



Neighbourhood Houses
Tasmania

Our Enterprising Communities

People, Place & Opportunity

Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania
State Conference 2015
Strahan Village, Strahan Tasmania

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The Neighbourhood Houses Tasmanian Board and staff are pleased to offer the program for this year's State Conference.

Our local hosts, Rosebery Community House and Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre, look forward to welcoming you to Strahan and the West Coast for three days of professional development, networking and fun.

Delegates may choose to join us for the full three days or single day options. Please check the registration form for costs and details.

Please join us on Wednesday evening for the AGM followed by networking and nibbles event hosted by the West Coast Houses, their volunteers and staff.

Our floating conference dinner will be aboard the Lady Jane Franklin II cruise boat, on Thursday night.

(Please note: the Dinner must be booked separately on your registration form.)

The dinner theme this year is Piners and Miners. Convicts are probably allowed too, so long as they keep their dietary requirements nice...

Dress your best....or worst?

For more information about aspects of the Conference, please check the NHT [website](#), call the Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania office on 6228 6515 or email us at leah@nht.org.au or jonathan@nht.org.au

We're heading West! In exploring Our Enterprising Communities, we'll look at what works, whether it be in rural communities in other parts of the world, or down the road at a Neighbourhood House.

In each of our communities, there is great talent, potentially untapped resources, ideas and potential. How can we support new endeavours, and enable people in our communities to take hold of the local potential for social and economic enterprise? We'll explore these ideas through our keynote speaker, through workshops and short presentations.

Our guest speakers.

Matt Pfahlert

Matt Pfahlert (pronounced Farlert) has received widespread recognition as a social entrepreneur, educator/presenter and community leader across Australia. Since 1993 Matt has been developing social enterprise based businesses, starting with Typo Station, now known as Evolve. In 2012, when Matt commenced a business named Social Enterprise Unlimited (SEU). In 2013 Matt joined the Social Traders board, a national industry organisation committed to growing the social enterprise sector in Australia. Matt recently founded the Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship (A.C.R.E) to accelerate youth entrepreneurship nationally. ACRE is being supported by the Beehive Project, a social enterprise dedicated to the development of Australia's premier cycle tourism and training destination.

Matt and his wife Gina live in Beechworth (N.E Victoria) with their two children and are owner/operators of '1860 Luxury Accommodation'. In 2008, '1860' was voted by Travel & Leisure magazine as one of the top 100 places to stay worldwide.

Michael Higgins and Chris Devenish from Geeveston Community Centre (Ge-Co)

Michael Higgins and Chris Devenish will also speak about their learnings from their study tour to the USA, where they are looking at Community Enterprise opportunities and attending a conference in California.

Adam Mostogl

Adam Mostogl is the 2015 Tasmanian Young Australian of the Year, and in any given week, he might be helping young entrepreneurs to kick-start their companies, stimulating small businesses to challenge the status quo, challenging communities to understand their potential or teaching hundreds of students to embrace innovation to solve the problems of the future. Focused on empowering the community to create change, Adam established illuminate Education & Consulting in 2010 and partners with many organisations to inspire young people and communities to embrace their creativity, identify business solutions to simple problems and re-calibrate their approaches to learning.

You – contributions from Houses

Volunteers, Committee members and staff in Neighbourhood Houses are doing fantastic things across Tasmania! It's important that we share these great stories with each other. Our successes and failures provide valuable learning and usually good stories, so come and share with us the highs and lows of your innovative program.

We are offering 10 minute time slots to people who are running programs or activities that you are proud of, and would like to share with other Houses from across Tasmania. For more information and to register to present, please see the separate information sheet.

Conference Program

	Plenary in
	Workshops
	Role based meeting

Day 1 - Wednesday 23rd September

11.30am - 12.45 noon	Registration including Lunch
1.00 pm 1.30 pm	Official Opening of Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to Conference with Host Houses • Welcome to Country – Trish Hodge • Official Opening by The Mayor of West Coast Council – Phil Vickers • Musical welcome- Kerrie Maguire and friends
1.30pm – 2.30 pm	Keynote – Matt Pfahlert Matt has received widespread recognition as a social entrepreneur, educator/presenter and community leader across Australia. In 1993 at age 24, Matt founded the Typo Station youth project (now named Evolve) where he was CEO for eleven years. Matt is a member of the Social Traders board, currently runs his own accommodation business and the recently founded Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship (ACRE). In 2013 Matt was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to travel and study rurally based social enterprise and entrepreneurship in the US Canada and the UK. Matt will share some stories and experiences from his involvement in Social Enterprise, particularly from a community organisation perspective, and inspire us to think about how we as Houses can play a role in supporting or even creating new, local employment or enterprise opportunities.
2.30pm - 2.50pm	Afternoon Tea
2.50pm – 4.00pm	Plenary Keynote – Michael Higgins and Chris Devenish from Geveston Community Centre (Ge-Co) Local community and economic development. Chris and Michael will talk about examples of small rural communities that have transitioned from large primary industry to a more diverse range of economic activities. They'll share their insights such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparisons with Tasmanian towns and regions, similarities, differences and potential directions; • Making the most of your local environment. Getting lucky with your elected officials • The importance of your local council and chamber of commerce (or equivalent) • Community sector organisations, differences and similarities • The necessity to put aside one's prejudices or self imposed barriers for the benefit of the community...
4.00pm – 5.00pm	Role based session An opportunity to get people who share the same role or interest in Neighbourhood Houses together for a chance to network, share stories and ideas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinators to meet • Committee members • Other volunteers or program specific workers
5.00pm - 6.30pm	AGM with Casual networking drinks and nibbles Dinner is at your own arrangement

