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MEDIA RELEASE

**GEEVESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE VISIT SHEDS LIGHT ON ISSUES FACING
YOUNG JOB SEEKERS**

The Federal Member for Franklin, Julie Collins, has visited the Geeveston Community Centre to hear about the issues facing young people in Geeveston.

Ms Collins said the visit was a good opportunity to learn more about how young Huon Valley job seekers can be better supported into work.

"We know that there is always more that can be done to create job opportunities but it is also important to ensure young job seekers can easily connect with opportunities where they do exist," Ms Collins said.

Ms Collins met with the manager of the Community Centre, Michael Higgins, to discuss the ways young people can best connect with jobs in the region, in particular fruit picking jobs in the Huon Valley.

"Some Tasmanian politicians have suggested picking fruit is a solution to unemployment, but the problem is many young people in the Huon Valley aren't able to get into these jobs easily," Ms Collins said.

"As the Shadow Minister for Shadow Minister for Employment Services, I'm keen to make sure there are no barriers to young people in the Huon Valley finding jobs.

"It has been great to meet with the Community Centre and hear about the issues facing young job seekers in the region and to help hear policy suggestions on resolving these issues."

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