



CENTACARE evolve HOUSING

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Merry Christmas!

It is the end of another fantastic year for Centacare Evolve Housing and we are taking this opportunity to reflect on our growth and achievements throughout 2022.

This edition focuses on connections. We celebrate connection events such as the Brighton Christmas Block Party and Bin to Win event. We share the amazing work happening at the Build Up Tassie Charity House and highlight local legends. We also share the progress of our new and improved In-House Maintenance Service. This edition also provides useful information about things happening in our communities.

We are incredibly proud to share that the work we do has been recognised on the national stage as the winners of two categories at the PowerHousing Australia National Awards. Our Community Wellbeing team were awarded the Tenant Engagement and Social Inclusion Award for our Client Support Program and Centacare Evolve Housing were also announced winner of the Government Program Collaboration Award for our work in partnership with the state government and our building partner St Joseph Affordable Homes through the Community Housing Growth Program.

2023 will see us deliver significant numbers of new builds across the state, allowing us to increase the number of people we provide homes for. We plan to grow our in-house maintenance program and to look at new and innovative ways to connect with you all. In 2023 we plan to open a Centacare Evolve Housing Office in Launceston to support the growing number of tenants in this area.

We hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter. We wish you a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year from all of us at Centacare Evolve Housing!

Belinda Clarke
Executive General Manager



50 Words Project

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

- lakaratu luwara / Hot Weather
- mukra / Dog
- lutha / Tree



Brighton Christmas Block Party

Centacare Evolve Housing's Brighton Christmas Block Party was held at the Brighton Civic Centre on the 27th of November.

This was our second annual Block Party event and thanks to the support of our community partners it was bigger and better than ever!

Over 1800 people from the Brighton community attended the event with 40 organisations coming together to run stalls, volunteer, and celebrate the holiday season.

This event focused on providing free family fun and community connection for all ages. Highlights included Tommy Choo Choo rides, face painting, arts and crafts, the Tasmanian Fire Service, food vans, local musicians and choirs and so much more. The jumping castle and Social Circus were fan favourites along with an opportunity to have a photo with Santa!

"We had a line around the block to get in and smiling faces all day round." said Centacare Evolve Housing Community Wellbeing Officer, Elise.

"The success of the Block Party is the result of a huge collaborative effort. We have an amazing community and we are proud to have been able to bring so many people and services together to celebrate Christmas" said Elise.

6 lucky families won a Christmas lucky door hamper, with a first prize voucher from Pennicots Wilderness Journeys valued at \$310 going to a local Gagebrook resident.

The Brighton Christmas Block Party is Centacare Evolve Housing's biggest event on the calendar each year. It is held in the last weekend in November to welcome everyone into the festive season. Our aim is to bring the community together to celebrate Christmas and create connections and family fun.



We wish all of our tenants a safe and happy Christmas!



Bin to Win Event a Hit!



Centacare Evolve Housing held our first Bin to Win event at the Cris Fitzpatrick Community Park in Gagebrook in September.

A collaboration between Brighton Council, Zero Waste and Centacare Evolve Housing's Community Wellbeing team, this event was a great success, with over 80 car loads of rubbish being sorted and removed.

A fun approach to waste education was at the forefront of the event. Stalls included an interactive education station and all rubbish from the event was sorted into seven categories to ensure the least amount of waste possible was delivered to landfill.

"Together, the community removed 80 carloads of waste, over 200 tires, over 50 whitegoods and over 40 mattresses," said Elise, Centacare Evolve Housing Community Wellbeing Officer.

"This event demonstrated Centacare Evolve Housing's strong commitment to sustainable practices and providing our tenant community with opportunities to learn and grow" said Christina, Community Wellbeing Manager.

For future updates about events by Centacare Evolve Housing, visit centacareevolve.com.au or follow us on Facebook.

An Update on the Build Up Tassie Charity House



Media Sponsors Woody and Tubes from Triple M onsite at the Build Up Tassie Charity House.

Construction is well underway on the Build Up Tassie Charity House.

With over 35 sponsors engaged we are proud to say that we are well on track with targets for this project!

St Joseph Affordable Homes is 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.

Profits from the Build Up Tassie Charity House will allow the program to continue to provide 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.

Celebrating Seniors Week



We celebrated Seniors Week in Claremont at one of our unit complexes for those 55 and over.

We had a wonderful lunch in the sunshine and shared some amazing stories. We decorated pots and talked all things gardening.

