

## Home Education Networks 2019

### Hobart Home Education Group

The Hobart Home Education Group has been established for a number of years to cater to the needs of home educators in the Hobart area. It is a dynamic group that incorporates many different learning styles and methods, together with many social and educational opportunities. There are many groups associated with HHEG that work together offering students the possibility to constantly grow and expand their learning opportunities and experiences.

We also have a regular newsletter that allows students the opportunity to share by 'publishing' their work and achievements. This can be anything from projects completed, awards attained, experiences gained during an outing, holidays, stories and/or other written work. Parents can contribute useful techniques, websites; any information that they find helpful and feel they want to share.

We offer regular outings/events where all are welcome to participate. These can be socially and/or educationally driven allowing students experiences and alternatives to complement their learning and/or just to have fun and meet like-minded people. For example, last year some of our events covered various theatrical and musical performances, excursions to various venues such as science centres, museums, various sporting and outdoor learning opportunities and social events. This year we plan to continue hands on science opportunities, sporting opportunities including subsidised swimming lessons, regular social meets together with various other events organised or advertised by members. By working together, we have enjoyed many varied and memorable occasions. For more details please contact Fiona on [fiona.lohrbaecher@gmail.com](mailto:fiona.lohrbaecher@gmail.com)

## Hobart Natural Learners Co-op

A group bringing together home educating families in the greater Hobart area who follow a natural learning, relaxed homeschooling or unschooling path.

A co-operative group of active members within the group meet regularly to share in activities and provide real-life support and community for our families.

Meets are somewhat relaxed, but we usually undertake an activity of some sort. Members are invited to take turns to share or lead an activity or experience with other families there. Children are also encouraged to set and lead activities. Sometimes we meet with no particular activity in mind and see where the day leads us... We also have a small patch of our own at the local neighbourhood garden that families are encouraged to tend and share in the rewards!

Membership costs \$30 per family per season, to be paid up front, or casual visits are \$4 per family. It is intended that regular members attend most weeks and become part of and contribute to our co-op community. Fees cover venue hire and our community garden membership. Specially organised workshops may incur an additional fee. All meets are covered by insurance.

Families currently attending have children of a range of ages from babies through to grade 7, although all ages are warmly welcome. We encourage you to come along, bring your lunch and enjoy a cuppa, a chat and a play!

Please visit our Facebook page **Hobart Natural Learners Co-op**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hobartnaturallearners/>

Or email Danie at [hobartnaturallearners@gmail.com](mailto:hobartnaturallearners@gmail.com)

## Hobart Montessori Bushschoolers

A Montessori inspired bush school group for 5-10 yr old home schoolers in the Hobart area. We meet every Wednesday 9:30am-12pm in a number of selected locations around Hobart ranging from bush reserve to beach.

Each session will be playful and exploratory allowing children to discover and creatively engage with the natural world around them in a variety of hands-on ways.

At the beginning of each session a prompt/theme and a set of natural materials and (art) supplies will be provided to support creative process and discussion.

Children will be encouraged to express themselves and explore their ideas.

Activities will range from free-play to bushwalking, fauna/flora spotting, building, gardening, making fire, cooking, refining gross and fine motor skills, cultural & environmental studies and many more but always in tune with the seasons. There might also be a number of excursions during the year.

The sessions are child led, respectful of the children's interests and ability to self-direct within the environment provided.

What to bring:

- weather appropriate clothing ☀️☐☐☐
- morning tea and drink
- nature journal
- smiles and happiness 😊

Regular commitment preferred (weekly or fortnightly) and contribution fees apply. Extra financial participation may apply for certain excursions.

Term fees: \$70 per child 5yr and over

Estelle [Estellegaffric1@gmail.com](mailto:Estellegaffric1@gmail.com)

Join the Facebook group for more info

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/1598738420397039>

## **Cygnets Homeschool Gathering**

Weekly meet up, Tuesdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. Burtons Reserve, Cygnets

## **Derwent Valley Homies**

This group is for anyone and everyone who is either homeschooling or considering homeschool. We meet socially every second Thursday at 10am at Tynwald Park, New Norfolk. First meeting will be February 7<sup>th</sup>, assuming the weather is fine.

