



Welcome to our Newsletter

We haven't had time to hibernate this wet winter and with spring upon us, it's time for our second newsletter for the year!

This edition is jam packed with news from the communities in which we work. We highlight events statewide such as Homelessness Week, Inspiring Future Leaders graduations, the Build Up Tassie Charity House, to name a few.

What an honour to host the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Housing Minister Julie Collins to our sites in Brighton earlier this year. We discussed our daily work of building new homes, providing local opportunities and creating communities for the future.

As Community Wellbeing Manager, my team and I get to meet and work with amazing people doing remarkable things every day in their local communities. We love hearing your stories and creating new solutions to local issues that affect you.

I would like to encourage you to get in touch, provide us with any project ideas you may have, and any stories or information you think we could include in future editions.

Look out for local events happening near you over the coming months. As we approach Mental Health week in October I would like to encourage you to look after yourselves, keep an eye on your friends, family and neighbours, and reach out for assistance.

Christina Augustine
Community Wellbeing Manager



50 Words Project

Centacare Evolve Housing acknowledges the palawa people across lutruwita/Tasmania land, sea and waterways we deliver our housing and services in.

We pay our respects to all Elders past, present, and future. We stand for a future that profoundly respects and acknowledges Aboriginal perspectives, culture, language and history and work towards a stronger future together.

With permission, we would like to continue to introduce you to three more palawa kani language words from the 50 words project.

- patrula / fire
- tiyuratina / wind
- mumara / firewood



A visit from the Prime Minister

Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, and Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Julie Collins, visited Centacare Evolve Housing and St Joseph Affordable Homes sites in Bridgewater on Wednesday 22nd of June.

Anthony Albanese and MP Julie Collins discussed the policies that will be put in place across all levels of government to support social and affordable housing and deliver more homes to more Australians in need.

"Nothing is more important in determining people's opportunities in life, than a secure roof over their head," said the Prime Minister, "it is important that we have communities like this and I want to congratulate St Joseph Affordable Homes and the organisations associated with the community here who have this vision".

The Prime Minister went on to highlight that this vision is not just about building and construction. It's about building homes for people, training people to provide them with skills and opportunities, connecting people to social services, and finally connecting people with community-based infrastructure to ensure a real quality of life.

"This project and the 21 apprentices who are working on these homes in this community - and they are people from this community - are making a difference," said the Prime Minister.

St Joseph Affordable homes apprentice Bricklayer, Izaiah Meni said he was fortunate to be involved in the project in Bridgewater

"St Joseph's do such an incredible job doing what they do helping families and all those in need, so it's been really rewarding." said Mr Meni.

Of the 54 homes being built at Taylor Crescent in Bridgewater, 30 are jointly funded by the Tasmanian State Government through the Community Housing Growth program in conjunction with Centacare Evolve Housing and 10 are being joint funded by the Federal Government under the Hobart City Deal.

The visit from PM was a fantastic reflection on the work that Centacare Evolve Housing are doing to solve homelessness issues in Tasmania.



Homelessness Week

Homelessness Week is held annually, with events rolled-out across Australia during the first full week in August. This year, Centacare Evolve Housing participated by running “Homes for All” activities at events with schools, disability groups, and other community organisations. We also launched our Yes In My Backyard (YIMBY) campaign.

The Homes for All activities consisted of decorating small wooden houses, made by Build Up Tassie. These were then displayed state-wide in 24 locations including 10 councils, multiple libraries, and featured at 9 Homelessness Week events. The purpose of Homes for All was to raise awareness of key issues and solutions. The houses also acted as a visual representation of the 5000+ people on the housing waitlist.

