

Resourcing our Neighbourhood Houses



A MAJORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

- Increase core funding to all Neighbourhood Houses
 - Include King Island's Phoenix House for first time
- Deliver \$2 million for capital upgrades
- Establish \$150,000 Fund to improve security at Houses



Investing in Tasmanians in need

Increase core annual funding by \$45,000 per annum per house

Tasmania's Neighbourhood House Network are the heart of our local communities.

The Liberals have invested \$6 million in new funding into the Neighbourhood House network during the past four years, however we recognise demand for support at Neighbourhood Houses throughout Tasmania is increasing.

To ensure the future viability of the Tasmanian Neighbourhood House network – and continue to ensure our Houses provide opportunity for people to be part of their own solutions - a re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will increase core funding by \$45,000 per annum, per house.

This increase will provide each Neighbourhood House with two full-time equivalent staff.

Include King Island's Phoenix House

For the first time, King Island's Phoenix House will be recognised by a re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government as a *Remote Community Neighbourhood House*, receiving ongoing recurrent funding of \$120,000 per annum and ongoing certainty.

Working with the King Island Men's Shed and Community Garden, Phoenix House delivers a range of approaches to engaging the local community, improving access to services and building the capacity and sustainability of the King Island community.

\$2 million for capital works

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will provide \$2 million for further capital improvements to enhance our Neighbourhood House network.

Mental health support to stay

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will continue to fund the Grassroots Mental Health – NHT partnership with Wellways, to assist Neighbourhood Houses around Tasmania to welcome and respond to people who experience mental illness.

Our record:

In the past four years, the Liberal Government has:

- ✓ Delivered on our 2014 election promise of an additional \$50,000 over two years for all Houses
- ✓ Provided \$100,000 for the establishment of Food Cooperatives
- ✓ Provided annual funding for grassroots mental health support through our House network
- ✓ Provided \$1.7 million for the construction of a brand new Northern Suburbs Neighbourhood Centre
- ✓ Provided additional funding over two years in 2016-17 and 2017-18 to all Houses



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\$150,000 for security improvements

Neighbourhood Houses are based in some of our most disadvantaged communities. While they are there to help the most vulnerable in our communities, they are not immune from aggression, vandalism or arson.

We recognise the need to improve security at many of the State's Neighbourhood Houses, to provide for the safety of staff, volunteers and visitors.

A \$75,000 per annum grant fund, for two years, will be established for security upgrades, with funding of up to \$5,000 per House for better security, including lighting, alarm systems, security doors and windows and duress alarms.

New Protocols to work together

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will establish a Protocol for Neighbourhood Houses to work in a responsive and effective way with Government agencies, including health, education, police and transport.

Labor-Green record

Labor and the Greens failed to take a Neighbourhood House policy to the 2014 election, and has failed to recognise Phoenix House on King Island, and the security needs of houses.

Cost:

The cost of this policy is \$6.58 million over the next three years.

Key Facts

- ✓ There are currently 33 Neighbourhood Houses funded by Government in Tasmania.
- ✓ In 2016-17 Houses had 779,592 contacts by community members and their volunteers contributed an average of 168 hours per week per house.
- ✓ Each House worked with an average of 39 partner organisations.
- ✓ Programs include –
 - Driver mentoring
 - Literacy programs
 - Parenting support
 - Community lunches
 - Community gardens
 - Food co-op programs
 - Youth programs
 - Learning to grow and cook vegies
 - Get Active programs
 - Financial counselling
 - Family violence support
 - Housing support
 - Public access computers
 - Training
 - Employment pathways
 - Support in a warm, welcoming environment