



Dorset Business District Newsletter

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Message from Chamber

Hello and welcome to this edition of the Dorset Business District Newsletter.

It has been a busy 6 months for the Chamber as we started off the year with providing half day workshops for our businesses, giving the opportunity for their staff to attend professional development sessions, engagement in the workplace and leadership skills. These workshops were an initiative from the State Growth Grant which was obtained last year and were facilitated by Scott Timmins who has been an inspirational mentor throughout this program. We have now finally completed our obligations outlined in the Grant to the Business Community. Thank you to Scott for his valuable input in assisting the Chamber.

In May, we held an event at Little Rivers Brewery in Scottsdale called Chamber on Tap. This was held for members and special

invited guests to hear a presentation from Marketing Expert Natasha Buttler focusing on ways to improve the digital presence for businesses and to launch our website. The venue was the perfect place providing a casual environment allowing guests to network, connect comfortably and engage with each other. A very successful evening was enjoyed by all.

A few days after the Chamber on Tap event, Natasha held a Marketing workshop for members and non-members to provide ways to look beyond social media platforms and offer some easy and practical tips. Some topics included an introduction to Meta and Google Business by increasing profiles, how to write and create engaging posts and connect with target audience, ways to save time and utilise community engagement.

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• Chamber On Tap event held at Little Rivers Brewery. Photo courtesy of Scott Timmins.

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The workshop was well received with attendees from various types of businesses and organisations.

The Chamber would like to announce that our website is in its final stages and is available for viewing by visiting www.netcc.org.au. This is an exciting phase for our Chamber as it gives us online presence and recognition and our members and local businesses now have the opportunity to connect and be part of a network, working together to boost success in our region. More information about becoming a member is available inside this newsletter, or contact secretary@netcc.org.au

A new financial year is upon us, and the Chamber will continue to focus on providing resources and vital information to its members



• Marketing workshop participants. Photo courtesy of Natasha Buttler, Boost Marketing.

and the business district. Restructuring our meetings has allowed us to invite guest speakers from around the region, offering unity, connection and information to the community.

The North East is a close knit community and we aim to reflect that in our Chamber. Our inbox is always open, so please do not

hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or ideas you would like the Chamber to pursue. We are here to advocate and wish to represent your interests and the growth of our area.

Thank you for supporting your local Chamber of Commerce.

Maria Branch
President

What does the municipal valuation mean?

The Dorset municipality has recently undergone a property revaluation, and property owners should have received a fresh valuation notice over the last few weeks. While the council will not increase overall rate revenue beyond what is necessary when setting the 2024/25 Annual Plan and Budget, the revaluation redistributes the rates among various property classes—Residential, Primary Production, Commercial, Industrial, Community Services—and locations such as Scottsdale, Bridport, Derby, Branhholm, Ringarooma, Gladstone, Winnaleah, and Pioneer. Rate modelling using the new valuation data is conducted as part of the budget process to ensure fair distribution across

the municipality. The Local Government Act provides tools to allow council to moderate the rate calculation to ensure they are reasonable for the majority of ratepayers.

The Office of the Valuer-General has revalued all properties in the Dorset municipality. Under the Valuation of Land Act 2001, Tasmanian properties are revalued every six years. This process determines three values for each property: Land Value, which excludes visible improvements; Capital Value, which includes land value and improvements but excludes plant and machinery; and Assessed Annual Value, which is the gross annual rental value, not less than 4% of the capital value.

If you disagree with your valuations, you can lodge an objection within 60 days of receiving the notice. Visit www.nre.tas.gov.au/ovg to file an objection online or download an Objection to Valuation form. There is no cost for filing an objection, but hiring a solicitor or agent will be at your expense.

Objections must be based on one or more of these grounds: the valuation is too high or too low, interests in the land are incorrectly apportioned, incorrect apportionment of the valuation, properties should be valued together or separately, the named owner is incorrect,

or the land details are incorrect. You cannot object due to increased land tax or council rates.

Depending on your objection, you may need to provide comparable market sales or rental data, title or survey plans, or evidence of property changes. Property sales information is available for a fee at www.thelist.tas.gov.au. Market evidence can also be obtained from real estate agents.

If any details are incorrect, contact the Office of the Valuer-General via www.nre.tas.gov.au/ovg. The site offers options to update your postal address, lodge a general enquiry, or file an objection.

Property values are based on market sales and rentals. Changes in the market or your property can result in new valuations. These valuations help calculate council rates, land tax, and government rental fees for Crown land use.

The Valuer-General manages statutory valuations in Tasmania, conducted by appointed contractors. Property valuers use market data and inspect properties to ensure accurate valuations.

For more information, contact the Office of the Valuer-General at (03) 6165 4444 (Option 2) or visit www.nre.tas.gov.au/ovg.