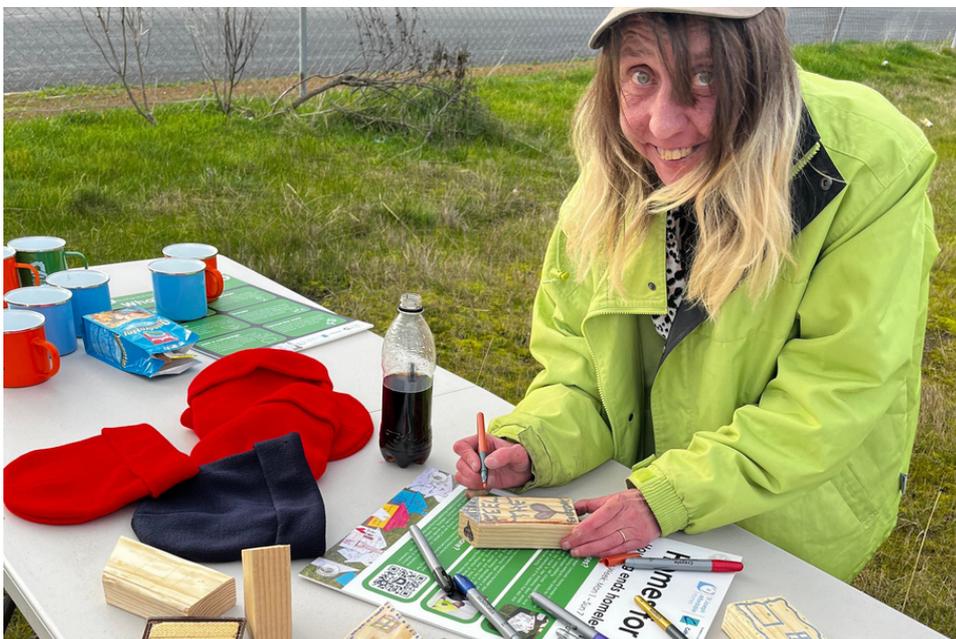
Yes In My Backyard is Centacare Evolve Housing's educational campaign to improve understanding about community housing and challenge the stigma attached to people accessing community housing. The notion places inclusion and connection at the centre of our campaign.

Centacare Evolve Housing's YIMBY movement is focussed on providing informative resources about community housing; listening and openly discussing the impact housing will have in local areas; collaborating with local communities for wellbeing and integration of tenants and residents; and advocating for inclusive housing policies and strategy within government and LGAs.

This was achieved by providing resources about key issues and potential solutions. We also engaged with schools, disability organisations, and local community.

We encourage you to join YIMBY by being part of the solution, sharing real actions that can be taken to contribute to the solutions for homelessness.

- Scan the QR code to see our YIMBY video
- Visit our website to access resources
- Check out our Facebook page for more photos



Launch of the Build Up Tassie Charity House

The Build Up Tassie Charity House project was officially launched on Friday the 5th of July, during Homelessness Week.

St Joseph Affordable Homes will be building a four bedroom home in Herdsmans Cove, on land gifted by the Tasmanian State Government, which will be publicly sold.

All funds from the sale will be donated to Build Up Tassie to help give 50 young and vulnerable Tasmanians a pathway to a career in the building industry. The build will also act as a training site for Build Up Tassie participants and St Joseph Affordable Homes apprentices.

St Joseph Affordable Homes has the dual purpose of providing substantial employment opportunities for young and vulnerable Tasmanians and to alleviate homelessness. Their support of this project will substantially support Build Up Tassie to offer young and vulnerable job seekers opportunities to gain meaningful employment in the building industry.

Profits from the Build Up Tassie Charity House will allow the program to continue to providing one-on-one coaching to participants before employment, once they are employed and for the duration of their apprenticeship or traineeship at no charge to the participants.

Stay up to date with this amazing project by following the Build Up Tassie Facebook page.



Local Legend - Kevin

When Kevin moved to Scottsdale from the Gold Coast in early 2020, he had had a bad run and ended up moving to Tasmania to retire. With his best friend Molly, the King Charles Cavalier Spaniel who almost never leaves his side, he moved into a brand-new home built by St Joseph Affordable Homes and managed by Centacare Evolve Housing.

Kevin was thrilled with his new property. His Tenancy Officer, Lisa, describes his reaction as one of the most excited tenants she has ever called. He says he could not have asked for more in this house that has become the perfect home for both Kevin and Molly.

Kevin's garden is his haven. He has transformed it from a paddock consisting of red dirt to a weedless paradise full of green grass, trees, and other ornamental plants.

Kevin's pride in his home is evident to anyone that is invited into the space – instantly welcomed with a cup of tea and homemade treats from his latest successful experiment in the kitchen. This hospitality is extended to those in his community. He is always the first to offer a helping hand or volunteer to support those in need.

Now in his 70s and settled into his community, Kevin wanted to get out and about more and start volunteering. His main concern was who would care for Molly who, at 5 and a half, has hardly left his side. Luckily, having a great relationship with those living next door to him, Kevin's neighbour offered to care for Molly and now looks after her in return for lots of pats and Kevin's delicious apple pie.