Day 2 - Thursday 24th September

8.45 am	Opening and notices
9.00am – 9.30 am	Enterprising Communities – Tourism and Parks opportunities for social enterprise- TBC Luke Martin from the Tourism Industry Council Tasmania. Session is still being finalised, but the aim will be to provide an overview of the tourism and National Parks sector, the potential opportunities and key contacts for local enterprise development, and the role Houses can play in creating pathways into tourism sector employment in your community.
9.30 am – 10.50am	Matt Pfahlert – Workshop. Implementing Social Enterprise in your community. Building on his key note address from day one Matt will work with participants in the session to identify ways they can look at implementing or supporting social enterprise models in your local community.
10.50am	Morning Tea
11.10am - 12.30pm	Workshops - Session 1 Please indicate choice on registration form
1	Food Coops - Evaluating community initiatives through story-telling Stories are a powerful way for any community to be heard. The Most Significant Change (MSC) process is a story-telling method of evaluation that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides framework around which to collect community stories • uses what you learn to improve what you are doing through listening to and discussing what you hear • is a formal way to engage with partners, report to funding bodies and advocate for action. This workshop will hear from communities that have used MSC and allow you to explore how it might work in your community.
2	Connecting people with support through Neighbourhood Houses. ATDC – NHT partnership project. What is it like to go through serious addiction to drug or alcohol addiction? What supports and services are available and what is like accessing them? Hear about the lived experience of someone who has travelled the journey. Also the Tamara (ATDC) and Jonathan (NHT) will take us through a discussion on how our attitudes affect our work with people, and how to manage them. See more about the project at the NHT website .
3	Social Media – Adam Mostogl is a local to Queenstown and 2015 Young Tasmanian of the Year. With over 50% of Australians on Facebook, social media is no longer something you can set aside and ignore - but there are some easy tips to maximise how you use it. In this informative workshop session, Adam will run through the basics of social media strategy, what type of content is good content, how to use your Facebook page to drive social change - and answer all of those questions about social media you've been wanting to ask. Other platforms will also be addressed, so that your Neighbourhood House are engaging with your community in the most effective ways - without wasting hours in the process!
4	Leadership in local communities–Matt Pfahlert will share his experience of leadership, and will present a session based around developing confidence and authenticity in your own networking and leadership in your community.
12.30pm	Lunch and EXPO - Wander the hall and discover what service providers and local businesses can offer your Neighbourhood House
2.00pm	Five in Ten Presentations –show casing activities in Neighbourhood Houses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five slides in Ten minutes to tell your stories from around the Houses. Information about the presentations is available on the website.
3.20pm	Afternoon Tea

3.40pm	Conversation Corners – Would you like to know more about one of the short presentations? Each presenter will find a table in the bistro area. Grab a cuppa, and ask your questions and find out some more about the activities that inspired you.
4.30pm-5pm	Thriving Communities Healthy Family - evaluation feedback from the University of Tasmania – Dr Theresa Doherty Research Fellow / Evaluation Manager at University of Tasmania’s Institute for the Study of Social Change.
6.30pm –for 7.00pm start	Conference Dinner Cruise – Times to be confirmed. The theme for dinner is <i>Piners and Miners</i>. Check out your West Coast history, and robe up!

