



TASMANIA'S HEALTH PLAN ACTION Issue 18 October 2009

Central Highlands Health Expo



Children from the Ouse District School enjoying the Central Highlands Community Health Centre Health Expo.

Approximately 47 children from the local primary school came down to participate in the first Health Expo on site since becoming a health centre.

Each of the children received a "show bag" of health related goodies all kindly donated by local suppliers.

Staff talked on a range of health issues, from the importance of washing hands and personal hygiene, exercise and a healthy heart, dental care and the issues around healthy diet and nutrition.

There was a healthy lunch for all the kids and they were able to make salad wraps from a wide range of salad items, had a muffin each and fresh fruit, most enjoying the experience of using an apple corer/peeler.

Staff are busy planning for a Festival to be held in Ouse as part of Rural Health Week following a grant to the Regional Health Service. This will be held on SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER from 10am to 3pm, the CHCHC will be open on the day, with a range of activities on site. Staff are also planning the health activities calendar for 2010.[THP](#)

The Launceston Health Precinct Capital Improvement Program – Department of Emergency Medicine



The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works will meet to consider the LGH capital improvement program at the end of this month.

This includes the Tasmania's Health Plan project for the redevelopment of the Department of Emergency Medicine and the Acute Medical Unit.

Current work is focussed on developing the tender documentation with an anticipated tender date of mid October 2009.

On October 12, the State and Australian governments celebrated the handover of almost \$100 million to fund Launceston's biggest health construction program in many decades.

This jointly-funded Launceston health precinct expansion is an important part of Tasmania's Health Plan, which is building a healthcare system to meet the State's future needs

Health Minister Lara Giddings and Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd recently met Northern Area Health Service CEO John Kirwan to inspect the project, which will help accommodate the region's escalating health needs.[THP](#)

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Invite to the Chronic Disease Clinical Network Info Sessions



You are invited to attend.

Clinical networks bring people together around an area of interest. Together, members can take action to improve the way that they deliver healthcare.

The new network will support health professionals working with people with chronic conditions.

Anyone with interest in the prevention, detection or management of chronic disease is encouraged to join the network.

You are invited to come and share the perspectives of local clinicians and people who use our health and human services.

Please RSVP to Anita Morgan: anita.morgan@dhhs.tas.gov.au or 6233 5202 by 31 October 2009.^{THP}



Another Award to THP Team

Tasmania's Health Plan has been recognised with a national award.

An information poster-paper about using the Tasmanian Government Project Management Framework when implementing Tasmania's Health Plan won the Australian Institute of Health Policy Studies 'best poster' award at the recent annual Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association 2009 Congress. This is national recognition for the excellence of the work that is going on to put the Plan into action around Tasmania.^{THP}

Tasmania's Health Plan

To find out more:

visit www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/thp

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Chronic Disease Clinical Network Info Sessions

South	North West	North
<p><i>Daytime</i> Wednesday 4 November 2009 10.00am – 11.30am Peacock Building Lecture Theatre, Repatriation Centre, Hobart</p>	<p><i>Daytime</i> Thursday 5 November 2009 1.30pm – 3.00pm Library Tutorial Room North West Regional Hospital 23 Brickport Rd, Burnie</p>	<p><i>Daytime</i> Monday 9 November 2009 2.30pm – 4.00pm School of Nursing Anne O'Byrne Seminar Room 3 Cnr Charles & Howick Sts, Launceston</p>
<p><i>Evening</i> Wednesday 4 November 2009 6.00pm – 7.30pm Peacock Building Lecture Theatre, Repatriation Centre, Hobart</p>	<p><i>Evening</i> Thursday 5 November 2009 6.00pm – 7.30pm Devonport Community Health Centre, 23 Steele St, Devonport</p>	<p><i>Evening</i> Monday 9 November 2009 6.00pm – 7.30pm Ravenswood Community Health Centre, Lambert St, Ravenswood</p>

Your input into the 2010-11 Budget

Have your say on State Budget priorities.

The Treasurer has stated that he wants to ensure that every single dollar available goes towards meeting the needs and funding priorities of the Tasmanian community.

The Budget Community Consultation process is an opportunity for all Tasmanians to put forward suggestions as part of the annual budget process. Submissions must be received by Friday 6 November. Details at <http://www.treasury.tas.gov.au> email Budget.Queries@treasury.tas.gov.au or ring Emma Read on 6233 2606.^{THP}

Mental Health Consumer Guide

Information for consumers now here.

The Mental Health Services Consumer, Carer and Family Support Guide was developed to help support Tasmanian consumers of acute Mental Health Services and those who support them.

Mental illness consumer spokesperson Darren Jiggins said the guide would help consumers and their carers at a very stressful time in their lives.

Find it at <http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/mentalhealth> email mhadmin@dhhs.tas.gov.au or call 6230 7809.^{THP}