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**Summer
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From the General Manager



Hi everyone, Welcome to our Summer edition of *Home Stories* – the last one for 2022!

It's been a busy time for us here at Housing Choices Tasmania. To mark Anti-Poverty Week (16-22 October) we held a range of resident events and activities including Story Time at the Burnie Child and Family Centre and The Big Table Community Lunch at the East Devonport Neighbourhood House.

It was great to see so many of you there, and we couldn't have done it without the hard work and contributions from our community volunteers, partners and service providers. You can see some photos from the events on page 6-7.

We caught up with our incredibly talented Shorewell Park resident Ian, who has been making wooden model boats by hand for almost 28 years. Being completely blind

has not stood in Ian's way! You can read his interview and see his inspiring works of art on page 4.

We have recently received the results from our 2022 Resident Satisfaction Survey. The surveys are an important opportunity for us to hear from you - your thoughts, feelings, and opinions. Your feedback helps us to understand what you're happy with and where we need to improve, so a very big thank you to everyone who took the time to respond. We will share the results with you in our next *Home Stories* newsletter.

It was a privilege to meet with two of our 'Your Future Scholarship' winners; Maryam and Mohadisa. They've each been granted a \$1,000 scholarship to put towards their education as part of the Housing Choices Tasmania Your Future Scholarship scheme. Congratulations to you both!

With Christmas and New Year fast approaching, we've organised a series of end of year resident events all around the state in Hobart, Shorewell Park, East Devonport and Latrobe. We hope to see as many of you and your families as possible.

All the best from us at Housing Choices Tasmania. Look after yourself and each other over this holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you all next year. Until then, stay safe, happy and well.

Kind regards,

Kim Bomford
General Manager
Housing Choices
Tasmania

Cover image:

Resident Ian at home with one of his model boats



Good Neighbour Award



Do you know someone who:

- ☐ is friendly or helpful
- ☐ provides assistance to others and contributes to the community
- ☐ is respectful and mindful of others
- ☐ performed a good deed
- ☐ maintains their property well
- ☐ volunteers in the community?

Recognise them!

Anyone can nominate a Housing Choices Tasmania resident for this award. All nominees go into the yearly draw for our Neighbour of the Year award!

How to nominate

Contact us by:



writing to us at
**11A Wiseman Street,
Shorewell Park, TAS, 7320**



calling on **1300 312 447**; or



emailing us at
**communitydevelopmenttas
@hcau.org.au**

And remember to tell us:

- the name and address of your good neighbour
- the reason you are nominating them
- your contact details (all nominations stay anonymous)



Garden Competition winner



Our winner of the Housing Choices Resident Garden Competition was a resident from Ulverstone, who transformed her garden from a simple lawn to a beautiful garden oasis bursting with plants, flowers and home-made mosaic art!



Name correction

We would like to apologise for publishing the incorrect name for our resident in the Spring edition of Home Stories. Pictured above is resident Cameron (**right**) standing with General Manager Kim Bomford (**left**) and Federal Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Hon Julie Collins (**centre**) at a development in Rosetta in August.



Housing Choices Tasmania's end of year celebration

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**As the year wraps up,
we hope to see as many
of you as possible at
one of our end of year
resident celebrations!**

**Please remember to RSVP
where required so that
we know you're coming.**

Christmas Day Lunch – North Hobart

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You're invited to Colony 47's Community Christmas Lunch at Hellenic Hall in North Hobart.

**Sunday 25 December
(Christmas Day),
12:00 noon**

Where:

Hellenic Hall,
67 Federal Street,
North Hobart

RSVP:

by calling Colony 47
on **1800 265 669**.



Creativity and craftsmanship

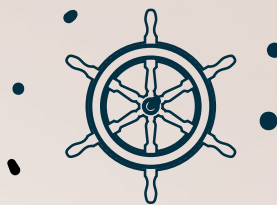
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**Despite being
completely blind,
long-term Shorewell
Park resident Ian
has been making
intricately detailed
wooden boats by hand
for over 28 years.**

Ian came to Shorewell Park almost 32 years ago, when he moved from Strahan in order to take his then-young daughter to a local school.

Over three decades later, he has laid down roots and become a part of the local community. "I love this place. I know where everything is. The shops are close, only about 100 metres away. There's plenty of people here who know me. They help me to cross the road and check on me to make sure I'm doing okay."





Ian's connection to boats goes back a long time, having been a cray fisherman for 35 years on the West Coast. "I'd been on fishing boats all my life, going with the fisherman along the reef coasts. But when I moved here, I had to find something to do with my time."

It wasn't until Ian was visiting a friend in Somerset who had a model boat, that Ian had the idea of making them. "I thought I was only going to make one...28 years later, here I am."

The wooden boats are time-intensive to make and require a huge amount of focus, patience, and skill. "Each one takes about 100 hours to make. I probably make six or seven a year. I think a lot of people may not have the patience to make them, but they give me something to do."