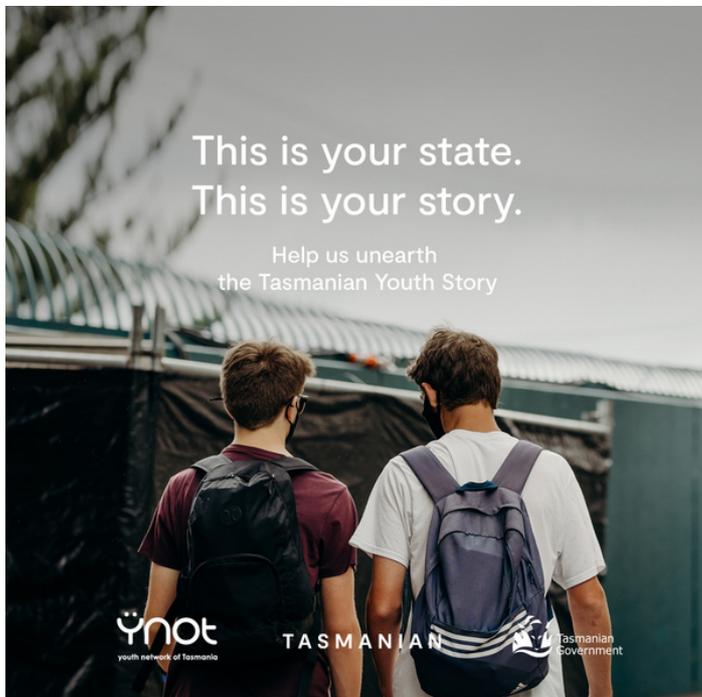
Knowing that Molly is in good hands, Kevin attends the local church group, volunteers at the Dorset Community Men's Shed men's shed and drives the community bus.

Kevin's tenancy officer and fellow community members describe Kevin as the perfect neighbour who is an asset to the area.



Good to know!

YNOT - The Tasmanian Youth Story



The Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) is seeking Tasmanians 18-25 years to participate in one-on-one conversations to unearth the Tasmanian Youth Story!

The Story will capture the unique experiences of what it is like being a young person living in Tasmania. This will help decision-makers better understand the opportunities, challenges, wants and needs of young people to influence public policy, projects and initiatives that impact them.

Conversations will be happening across the State throughout August and September 2022. Young people will be paid \$100 in recognition of their time and contributions.

YNOT knows that many young people have strong views on issues that are important to them, but have limited opportunities to connect with decision makers and influence public policy.

Interested? Apply today at www.ynot.org.au



From Our Maintenance Team

Centacare Evolve Housing is committed to making sure that you are safe and comfortable in your home.

When repairs are needed, you must contact us first. To report damage from vandalism, please phone Tasmania Police first then contact our Maintenance with the police incident report details.

To request repairs:

Phone us on 6173 0060 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

URGENT after-hours repairs phone 6173 0060 (South) or 6173 0083 (North and North-West).

Email centacareevolve@aohtas.org.au.

How to prevent pests and vermin in your home...

- 1 Dispose of any food scraps, leftovers, and rubbish as soon as possible and do not leave them on tables, benches, floors or in bedrooms
- 2 Empty rubbish bins regularly, do not wait for them to overflow
- 3 Keep any food in your pantry well sealed, especially pet food
- 4 Clean up any spills or liquid leaks immediately
- 5 Ensure your yard and underneath your home is free of rubbish and debris
- 6 Ensure your pets are clean, including their bedding, and remove all pet droppings from around your house regularly



How to prevent fires in your home...

- 1 Never leave cooking unattended
- 2 Don't place clothing or any flammable material too close to heaters – it should be at least two metres from any source of heat
- 3 Switch off electric blankets before sleep or leaving the house. Never fold electric blankets as this can damage the wiring
- 4 Do not smoke or light candles in bed or when you might fall asleep
- 5 Don't overload power points or power boards and make sure you replace damaged plugs or leads
- 6 Always follow manufacturer instructions when using wheat filled heat packs
- 7 Regularly clean filters in dryers and heaters



Graduation Time for Future Leaders



The first group of 2022 Inspiring Future Leaders participants have graduated from the 8-week capacity building leadership program with presentations, pitches and celebrations on the 14th of July.

The latest cohort of five Inspiring Future Leaders participants have officially graduated from the program run by Centacare Evolve Housing. The course included meeting at the Centacare Evolve Housing office in Bridgewater every Thursday for 8 weeks. During this time the participants were coached through workshops for practical skills development in communications and project delivery. Industry professionals stopped by to share their expert knowledge and run activities.