Andrew Wardlaw
Commissioner - Dorset Council





Scottsdale Art Gallery and Café – Local Success Story

BY MARIA BRANCH

On the 23rd of June this year, Shirley and Rod Martin opened their Art Gallery and Café doors to the community for the last time to say thank you and to sit and have a chat with their customers, friends and family. The farewell was an opportunity for the community to express their appreciation for the 19 years of service, and the owners to show gratitude to their loyal customers. The occasion demonstrated the success of this local business that had become a Scottsdale institution.

After attending this event, I was inspired to write about the origin of this business and detail this local success story.

Shirley and Rod opened their small Art Gallery on Alfred Street, Scottsdale in 2005. They later expanded their business to include framing services where Rod honed his skills and became one of the best of this trade in the State. Shirley completed her studies in Arts Administration and later obtained a Masters of Contemporary Arts. They were then ready to expand their business further and combine and offer their skills to the community, so in 2007 they purchased a new property on King Street which needed renovations.

During the renovation period, they moved their Gallery to Victoria Street, where their business flourished and was supported by local and Tasmanian

artists. As the renovations were taking place, time was precious for the couple; Rod was working with Auspine and Shirley was working as an Authorised Marriage Celebrant. With all the busyness of organising major renovations, running the Gallery and working on the side, it was a wonder they survived. But they did. Working together with architect Cath Kilner, they designed and completed an amazing building that had great lighting and wall space to display the wonderful art that was to come.

In January 2010, the Scottsdale Art Gallery Café on King Street was opened. The Café was added to compliment the gallery business, understanding that good coffee is a must when surrounded by beautiful artwork. Years later, they branched out again, offering bike hire to accommodate the Rail Trail.

To date, Shirley and Rod's Gallery Café has hosted up to 200 events and exhibitions including exhibitions from local and Tasmanian artists, family events, community functions and meetings, Pudding Nights and, we must not forget, the Becoming Famous For Our School Students, which showcased North East students' amazing talents and expressive artwork. This event was a yearly showing that Shirley and Rod took pride in and enjoyed immensely.

After 14 years of offering a



welcoming smile, delicious food, great coffee and exceptional service, it is time to say farewell to the proprietors of Scottsdale Art Gallery and Café on King Street and thank Shirley and Rod for all they have given to the community, their outstanding support and guidance to organisations and endless hours of dedication and determination, for which they are commended.

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, I would like to wish Shirley and Rod the very best for their next stage in their future and with any new endeavours, and to enjoy time together to have a coffee and relax. Thank you for setting a wonderful example and to show us such success is possible.

Congratulations to the new owners of the business, Scott and Fiona Auton. I look forward to seeing the business continue to flourish and be a cornerstone of our community. I wish you the best of luck and will definitely be dropping in for a coffee sometime soon.



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2024–2025 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM/INVOICE

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO KEEP DETAILS UP TO DATE

Business Name [in full]		
Street Address		
	(Post Code)	
Postal Address		
[if different from above]	(Post Code)	
Phone		
Mobile		
Email		
Facebook details		
Instagram details		
Website		
<p>Website directory to link your digital media presence from the details above. The listing is FREE and incorporated in your Chamber membership.</p> <p>Please circle YES to give the Chamber permission to include your digital media presence or circle NO not to be included</p>		
Please circle YES or NO here	YES	NO
Annual Membership Fee (no GST applicable) 1 st July 2024–30 th June 2025		
Full business member (voting rights)	\$100.00	

Direct deposit BSB: 067407 Account No: 10179563 [your business name as reference] *Cheque* payable to NETCC Inc.

Please return completed form

via post NETCC Inc., 24 King St, Scottsdale 7260 or email secretary@netcc.org.au

Method of payment Direct Deposit/EFT ☐ Cash/cheque ☐

Here we are already into the new Financial Year. It is time to renew your membership and get in early to get the full value of your entitlements. Below is the list of benefits that you will receive when you join or renew with your Chamber of Commerce.

Business Membership- \$100.00 (great value for money)
For business owners or representatives with one voting right with each membership paid.

Benefits of becoming a Business Member:

- Access to TCCI resources and training – Valued at \$399.00
- Attend monthly meetings which includes receiving Dorset Council and Police Reports plus listening to invited Guest Speakers. These meetings are a great opportunity to advocate and be involved in your Business District.
- Free workshops hosted by Chamber.
- Included on Chamber's data base – networking.

- Listed on Website – networking.
- Receive quarterly E-Newsletter and each member will receive one (1) 50% discount rate to advertise with each yearly membership renewal.
- Participation and engage with localto promote your business through the Lucky Shopper Promotion.

This is a yearly promotion held in October. Chamber provides to the retailer, posters, QR codes and tickets for their customers to enter whilst shopping locally. This is to say thank you and help promote your business.

Your Chamber of Commerce is here to help with issues of concern, be engaging and offer support when needed.