Seniors Week is about celebrating and shining a light on our Seniors in community and creating a space for connections and supports. This year's theme was "Enrich".

It was a great afternoon with lots of great ideas, laughter and fun!

Break O'Day Festival of Wellbeing



We loved being part of Break O'Day Council's Festival of Wellbeing in October. This event included workshops and demonstrations, displays, useful information and goodie bags, all centred around wellbeing. We ran our Homes for All craft activities as part of our ongoing YIMBY campaign and handed out some Centacare Evolve Housing goodies!

Local Legend - Andie



Andie was a participant and graduate of our Inspiring Future Leaders Program (IFL) in 2022.

Before Andie participated in the IFL program she was working in retail, as she had been since the age of 16. Now 22, she was in search of more stable employment.

After Andie's first day at IFL she was excited and confident that this program would be the stepping stone she needed. While she had to juggle the program with work and personal challenges, she always prioritised her learning and the chance to upskill.

It became clear to IFL Coach, Elise, that Andie had the skills to move into a traineeship. Elise contacted a trade partner of Centacare Evolve Housing, Parrs Heat Pumps, to see if they would consider taking on Andie in a reception/admin role. After just one meeting with the team at Parrs, Andie was offered a full-time position and traineeship.

When Elise called Andie to tell her that she had an opportunity to move into the admin space she was so excited stating "this will change my life".

Andie has since relocated from New Norfolk to a new home closer to her new job and is loving life.

She has made friends, through both the program and her new role, and is feeling more supported than ever.

Applications for the 2023 Inspiring Future Leaders Program, Derwent Valley, will open Wednesday 4th January. Stay tuned for more information on our website and Facebook page soon or call Liana on 0467 542 239!

Good to know!

Good to know about FOGO

What is FOGO?

FOGO stands for Food Organics and Garden Organics.

Why go FOGO?

Approximately 50% of the average household waste bin is food and a further 10% is garden waste. By collecting the organic material and composting it into nutrient rich soil, the FOGO service reduces waste to landfill and the release of greenhouse gas emissions. The compost is later used within agriculture and horticulture therefore 'closing the loop'.

My FOGO smells!

- Freeze meat scraps and put in your FOGO bin the morning of collection
- Line your FOGO with newspaper
- Sprinkle a bit of bicarbonate soda
- Rinse you bin out regularly & let it dry completely
- Keep your bin in the shade if possible

City of Hobart
FOGO
Food Organics and Garden Organics

From kitchen to compost

Food scraps & leftovers	Dairy products	Meat, bones & egg shells	Cooked food	Coffee grounds & tea leaves
Paper towel & tissues	Weeds	Small branches & grass clippings	Compostable cups, plates & cutlery*	Bread, cereal and pasta

* Compostable bioplastic products that are certified under one of the following certifications; AS 5810, AS 4736, ASTM D6400, and EN13432 can be placed in your FOGO bin.

From Our Maintenance Team



Have you seen our new vans? We are excited to share that Centacare Evolve Housing now have an in-house maintenance team.

In line with our commitment to continual service improvement and in recognition of feedback we have moved to an in-house team to handle maintenance needs. This will improve customer service, quality of work and timeframes.

Our team is already expanding with recently employed trades including two carpenters, one painter/plasterer and one labourer.

We will be scaling up further in 2023 and look forward to providing our tenants with the best possible service!

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

When repairs are needed please contact our office and ask for Maintenance. If the repairs are in response to criminal damage, you will need to provide us with Tasmania 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.

Good to know!

ART AND CRAFTS

Albion Craft Group

JOIN US FOR ARTS, CRAFTS AND A
CHAT!

WHEN: EVERY FRIDAY 11:30AM - 1:30PM

WHERE: 2 ALBION ROAD COMMON
ROOM (MIDDLE OF THE UNIT COMPLEX)

FREE TOASTIES PROVIDED FOR LUNCH



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT GAIL ON 0475865606



FREE CLASSES!

Boxercise in The Park

Begins Fridays, 21st October 5pm

Join Jody in the park behind the
Bridgewater Library



ASTHMA AND ALLERGIES HUB



Asthma Australia's
New Online Asthma
and Allergies Hub:



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AUSTRALIANS
HAVE ASTHMA

<https://asthma.org.au/treatment-diagnosis/live-with-asthma/allergy-hub/>



Clothing Exchange

Bring some clothes.
Take some clothes.



Tuesday 13th December, 10am-3pm
Gagebrook Community House
FREE event & everyone is welcome!



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