



Neighbourhood Houses
Tasmania

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A story for the nation

Around Tasmania at 11am on Wednesday 23rd, over 1100 children and their care givers will gather in 33 Neighbourhood Houses to listen *to Hickory, Dickory, Dash* by Tony Wilson and Laura Wood as part of the **National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)**.

Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania (NHT) have facilitated NSS in Tasmania annually for over 10 years. This year:

- 🏠 over 1100 books will be given to children through 33 Neighbourhood Houses across the state
- 🏠 all children attending will receive an age appropriate book
- 🏠 mums, dads and other care givers are encouraged to read to their children
- 🏠 children are shown the joy of books and develop their literacy

The National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that chooses an Australian picture book, which is read simultaneously in Neighbourhood Houses, libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places across the country. This year over 767,000 children will be taking part Australia wide.

After reading in the 2017 event Linda Kemp, the Youth Worker at Bucaan Community House said *“The amazing part about it was that some of the boys have returned this week, to tell me that they have started or some actually finished reading the book, and one said that this was the first book he had actually finished reading from beginning to the end.”*

The Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania gratefully acknowledges the Tasmanian Community Fund which supports the Everyday Literacy Project, which in turn provides the books to the children. NHT also acknowledges the support of Fullers Bookshop, and The Hobart Bookshop who assist with the purchase of the books.

Details on the events and pictures of the book available at: <http://nht.org.au/national-simultaneous-storytime/>

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for local Houses for local stories are available at: <http://nht.org.au/find-a-house/>

For immediate release

Neighbourhood Houses are places where people come together to support their local community and make a significant difference in people's lives.

To view our 2 minute video about Neighbourhood Houses go to <http://nht.org.au/video/>



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