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**Community Connector funding brought forward for Neighbourhood Houses**

We're pleased that the Tasmanian Government has accepted our proposal to have Community Connector funding in the 2027/28 forward estimates brought forward to the 2026/27 financial year. This means Houses will receive two years' worth of Community Connector funding in one financial year.

While this doesn't amount to additional funding, it will allow Neighbourhood Houses a year of safer staffing levels.

"This flexible approach by Government provides important breathing space while we work together on the Neighbourhood Houses Needs Analysis," said Michelle Ewington, President of Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania.

"We are hoping the Needs Analysis will deliver an adequate funding model that will address cost-of-living pressures and increasing community need. It is an important opportunity to build a more sustainable long-term model for Neighbourhood Houses across Tasmania."

Neighbourhood Houses are the trusted, local hubs at the heart of Tasmanian communities - open to everyone, always. Every week, they provide connection, learning, and vital support to over 28,000 Tasmanians.

"When we back Neighbourhood Houses, we are investing in the everyday relationships and local leadership that hold communities together," said Ewington.

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