If you would like to find out more about NETCC and what it can do for you and your business, please email:

Maria - chairman@netcc.org.au

Sue - secretary@netcc.org.au or visit www.netcc.org.au

Minimum Wage increase from July 1

The Fair Work Ombudsman is reminding employers that a 3.75 per cent minimum wage increase should be applied to eligible employees' pay from the first full pay period starting on or after July 1, 2024.

The new National Minimum Wage is \$915.90 per week (based on a 38-hour week for a full-time employee), or \$24.10 per hour. The rates have increased from \$882.80 per week and \$23.23 per hour. Casual employees entitled to the National Minimum Wage must receive a minimum \$30.13 per hour, which includes 25 per cent casual loading.

The National Minimum Wage is the base rate for adult employees in the national system who are not covered by an award or registered agreement.

The 3.75 per cent increase also applies from the first pay period starting on or after today to the minimum wage rates within awards.

For more information contact TCCI Workplace Relations Helpline on: 1300 765 123 or email HR@tcci.com.au

Energy bill relief for businesses

Small business customers who get their electricity from an embedded network can now access energy bill relief offered by the Tasmanian Government.

The Supercharged Renewable Energy Dividend Program 2024 for small businesses on embedded networks provides a one-time payment of \$300 for eligible small businesses.

To access the payment, businesses must show that they are on an embedded network, meet the eligibility criteria and submit an application before October 31.

An embedded network exists when businesses receive their electricity from a landlord building owner or entity that purchases the power from a retailer and on-sells it to them through a metered connection.

Further information, including eligibility criteria: www.business.tas.gov.au/funding

3G network closure extension

Telstra will be switching off their 3G network on Saturday August 31, an extension of two months from the June 30 original target date. Businesses who are still using the Telstra 3G network are advised to check their devices and prepare early. To find out if your Telstra mobile phone is impacted, SMS 3 to 3498.



Dorset Community House

The Dorset Community House is the heart of Dorset.
We are physically located in Scottsdale and we are here to help make the whole of Dorset and the people that live here happy, healthy and whole.

Services We Provide:

Community Events	Affordable Fruit and Vegetables
Playgroups	Community Transport
Bright Dorset Youth Programs	No Interest Loans
Social Meals	Emergency Food Relief
Community Garden	Finding support and information
And More!	

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Change of ownership - welcome Leah!



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Every woman's body and soul are beautiful regardless of their age, shape, or size. You are absolutely gorgeous just the way you are, and we are here to remind you of that. Clothes reflect your personality which gives you the opportunity & confidence to show off your very own style. Size 8-22+.

We are based in the beautiful town of Scottsdale, Tasmania and have customers all around the country.

MON- WED 9:00 - 16:00	SAT 9:00 - 13:00
THU & FRI 9:00 - 17:00	SUNDAY CLOSED

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Ochre Medical 6352 2522

Tas Police (Non-urgent)
131 444

Parks & Wildlife Scottsdale
Field Centre 6352 6421

Service Tas 1300 135 513

TasNetworks
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TCCI 1300 559 112

North-Eastern
Advertiser 6352 2642

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[https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/commissioners-for-declarations-and-justices-of-the-peace/find](https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/commissioners-for-declarations-and-justices-of-the-peace/justice-of-the-peace/find)

Chamber Meetings

NETCC Meetings are held the first Monday of the month (except long weekends).

For more information contact the secretary on 0438 523 436



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Emergency	000
LifeLine	13 11 14
13YARN	13 92 76
Suicide Call Back Service	1800 659 467
Mental Health Services Helpline	1800 332 388
Beyond Blue	1300 224 636
Rural Alive and Well	1800 729 827
1800RESPECT	1800 737 732
Mensline	1800 789 978
Kids Helpline	1800 551 800
StandBy (Support after suicide)	0400 183 490

COUNSELLING & SUPPORT SERVICES

A Tasmanian Life line (8.00am—8.00pm 7 days)	1800 984 434
Alcohol and Other Drugs	1300 139 641
Anglicare	1800 243 232
Baptcare	1800 290 666
Child Health - Dorset	(03) 6778 8522
Community Health Social Worker - Dorset	(03) 6778 8522
Cornerstone Youth	(03) 6335 3100
Dorset Community House	0474 100 219
Dorset House Transport	0474 100 219
Elder Abuse Helpline	1800 441 169
Family Violence Counselling and Support Service	1800 608 122
Head to Health (Launceston)	1800 424 578
Laurel House	1800 697 877
Lilydale Family Healthcare	(03) 6388 9295
LGBTI Qlife	1800 184 527
NESM Hospital Scottsdale	(03) 67 788 522
Ochre Medical Bridport	(03) 6356 1500
Ochre Medical Scottsdale	(03) 6352 2522
Relationships Australia	1300 364 277
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Salvation Army	(03) 6323 7500
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