

Tasmania *Together* E-News: June, 2008



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Tasmania*Together*2020



Welcome to Tasmania *Together* eNews

TT eNews is being published to showcase activities of our partners and other business and community organisations who are working towards achieving Tasmania *Together* goals and benchmarks. It will provide partner news, information on upcoming events and conferences, and general updates on what is happening around key issues for Tasmanians.

This month's newsletter has a youth focus to tie in with the Tasmania *Together* Youth Challenge. Each month we will have a similar theme relating to one of the goals or benchmarks. If you have any suggestions for content that you would like to see, articles you want to submit or regular topics you would like us to cover, please email us at: secretariat@tasmaniatogether.tas.gov.au



Featured Goal

Goal 5: “Vibrant, inclusive and growing communities where people feel valued and connected”.

The first edition of TT eNews has focus on youth. All the goals affect young people indirectly or directly – and many include specific standards that the community wants to meet – whether that be support for young people who are at risk (goal 2); support for pre-school children to have an equal start (goal 3); or support for the participation of young people in decision-making (goal 8). However, in identifying one goal for this issue – we have chosen goal 5 because it supports a valued role in community life for Tasmania’s young people now and in the future. This focus is also behind many of the initiatives featured in this issue of TT eNews, including the Tasmania *Together* Youth Challenge and the Tasmanian Youth Environment Conference.

What can you do to help develop a valuable role for young people in your work place or community?



Tasmania *Together* Youth Challenge

The 2008 Tasmania *Together* Youth Challenge: a state-wide competition for school-aged students.

The Tasmania *Together* Youth Challenge is now on! We want young people to connect with Tasmania *Together* and so we’re holding a competition for all school-aged Tasmanians. The challenge asks young people to think about their vision for the future of Tasmania and how they can make a difference - and to use their creative abilities to share their vision for the future. Entries can be in a range of creative and artistic formats and will be judged on quality and creativity as well as by how well the ideas are linked to Tasmania *Together*’s vision and goals. There are great prizes on offer, including cash, iPods and MP3 players. Individual and group entries are accepted.

For more information or to enter, visit:
www.ttyouthchallenge.com.au

Entries close 27 June 2008.

Tasmania's future is in your hands... show us where you will take it!



Tasmanian Youth Environment Conference

12-13 August
2008

The Tasmania *Together* Progress Board is pleased to be sponsoring the inaugural Tasmanian Youth Environment Conference. The Conference is being held on 12-13 August 2008 using the Firestarter - Kids Teaching Kids model. The concept is about kids acquiring the skills of research, presentation and performance in order to teach others about environmental (or other) issues. The approach aims



to engage students and harness their passion – and “...use this in a way that people will be entertained, informed, moved and willing to change”. The Firestarter model has been used in other states and territories for a number of years, and has the support of the Australian Government (who is partially sponsoring the event). It has also now been picked up by the United Nations as a way of connecting students from schools all around the world, to work on Millennium Development Goals.

The Tasmanian Youth Environment Conference in Hobart will involve approximately 250 students and teachers from 30 - 40 schools across Tasmania.

In addition, it will indirectly impact on about 3000 students and teachers, through the Kids Teaching Kids workshops that will be delivered by presenting schools 5 times prior and 5 times post the conference, ensuring their messages about their local environmental projects are being spread throughout their communities (schools, parents, businesses, local government etc).

Registrations are still open for schools wanting to send delegates to the Conference.

For more information visit:
www.onelifeoneworldourfuture.com



Early Years Foundation - Forum

The Tasmanian Early Years Foundation is hosting a keynote speaker forum on Monday, 7 July at the Launceston Tram Sheds.

The forum topic is "Early Childhood Education and Care: what can we learn from the international scene?". It will provide a unique opportunity to hear from three international early childhood education experts: Professors Philip Gammage; Christine Pascal; and Tony Bertram.

For more information, please contact: Mrs Julie Cullen on:
Phone: 1300 367 863 or email:
foundation@earlyyears.org.au

The Chair of the Tasmania *Together* Progress Board, Mr Bob Campbell, will also sign a Partnership Agreement with the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation at this event.

This workshop promotes Goal 3: “High-quality education and training for lifelong learning and a skilled workforce”.



Office of Youth Affairs - Release of new report

[Local Government](#)

The Office of Youth Affairs recently released a report that provides an overview of services and facilities that are

[Youth Services Survey Report \(pdf\)](#)

available to young people aged 12 to 25 in each Local Government Area (LGA). The Local Government Youth Services Survey Report looks at whether councils have Youth Advisory Committees and the various ways in which councils consult with young people in their area. Councils provide a number of opportunities for young people to have their say about the services and facilities available to them via these committees and other forums. Young people are encouraged to contact their Council's Youth Development Officer to see how they can participate in decision making in their community.

For more information visit:

www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/ocya/publications.html.

This report promotes Goal 8, Standard 2: "Support the participation of young people in decision-making".



2008 National Survey of Young Australians

Mission Australia is conducting its seventh annual survey for Australians aged between 11 and 24. The answers will help improve services for young people. Closing date for surveys – Friday 27 June 2008.

For more information and to complete the survey log on to www.missionaustralia.com.au/youthsurvey



Partner News

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Tasmania *Together* at the LGAT Conference

18-20 June, 2008 - Launceston

The 2008 Local Government Conference is being held in Launceston later this month. The conference, themed *Waves of Change*, will address some of the key challenges Local Government now faces and how councils can adapt and progress towards a stronger, more sustainable future. It is proposed that Mr Bob Campbell, Chair of the Tasmania *Together* Progress Board, will provide a workshop at the conference, encouraging councils to incorporate Tasmania *Together* goals and benchmarks into their strategic planning processes.

Mr Campbell said "Local Government is perfectly placed to make a real impact in local communities, and to work on issues that matter to Tasmanians – the sort of issues found in Tasmania *Together*. Local government can help deliver on the goals and benchmarks of the plan at the community coalface."

For more information, visit: www.lgat.tas.gov.au



SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

Science and Technology Website and Capability Map

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Australia's Chief Scientist, Dr Jim Peacock recently launched the Tasmanian Government's new Science and Technology website. An initiative of the Tasmanian Science and Technology Council (TSTC), the Science and Technology website contains up-to-date information on science and technology activities in the state and support the Tasmanian Government provides to the industry.

One of the key features of the website will be the Science and Technology Capability Map, an online tool showcasing the capability of Tasmanian science and technology businesses and research organisations.

The Science and Technology website and Capability Map will be a valuable tool to boost research and business partnering, as well as encouraging local, national and international investment. The Science and Technology website and Capability Map can be accessed at www.development.tas.gov.au/innovation/sat.html

This initiative supports Goal 10: "Thriving and innovative industries driven by a high level of business confidence."



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