The best way to get in touch is via our Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1025922577466304/>) or people can text Raylene on 0419 350 883. This group can also be to post other gatherings, co-op ideas or anything relevant for the Homeschooling community in the Derwent Valley.

## **Huon Valley Homeschoolers – monthly Fridays**

We are a group of home schoolers in 'The Huon Area'. We get together on the last Friday of every month from 11am to 3pm with our first meeting due in February.

We meet at the Ranelagh Showgrounds and bring a plate of food to share for lunch. There is a big hall for keeping toddlers in and for rainy days, an adjoining kitchen for tea making, a large oval for playing and games, a cricket net and large bitumen area for scooters and roller blades, etc. The children can bring their bikes, scooters, balls, cricket bats, etc.

Our children range from 1 week to 16 plus. We mums drink far too much tea and catch up on home school chit chat. We have a few boxes of books which we share and exchange.

If you are interested in an informal, unstructured, social day for you and your children, then you are welcome to come along. We contribute \$5 per family towards hall hire and power costs (this is negotiable). You can call for more details if you like – Samantha 6297 6177.

## Southern Beaches Home Education Group

Thanks to the Southern Beaches Community Mentoring Program, Southern Beaches Anglican and Copping Christian Fellowship have been able to launch the Southern Beaches Home Educators group, based in Dodges Ferry, in February 2019.

This group is for all home educating families who are interested in social and skill based activities with the opportunity to discuss the challenges of home educating.

As a group we seek to include, encourage and support home educators and their families through the delivery of a community driven educational program, the time and space to build relationships with other home educators and purposeful discussion time around home education.

Further support and mentoring is available outside of our once a month meeting, if interested please speak to Alex, Karen, Jamie or Claire.

For more info email Alex: [d.a.wherrett@gmail.com](mailto:d.a.wherrett@gmail.com)

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Okines Community House in Dodges Ferry with the following format:

9:30 Group activity

10:30 Morning tea and free play

11:30 Kids: Group Music Lesson run by a music teacher with the aid of two more adults (all of whom have undertaken Childsafe training and have Working With Vulnerable People cards).

Adults: Group Discussion

12:30 Close (and group clean up: 10 mins)

## Tasman Homeschool Network Taranna

The Tasman Homeschool Network Taranna gatherings will now be held weekly on Fridays 10am-2pm during school terms. Below are all the dates we will be there. Please arrive by 10:30 if you wish to join in on shared morning tea (each family to bring something to share) and BYO lunch. There will be a literacy tutor available at some of the gatherings as well as a range of activities organised by families. If you haven't made it to gatherings yet, please feel welcome to come along, we are a warm and friendly group. To contribute to venue expenses, cost will be \$5 per family for a casual visit or \$20 for a family for the term.

Email [Georgina.Oregan@hotmail.com](mailto:Georgina.Oregan@hotmail.com) for further information.

### Tasman Homeschool Network Taranna gathering dates 2019

February	March	April	May	June	July
<u>Term 1</u>	1st	5th	3rd	7th	5th
15th	8th	12th	10th	14th	<u>Term 3</u>
22nd	15th	<u>Term 2</u>	17th	21st	26th
	22nd	26th	24th	28th	
	29th		31st		
August	September	October	November	December	
2nd	6th	<u>Term 4</u>	1st	6th	
9th	13th	18th	8th	13th	
16th	20th	25th	15th	20th	
23rd	27th		22nd		
			29th		

## West Coast Homeschoolers

Ellen Evans would love to get together with other home educating families in the West Coast area, please contact her on 0499178251 or [elevans@hotmail.com.au](mailto:elevans@hotmail.com.au) for more information. Some families there are keen to get together to play instruments – it's very casual, with all members beginners, and they have the support of a music teacher.

## Kentish Mountain Learners Group

We enjoy informal, unstructured gatherings with an emphasis on providing opportunities for parents and children to meet one another and establish friendships. Sometimes a family may organise a theme/special focus for the day, e.g. Frisbee golf, seasonal parties, campfire, bushwalking track maintenance, wildlife survey etc. We have been meeting either in a local hall during winter or at a nearby picnic ground during warmer weather. All welcome.

