



St Joseph Affordable Homes

2020 Social Impact Report



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St Joseph's Affordable Homes (SJAH) is the new building and construction social enterprise launched by the Archdiocese of Hobart in July 2020.

St Joseph Affordable Homes uses the extensive affordable and social housing construction programs of Centacare Evolve Housing and CatholicCare Tasmania to deliver on its purpose to provide employment and mentoring support services for young Tasmanians and their families. The organisation is committed to providing much needed trade apprenticeships in a range of construction areas, gained through an in-house apprenticeship scheme.

St Joseph Affordable Homes has over 100 new homes in the pipeline for construction in the next 12 months, with potential to scale up.



Overview

In the midst of the 2020 Covid pandemic, the Catholic Church established St Joseph Affordable Homes. After 6 months of operation our work has been identified as delivering outcomes that support the economic recovery of the state, in particular through the delivery of employment outcomes, increasing building and construction activity, and addressing the housing and homelessness crisis through increasing the number of community housing homes.

In 2020 we commenced construction on 63 new homes for community housing in Southern Tasmania, with over 100 in the pipeline. In December, 2020 the first completed project of nine new homes in New Norfolk was officially opened by the Premier and Minister for Housing.

A highlight for our start-up phase has been to witness the positive impact of our in-house apprenticeship program. In 2020 we were able to announce our first 6 young apprentices, including 16 year old carpentry apprentice Cianna who wants to become an advocate for young women who aspire to make positive life choices. Our apprenticeship program enhances the outcomes of Centacare Evolve Housing's successful Build Up Tassie youth training and work ready program.

The following social impact report demonstrates the contribution that St Joseph Affordable Homes has had in its first 6 months and in setting the foundations for the future. I am incredibly proud to work alongside a passionate team at St Joseph Affordable Homes who are all driven to make a difference. We are part of a long and continuing tradition of Catholic service to people in need.

Ben Wilson
CEO St Joseph Affordable Homes

St Joseph Affordable Homes Construction



63

New homes
under construction
in 2020

\$12.4M

Value of homes
under construction
in 2020

35

Contractors engaged
in 2020

Table 1.1 St Joseph Affordable Homes under construction in 2020

Type & # of dwellings	Suburb	Street	Status
9 x 2 bedroom	New Norfolk	Graham Court	Completed 2020
9 x 1-2 bedroom	Glenorchy	Chapel Street	Commenced
10 x 1-3 bedroom	Chigwell	Allunga Road	Commenced
15 x 2-3 bedroom	New Norfolk	McLeod Street	Commenced
1 x 2 bedroom	Gagebrook	Tottenham Road	Commenced
1 x 3 bedroom	Gagebrook	Boronia Road	Commenced
1 x 2 bedroom	Bridgewater	Euston Place	Commenced
1 x 2 bedroom	Herdsman Cove	Calvert Cres	Commenced
15 x 1-2 bedroom	Dover	Station Street	Commenced
1 x 3 bedroom	Chigwell	Arunta Cres	Commenced
Total 63			

Build Up Tassie



Build Up Tassie creates pathways to employment, including apprenticeships, through linkages to industry and with significant training partners such as Southern Central Trade Training Centre, TasBGAS and Tasmanian Building and Construction Training Board. Build Up Tassie leverages Centacare Evolve Housing and CatholicCare Tasmania's significant construction programs and in 2020 was in its third year of operation.

Table 1.2 Build Up Tassie Program Statistics

2020 Build Up Tassie Dashboard		
66	29	2
Formal expressions of Interest in the program	Progressed from intake to participating in the program	School aged participants
3	14	6
Participants with dependants	Employment outcomes	Apprenticeships appointed
13	99	96%
Work placements	Industry connections	Attendance (July – December)



This report is produced by The Social Impact Unit, which is a dedicated team with specialist skills in evaluation and impact measurement, systems analysis and research, social entrepreneurship, strategic and philanthropic partnerships, advocacy and communications.

The Social Impact Unit is tasked to support CatholicCare and associated Catholic entities to understand the individual and combined outcomes and impact of our services, in a rapidly changing and diverse community.

The Unit is founded on our in-house Social Impact Approach which is based on leveraging partnerships to enable and create change. This approach allows us to deliver the best return on the funds available through linking resources internally as well as in the broader community, and designing innovative and collaborative solutions to complex problems.

The Social Impact Approach aims to improve outcomes across seven wellbeing domains. CatholicCare's Social Impact Approach, recently researched through The University of Tasmania is inspired by Catholic Social Teaching and is aligned to the Tasmanian Government's Child and Youth Wellbeing Framework.

The Social Impact Unit supports the organisation to measure, understand and translate the impact of our mission to serve Tasmanians in need.



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