Day 3 – Friday 25th September

9.00 – 10.30	Workshop sessions
1	Crowdfunding - David Wells and Chris Philpott from Get Funding Inc., will talk about the principles and practise including the how and why of Crowdfunding. This session will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media use relating to Crowdfunding, • Assessing the suitability of your project for Crowdfunding, • Tools for Crowdfunding your project.
2	How are we Making a Difference? Outcomes reporting - Are you feeling ready? We are nearly at the end of our first reporting quarter and reporting on outcomes is soon going to be part of our "business as usual". Have you got questions, suggestions or ideas about what is being put in place and/or how we can get the most from the outcomes journey? Jo from NHT will facilitate this workshop as a discussion to learn together, share what is proposed, and to answer some of the questions we may still have.
3	Everyone has a story. Steve shares his favourite picture books with you. Take a trip to the beach in “Lucy’s Bay”, feel as though you are at the mercy of the years in “Tree”, or imagine a marginalised life in “The Island”. Steve will have a large range of books for you to look through and read, and he will be sharing some techniques for using the books with children and with adults. Due to the popularity of last year’s literacy workshop, Steve will repeat it this year. Get in early as there are limited numbers!
4	Promoting Mental Health and Supporting People with Mental Illness Grassroots Mental Health Project – MI Fellowship Introducing the important new collaborative project between MI Fellowship and NHT. A feature of this new project will be the utilisation of the "Understanding Mental Illness" workshop, with the intention of promoting mental health and breaking down the stigma surrounding mental illness through the use of the lived experience of trained facilitators.
10.30am	Morning Tea
10.45 am-11.45 am	Role based session – review Conference and outcomes, learnings and actions Get together again with people in similar roles and chat through what the take away messages and actions are for you. And hopefully share contact details to keep networking post conference!
11.45 am - 12.30 pm	Conference Recap – Guest inspirer – Daryl Peebles – Be sure you stay with us, and stick around for a laugh and to be inspired and motivated for continuing the great work in Neighbourhood Houses! Daryl Peebles is Tasmania’s own comedian, magician, poet, ventriloquist, MC and speaker. Daryl will leave us energised, inspired and laughing as we celebrate another great conference.
12.30pm-1.00pm	Closing address – The Honourable Jacquie Petrusma, Minister for Human Services

Accommodation

Delegates will need to make their own accommodation arrangements.

The Strahan Village	6472 6800	www.strahanvillage.com.au/
See the accommodation list on NHT website		nht.org.au/conference-2015-our-enterprising-communities/

Useful websites to find accommodation:

www.discovertasmania.com

www.truelocal.com.au

www.startlocal.com.au

www.wotif.com

www.hotelscombined.com

www.stayz.com.au

Meals

Morning and afternoon teas and lunches included in the program are included in your registration fee.

Check your arrangements with your accommodation provider regarding breakfast. Banjoes on the waterfront offers breakfast options and is open all day.

Please make your own arrangements for dinner on the Wednesday evening, and if you choose not to join us for the Conference Dinner on Thursday. Below are some of the various venues around town along the waterfront, and some details of what is on offer.

- View 42 – the Bistro at The Strahan Village www.strahanvillage.com.au/cuisine-en.html
- Hamers Bar and Grill (no bookings taken) www.strahanvillage.com.au/cuisine-en.html
- Bushman's Bar and Café Currently closed for winter renovations. We'll send information out closer to the time to enable bookings.
- Risby Cove <http://www.risbycove.com.au/>
- Regatto Point Tavern <http://www.regattapointtavern.com.au/>
- Other venues can be found at:
www.tripadvisor.com.au/Restaurants-g504331-Strahan_Tasmania.html

Registration

If possible we would love you to use our online registration process, via [Survey Monkey – at this link](#). Alternatively you can register for the conference using the form sent out by email with this program, also available on the [Conference page of the website](#).

Transport subsidy

Thanks to generous sponsorship Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania can offer each House a small subsidy based on the distance for each House to assist with transport costs to Strahan. One subsidy per House. A payment will be returned to your House, once payment is received for at least one registration.

Conference Sponsors for 2015

Thanks to the West Coast Neighbourhood Houses for their support in organising the conference, particularly, staff and volunteers for all their efforts.

Thanks to the many organisations and individuals who are speaking, facilitating and supporting workshops or Expo and without whom, our Conference wouldn't be possible.



Rosebery mine is an important part of the regional economy and social fabric of Tasmania's North-West Coast. It has operated continuously since 1936 and its mine life extends to 2024.

The mine produces zinc, lead and copper concentrate and gold doré using mechanised underground mining methods and crushing, grinding and flotation processing methods.

MMG strives to remain a welcomed and valued member of the community and is proud to support a number of community programs in the north west and west coast including school fruit program, local school awards, University of Tasmania scholarships, sporting clubs, events, the Rosebery Community Health Centre and has a Community Liaison Office in the Main Street of Rosebery to take all enquires in relation to the Mine.



Aurora Energy is a State-owned energy retailer passionate about supporting fellow Tasmanians. Aurora Energy actively seeks to engage with like-minded organisations, such as Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania, to make a positive and practical difference in our local communities.

For the first time, Aurora Energy is proud to partner with Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania to assist delegates to attend the 'Our Enterprising Communities' conference.

We wish to thank all members of Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania for dedicating their experience and hard work to meeting the needs of their local communities.

For further information about Aurora Energy, visit auroraenergy.com.au/about/community



RACT has a commitment to actively engage with the Tasmanian communities within which we operate. We are committed to educating Tasmanians on the road and on community safety topics to protect and enhance their lives. RACT are pleased to support Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania through subsidising conference costs and with our education programs, focusing in particular on child restraint safety.



Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania acknowledges the support from the Tasmanian Government through the Department of Health and Human Services



We look forward to seeing you in September