Enquiries to Alison on [alwild@iinet.net.au](mailto:alwild@iinet.net.au) or Sally on [salmineur@gmail.com](mailto:salmineur@gmail.com)

## Launceston Home Education Group

Note: - the first meeting of the year will be on February 6<sup>th</sup> at Myrtle Park for a planning session and a chance for everyone to get together and say Hi (and the kids to have a swim as well if it's warm enough).

We meet every Wednesday usually from 12-3.

There is an organised program – please send an email to [launcestonhomeed@gmail.com](mailto:launcestonhomeed@gmail.com) to get on the email list.

We also have a Facebook page if people are interested in looking us up on Facebook -<https://www.facebook.com/groups/126863547524939/> is the web address but if you look for Launceston Home Ed group in the search bar you'll be able to also find us that way. To join the group, you will need to answer a couple of questions before admin approves your join so that it is kept local and a safe space for the community and children.

## Facebook Groups

### H.E.T. - Home Education Tasmania

'Home Education Tasmania - H.E.T. ' is a community group designed for everyone who is either home educating, being home educated or has an interest in home educating their children in Tasmania. It is a place for us to come together enjoy outings / excursions and activities, mainly in the southern and midlands region of the state, but at times in the North. As well as share information resources, experiences and showcase our learning and work. It is also a place designed to provide friendship and support.

'Home Education Tasmania' aims to provide a safe and welcoming atmosphere for all Tasmanians, free of advertising, religion and politics.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/het.homeeducationtasmania/>

### Home Education Southern Tasmania

If you are home educating or seriously considering it and live in Southern Tasmania then we would love you to join us in supporting one another. I hope we can share resources, discuss ideas, gain support with difficulties, and arrange meet-ups.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HomeEducationSouthernTasmania/>

### Tasmanian Home Education Network (THEN)

A group for home educators and home educated alumni in Tasmania. This page exists to promote the respectful discussion of questions and issues relating to home education in Tasmania and to encourage co-operation and mutual support amongst home educators. The group also exists as a point of connection for home educators interested in home education advocacy.

See <https://m.facebook.com/groups/876634649129826?ref=share>



## Tasmanian Home Learning

A place for all homeschooling, home educating, natural and unschooling families.... A budding online meeting group for anyone interested in educating their children at home. If for whatever reason you find it hard to connect with 'physical' groups, maybe this is the answer.

See <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Tasmanianhomelearning/>

## Oak Meadow Southern Hemisphere Community Facebook Group -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1608000259440850/> -

A group for those in the Southern Hemisphere using the Oak Meadow curriculum as part of their homeschooling program. A sharing of; experiences, lesson ideas, discussions around topics related to this curriculum content and also 'translating' the program to Southern Hemisphere/Australian based studies in relevant areas.

The main site - <http://oakmeadow.com/>

An article on Waldorf and OM - <http://oakmeadow.com/resources/oak-meadow-and-waldorf/>

Curriculum samples - <http://oakmeadow.com/resources/curriculum-samples/>

The bookstore - <http://www.oakmeadowbookstore.com>.

## Learn to Swim Program at Collegiate

Twice a year two week swimming intensives are held for home educators at Collegiate Swimming Pool. This year the dates will be:

Mon 29 April - Fri 10 May

Mon 9 Dec - Fri 20 Dec

For further information email [estellegaffric1@gmail.com](mailto:estellegaffric1@gmail.com) and watch out for advertisements on Facebook groups and in the Hobart Home Education Group newsletter.

## HOME SCHOOL GYMNASTICS 2019



**KINGBOROUGH SPORTS CENTRE**

**Gymnastics**

Weekly Monday gymnastics classes

Kingborough Gymnastics Centre

Kinder-gym	\$6.00	10.45am – 11.45am
General gymnastics	\$9.00	10.15am – 11.45am
Boys skills	\$14.50	10.15am – 11.45am
Girls skills	\$14.50	10.15am – 11.45am

Gymnastics is a come as you please session except for the Skills class which needs to be booked and paid upfront for a fortnight at a time.

Kids can wear whatever they feel comfortable in. Most wear shorts and t-shirts.

Classes do **Not** run on public holidays

For more information please contact Home school coordinator Katie Dean

[deanlot@bigpond.net.au](mailto:deanlot@bigpond.net.au)

For all booking and other enquiries please contact:

Kingborough Gymnastics Centre

Address: 10 Kingston View Drive, Kingston. Ph:(03) 6229 0900