



## MEDIA RELEASE

### #togetherwearetheanswer

The 35 Neighbourhood Houses across Tasmania and their Peak Body, Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania (NHT) are celebrating Neighbourhood House Week from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Our theme for the week is “#togetherwearetheanswer”. This reflects our commitment to working together to support our communities and build a brighter future for all. Neighbourhood Houses and Centres across Australia are also celebrating this week

Whilst we are doing things differently this year due to the restrictions in place, make no mistake, we are still celebrating the incredible work Neighbourhood Houses do and the role they play in their communities. *“Houses are responding to the needs of their communities and are showing just how nimble and adaptable they can be. We’ve seen so many new ways of working emerge all focused on supporting people and delivering outcomes for communities”*, NHT CEO Tracey Tasker said.

There are a few things we are doing as a Network to celebrate. Firstly, Houses have been asked to send us a video, story, poem, picture that captures their community. We will be sharing these with the Network over a virtual cuppa on Thursday 15 May. More than ever its important that we connect with our Members and celebrate our work. We are looking forward to seeing the creativity and humour of the Network shine.

Secondly, we’ve invited our Members, collaborators and key stakeholders to send us something to put into our time capsule. Our time capsule has been generously created and supplied by the St Helen’s Neighbourhood House Association Inc Men’s Shed. The capsule will be sealed until 12 May 2022 – we cannot wait to return the items supplied and reminisce about this unique period we are currently living in. Its not too late to get something to us, contact [admin@nht.org.au](mailto:admin@nht.org.au) for more information.

Staff and Volunteers involved with Houses from King Island to Dunalley, Rosebery to St Helens, will be finding different ways to celebrate and be socially connect while we continue to remain physically distant. For more information about the events and activities on offer and how to get involved, have a look at the FaceBook page or website of each House.

Earlier this week we released survey findings which capture the work Houses have been focusing on in their communities over recent weeks. Click [here](#) to see the report.

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**Neighbourhood Houses are where people come together to support their local community, and make a difference in people’s lives. Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania is the peak body supporting the network of 35 Houses.**

**For a two minute video overview of the work of Neighbourhood Houses visit: <http://nht.org.au/video/>**