

Tasmanian Council of Social Service Inc.

2017-18 TasCOSS State Budget Briefing



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Our Vision

One Tasmania, free of poverty and inequality where everyone has the same opportunity.

TasCOSS Community Innovation and Investment Framework

Fully funded as part of the Jobs Action Plan (\$4.08m)

- The co-design of a Community Innovation and Investment Framework
- Foundational work with communities to build their capacity to have a voice
- Trialing community-driven solutions, initially focusing on employment
- A regional trial to understand how local action can address transport disadvantage for unemployed Tasmanians
- The allocation of a Community Innovation and Investment resource to enable action.

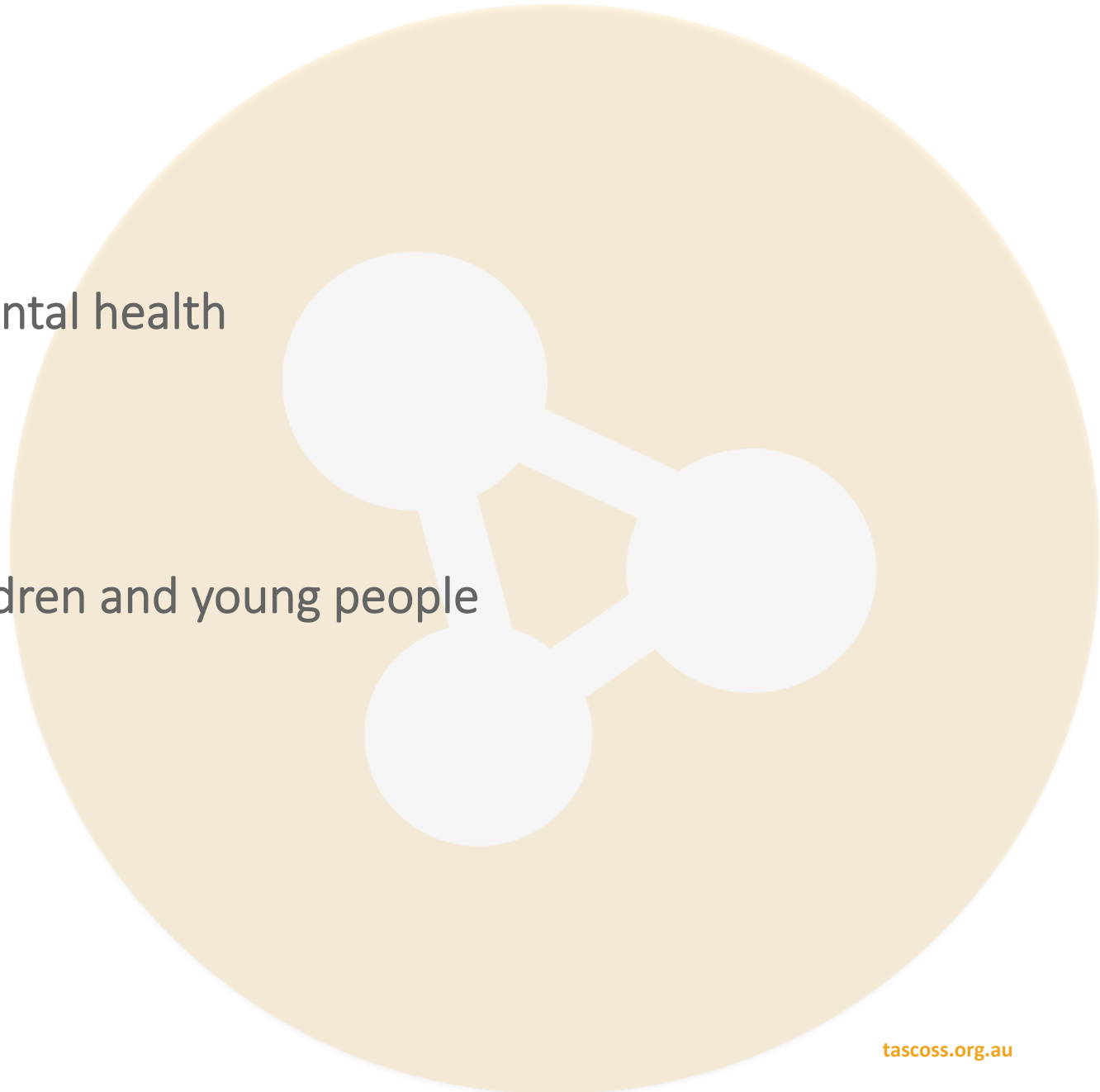


Priorities of TasCOSS Members

Priority areas

For Tasmanians

1. Health and Mental health
2. Housing
3. Transport
4. Protecting children and young people



Priority areas

For the way we work with Tasmanians

- Community development approach
- Consumer led care
- Prevention, promotion and early intervention

For our sector

- ERO/Indexation
- Investment in an industry plan
- Capacity building and training



What is in the 2017/18 State Budget?

