: naomi@dorsethouse.org.au
3 Cameron St, Scottsdale or online



DORSET EARLY YEARS REFERENCE GROUP

Thursday Quarterly
3:15pm - 4:15pm

At Dorset Community House,
3 Cameron St, Scottsdale or Online

WHY JOIN US?

- Understand the needs of 0-5 yrs in Dorset
- Build an engaged and supportive community
- Improve outcomes for children and families

Contact Dorset Community House
naomi@dorsethouse.org.au





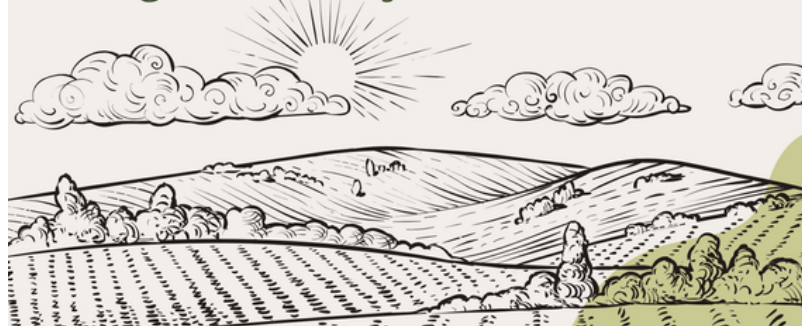
PIONEER MORNING TEA

Come and enjoy a morning tea and chat about what you need in your community.

Pioneer Hall
10:30am

Wednesday
2nd September
4th November
2nd December

Contact Fiona
0455 242 405
fiona@dorsethouse.org.au



Drought
Ready
Tasmania



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry



Future
Drought
Fund



Dorset
Community House

OUTREACH GLADSTONE & PIONEER

WEDNESDAY

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

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



Dorset Community House

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

Updates on Facebook!



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

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



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COMMUNITY



LEGAL
CENTRE

Version Date: 24.01.2025



Tasmanian
Government



Dorset Community House



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 - Branhholm 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

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



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

DONATION GUIDE

Do



**Food
(Unopened)**



**Money or
Gift Cards**



**Women, Baby
and Adult
Sanitary Items**



**New
Toiletries**



**New Mobile
Phones**

Dont



Clothes



**Baby Safety
Items**



Plastic Lids



**Electrical
Appliances**



Medical Items

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

VISITING PROVIDERS

Anglicare Financial Counselling

Providing counselling and information for debt.

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

Yemaya Women's Support

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.

Wellways

Wellways to Recovery is a free community-based support
service for Tasmanians experiencing mental health issues.

At the House, fortnightly, call 1300 111 400.

Launceston Community Legal Centre

Free Legal Advice for Tasmanians. At the House, the first
Thursday of the month, by appointment, call (03) 6334 1577

National Job Link

Provide a range of support to help you get into work.

By appointment, call 0493 804 411

Dorset Share Shed



The Dorset Share Shed is a place where our community comes together to share. You're welcome to donate or take fresh produce, in-date pantry staples, sanitary items, and fresh flowers. Please take what you need today, leaving enough for others to enjoy, and if you're able to, consider leaving something behind for the next person. Thank you for helping keep the community Share Shed kind and accessible to everyone.

DONATION GUIDE

Do



Food
Unopened &
in Date



Fresh
Produce



Women, Baby
and Adult
Sanitary Items
Unopened



New
Toiletries



Cut Flowers

Dont



Clothes



Baby Safety
Items



Plastic Lids



Electrical
Appliances



Jars &
Containers

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.

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/>

MANAGERS SECTION

Winter is often a quieter time in the community, with people staying inside due to weather. During this time however Dorset Community House has been busy hosting and supporting youth workshops through the Bright Dorset Project and engaging children and their families when the weather is gloomy through Polliwog Playgroup, Baby Chat Café and Move and Play at the Indoor Active Centre. Our garden crew have been doing the significant, but often unseen work of preparing the garden beds over Winter for future planting, working on fundraisers to support the garden's necessary costs and caring for our fruit trees.



Our team now includes two Community Connectors (Mark and Elka), an Outreach Worker (Fiona), a Youth Worker (Jack) and a Playgroup Worker (Catherine). Our other Youth Development Officer, Sue has sadly been taking some time away from work due to illness. Of course, Dorset House staff are supported by an incredible team of volunteers who contribute so much and make all the good work we do possible. Now when you come into the House you may find Joylyn, Alison, Saoirse or Jo behind the counter to welcome you. As well as this awesome foursome on our admin support team, we could not do what we do without our Garden Volunteers, Driver Volunteers, Catering Volunteers, and Julie, our amazing playgroup volunteer.

Ben Cooper has kindly filled in as the Dorset Community House Interim Manager while Naomi was away on an extended holiday visiting family. Ben's kind heart, common sense and sense of humour and experience in multiple community development roles brought a great deal to Dorset. We appreciate the work Ben did to support the amazing Dorset House staff during this time as they continue to deliver programs, events, food and support to our whole community.



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