This year's Inspiring Future Leaders program was focussed around communication to create local community projects in the Brighton and Derwent Valley municipalities. The program supports and empowers local community members to gain confidence and skills in planning and delivering projects in community. Seed funding and supports are provided to bring the projects to life.

The program concluded with participants presenting their project ideas to a panel of judges. Participants pitched the viability of the projects for the opportunity to receive seed funding and one-on-one coaching from Centacare Evolve Housing to get their project started.

Ideas from participants included mentoring groups for fathers and their children, creating opportunities for new experiences and connections for seniors in the Derwent Valley, art projects and events, and offering of services to those that are unable to care for their own lawns.

The program officially concluded with a celebratory lunch where participants had the opportunity to celebrate their achievements, receive feedback from the judges, and find out who received funding to make their community-improving idea a reality!

This year, for the first time, Centacare Evolve Housing is running a second Inspiring Future Leaders program in the second half of the year.

Do you have a great idea for your community that you would like to turn into a reality? Do you want to improve your communication skills, meet new people and give back to your community? Keep an eye on our social media and website for Expressions of Interest opening in early 2023.

Winter Fest 2022



Two of our Inspiring Future Leaders participants were given the opportunity to volunteer with the annual Winter Fest event presented by 24 Carrot Gardens and Kutalayna Collective. Held on the 1st of July, the event was held at the Botanical Institute in Bridgewater.

Filled with live entertainment, food, activities and family fun, this event was the perfect opportunity for the Inspiring Future Leaders participants to put their theory into practice and engage with 700+ Brighton community members.

One participant volunteered with Centacare Evolve Housing to run a T-shirt decorating stall, while the other assisted Create Crew with their spray painting activity.

Both participants are excited to volunteer at future events in their community such as Centacare Evolve Housing's Christmas Block Party in November.

Affordable homes helping families get back on their feet

By Josh Low

More social housing units in Glenorchy have been delivered in a collaboration between Centacare Evolve Housing and St Joseph Affordable Homes.

Diesel Baker and his family are residing in one of those properties and are happy to have a roof over their heads.

"It's very tough, when you don't have a place, anywhere to go, or anyone to turn to - It's just a struggle," he said.

Having a home has been life changing for Mr Baker, who said he was living on the street in vans, tents or anywhere he could to get warm.

"It's the best you could ask for - they're built just perfectly," he said, "It's given me peace of mind. Now I can get on with life and don't have to wake up every morning thinking, where am I going to go? What am I going to do?" Mr Baker continued, "Now I can wake up and have a nice day with my children or go to work without any hassles".

Housing minister Guy Barnett was a recent visitor to one of the properties and met the young family who have benefitted from the social and affordable housing project. Mr Barnett said the state government's plan was to deliver 1500 new social housing units by the end of 2023.

"This is a huge issue, housing and homelessness in Tasmania," Mr Barnett said, "In terms of getting the job done, we're getting roofs over the heads of Tasmanians that need that support".

Mr Barnett praised the organisations, "I want to say congratulations to Centacare Evolve Housing and St Joseph Affordable Homes - they've done a great job."



Activating our community



At one of our community activation sessions, a group of Kingston tenants expressed interest in learning about mental health and mental illness, and what supports are available within their community.

The Centacare Evolve Housing Community Wellbeing Team arranged for Ben from Lifeline Tasmania to come along and run a session on providing valuable information around supports.

Lifeline has been operating in Tasmania since 1973. Their services now operate from more than 40 locations nationally, with a presence in every State and Territory within Australia.

Lifeline offers 24/7 telephone crisis support, suicide bereavement groups, social support programs to improve the lives of older people who are isolated and lonely, clinical supervision, incident debriefing and community education and workplace training programs in suicide prevention, domestic violence and mental health.

As part of the session, Ben provided the opportunity for question and answer time for the tenants to address any key concerns.

We're here if you need us.

If you need someone to talk to	A Tasmanian Lifeline 1800 98 44 34 <small>A Tasmanian Lifeline operates from 8am-8pm every day of the year and is available to every Tasmanian. If you need to talk to someone about anything, our support workers are here to listen.</small>
If you're in crisis	Lifeline Crisis Support 13 11 14 <small>If you are experiencing a crisis, Lifeline's crisis support number is available 24/7. If life is in danger, phone 000.</small>
If you need support but don't want to talk	Lifeline Crisis Text and Chat 0477 131 114 www.lifeline.org.au/crisis-chat <small>If you would rather type than talk, Lifeline's crisis text and crisis chat are available 24/7.</small>

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