Health

2017/18 funding announcements

Infrastructure

- St Helens District Hospital \$4m
- Second stage of Patients First Initiative \$67.3m
(15 new beds LGH, 8 new beds NWRH, 27 new beds RHH)
- Funds to secure second Medical and Police helicopter
- Upgrades to hospital facilities \$10.5m
- Capital upgrade of Mersey Community Hospital \$35m

Health

Operational

- LGH – John L Grove rehabilitation centre \$20m/4yrs
- Medical cannabis controlled Access Scheme \$3.75m
- Improvements to patient flow and access at RHH \$48.5m
- One health system reforms extra investment \$27.4m

Health Promotion

- Community Mobile Kitchen \$50k
- Funding for Active Ageing Plan \$240k

Front Line Workers

- Frontline health workers \$50m

Mental health

2017/18 funding announcements

- Increased funding for mental health services \$16m
 - Mental health outreach services in rural Tasmania \$2.2m (Rural Alive and Well - \$1.7m/3yrs)
 - Packages of care for vulnerable people \$11.4m
 - Extension of early intervention referral services to prevent suicide \$1.8m
 - Continuation of funding to grass roots mental health support and community participation for people with mental health issues \$525k

Mental health

2017/18 funding announcements

- Speak Up Stay ChatTy \$250k
- Increased capacity at Tolosa St Respite and Rehab Centre

Housing

2017/18 funding announcements

New Housing Incentive Package

- Continuation of \$20k First Home Builders Grant
- Change to stamp duty providing around \$7,500 stamp duty relief on average off the plan house and land purchase
- \$300k to assist councils to become part of statewide planning scheme
- Review to look at government land release to be overseen by an Affordable Housing Working Group

Housing

2017/18 funding announcements

- Housing Tasmania property modifications to ensure they comply with Residential Tenancy Act (improve ventilation) \$2m
- *Streets Ahead and Home Share* housing equity programs extra \$1.1m – (funds redirected from Tasmanian Affordable Housing Limited (TAHL))
- Youth at Risk Response Centre (Moonah) service for under 16 year olds with some accommodation (construction to be funded through Affordable Housing Strategy)

Protecting children and young people

2017/18 funding announcements

- Redesign of Out of Home Care services – additional \$27.5m
 - Children's Commissioners office
 - Implement recommendations of *Children and Young People in Out of Home Care in Tasmania report*
- Youth-at-risk strategy \$800k pa/4yrs
 - Youth at Risk Response Centre (Moonah)
\$800k/pa for operational funds
- Confirmation of funding Child protection redesign

Family violence

2017/18 funding announcements

- Family violence \$15.4m/2yrs
- Family violence and sexual assault unit in DPP \$1.68m
- GPS devices monitoring of family violence offenders \$2.79m
- Eligible persons register \$420k/2yrs

Transport

2017/18 funding announcements

- Transport Disadvantage Trial \$120k
- Active Ageing Plan
 - includes \$40k for Tas Government projects investigating innovative transport options for older Tasmanians

Education and Training

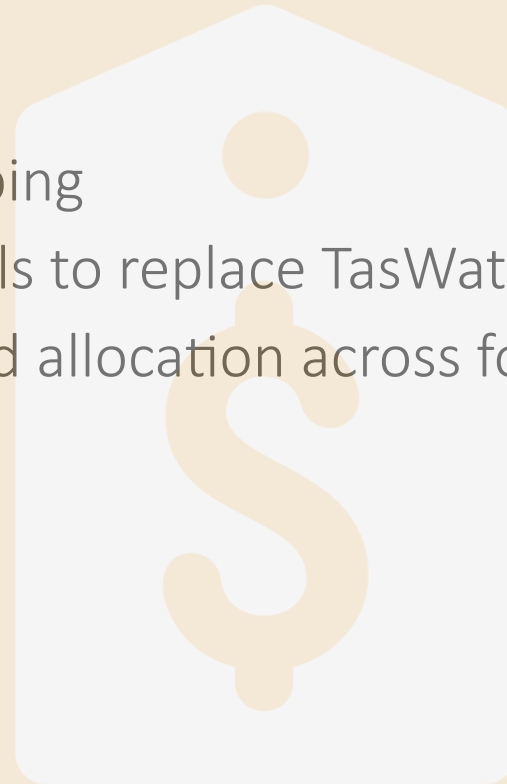
2017/18 funding announcements

- School support package \$6.9m/4yrs
- Drysdale Centre of Excellence \$3.2m
- Health and safety of principals \$280k/4yrs
- Funding to implement earlier school starting age \$56.9m
- Child and student wellbeing unit \$1.6m/4yrs
- Student re-engagement programs extra \$5m/4yrs

Cost of living

2017/18 funding announcements

- Food van funding
- Wholesale-price-of-energy capping
- Water costs – funding to councils to replace TasWater returns
- Electricity concessions increased allocation across forward estimates



Employment

2017/18 funding announcements

- Jobs Action Package \$4.08m
- Driving for Jobs \$145k
- Support for refugee families
 - Part of a \$1m package over 3 years \$80k/2yr
- Boost for small business \$2m
- Circular Head package \$1.5m
- Jobs Now and for the Future Package \$1.1m

Community sector

2017/18 funding announcements

- ERO commitment \$24.18m and budgeted across forward estimates
- Indexation 2.25%
- \$900k to trial lead support coordination services (Joined Up Services)
- Elder abuse strategy \$150k

TasCOSS Member-specific announcements

- \$250k to Speak Up Stay ChatTY (for Team ChatTY schools program)
- \$2.2m to Rural Alive and Well Tasmania (for mental health outreach services)
- Increased funds to each Neighbourhood House Tasmania (one off)
- \$200k to Volunteering Tasmania (to maintain and enhance mobilisation of volunteer response to extreme weather events)
- Bail support (Save the Children) \$600k pa
- Food vans funding extended for another year

TasCOSS Member-specific announcements

- Funding for Active Ageing Plan
 - \$125k to the Council of the Ageing for 6 new projects
 - \$106k to COTA for Seniors Week 2017
- Support for Refugee Families \$1m over 3-4 years
 - \$180k to MCOT over 3 years (to work with Local Government to create a welcoming environment for new arrivals)
 - \$120k to Migrant Resource Centers over 4 years (to support family reunion)
 - \$40k to MRCs over 2 years (to assist refugees to get drivers' license)
 - \$40k to Red cross over 2 years (to coordinate a mentoring program)

Our Mission

We challenge and change the systems, behaviours and attitudes that create poverty, inequality and exclusion.





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