Ian uses Huon Pine and is fortunate enough to have a friend who gives him offcuts from his sawmill. He also uses fibreglass, and material from blinds for the sails.



He estimates that he's made about 220 since he started. "I've given some away to friends, occasionally I'll sell one, which will cover the costs for materials and lets me take a trip to Bunnings."

Ian's boats showcase his skill in both craftsmanship and creativity. His most recently completed work? "I've just finished a pirate ship!"

Left: Ian uses Huon Pine, fibreglass, and material from blinds for the sails.





Above: Local community member Brittany with her son.



Anti-Poverty Week 2022 events and activities

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To mark Anti-Poverty Week (16-22 October 2022) events were held around Tasmania with our incredible partners. Thank you to everyone who supported these events by showing up. It was great to see so many faces! We couldn't have done it without the hard work and contributions from our community volunteers, partners and service providers. Here's a wrap up of the week's events.

Right: Community member Wendy reading to her child.

Story Time at the Burnie Child and Family Centre

To kick off Anti-Poverty Week, children were invited for Story Time at the Burnie Child and Family Centre on Tuesday 18 October. There was morning tea and lots of activities for the kids. Around 50 people attended, young and old! Families, grandparents and children from the community were joined by Burnie Child and Family Learning Centre staff,

St Vincents, The Smith Family, Boomerang Bags (community sewing group), West North West Working Group and the Pataway Collective.

Hot drinks were enjoyed by all, and the kids were given a morning tea fruit and cheese platter, 'what to pack' lunchbox refill containers and free school library bags. Thanks to the sunshine the children were able to play freely outside.





Big Table Community Lunch

On a beautiful sunny day after almost a week of flooding, 90 community members joined us for the Big Table Community Lunch at East Devonport Community House on Wednesday 19 October.

In recognition of Anti-Poverty Week, this year's theme was 'join our call to halve child poverty by 2030'. Guests were welcome to take their lunches away, but due to the beautiful weather, most people stayed and ate together. Residents were also given a bag filled with assorted goods including biscuits, pancake mix, and canned soups. Big thanks to the East Devonport Neighbourhood House and their dedicated team of volunteers for organising such a great day.

Neighbourhood House Block Party

We were delighted to take part in the Ulverstone Neighbourhood House Block Party on Wednesday 19 October. Almost 100 people attended, including some of our residents along with Ulverstone and West Ulverstone community members. A very big thank you to Neighbourhood House staff and volunteer community helpers for making this happen! Andrew from the Neighbourhood House said,

"I would like to thank everyone involved with the Block Party for Anti-Poverty Awareness. From the chefs in the kitchen through to the face painter, and childcare minders which gave the parents a chance to shop at the pop-up op shop. Your help and support for the community is amazing and highly valued."

St Vincent's Anti-Poverty Week Breakfast

We also took part in St Vincent's Anti-Poverty Week Breakfast on 19 October in Burnie. Our Community Development Officer Hannah helped to serve a free breakfast to the local community, along with staff from Anglicare, Safe Spaces Burnie and the Salvos.

Family BBQ

And to conclude our Anti-Poverty Week events we held a Free Family BBQ at the Wedge Street Community House in Smithton on Thursday 20 October. Thanks to everyone who came along!

Image 1: Residents Cheryl (left) and Ann (right). **Image 2:** Resident Rebecca at the Ulverstone Neighbourhood House Block Party. **Image 3: Front row from left to right:** Natasha from Wedge Street Community House, Leesa from Save The Children, Renee (community member), Maxine (community member), Jackie (Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation), Danieka (Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation), Ellen (Housing Choices Tasmania). **Back row:** Samantha (Housing Choices Tasmania), Shelby (Housing Choices Tasmania), Hannah (Housing Choices Tasmania), Mikkayla (St Vincent de Paul Society). **Image 4:** Anti-Poverty Week Family Breakfast.



Your Future Scholarship winners



We're delighted to highlight two of our Your Future Scholarship winners of this year's program.

A very big congratulations to Maryam and Mohadisa who have each been awarded a scholarship for \$1,000 to use towards their education or training. Well done Maryam and Mohadisa!

2023 applications are now open!

Housing Choices Tasmania's Your Future Scholarship aims to support students' futures by providing opportunities for education. The scholarship is open to students studying in Year 11 or 12, TAFE, College or University up to the age of 25. Each scholarship recipient is awarded up to \$1,000 to be used towards the out-of-pocket expenses associated

with their studies or training. Only one scholarship is available per household.

If you are studying next year and would like to know more about our scholarship program, please contact our Community Development Team on **1300 312 447** or **communitydevelopmenttas@hcau.org.au**

Above left: Maryam (centre) with her Your Future Scholarship standing with Kim Bomford, Housing Choices Tasmania's General Manager (left) and Maryam's sister Nazeefa (right).

Above right: (Left to right) Community Development Officer Ellen, Housing and Property Team Leader Lisa Roberts, (both from Housing Choices Tasmania) with Mohadisa, one of the recipients of the Your Future Scholarship.

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