

Tasmanian Council of Social Service Inc.

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# 2020/21 State Budget Briefing

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## Affording the Basics

# Key Announcements

## Housing and Homelessness

### Pre-announced

- \$300m – construct 1,000 social housing dwellings over the next three years
- \$24m – fast-track 220 social housing dwellings
- \$2.1m – medium/long-term supported accommodation facility (with Hobart City Mission)
- \$16.8m – extension of 24/7 Safe Space for rough sleepers in Hobart, Burnie and Launceston; emergency accommodation in hotels/motels/cabins and mental health support services

### New Today

- \$123.8m – new housing projects including the debt waiver program
- \$2m – expansion of Private Rental Incentive Scheme



# Key Announcements

## Food Security and Emergency Relief

### Key Announcements

- \$1.6m – emergency relief providers (Loaves and Fishes, Foodbank, Meals on Wheels, Hamlet, Waterbridge, Food Coop, Scrubby Hill Farm)
- \$1.1m – emergency relief payments
- Funding to develop a food security strategy expected in 2021/22 State Budget



# Key Announcements

## Energy

- \$15m – public housing heating and energy efficiency initiatives
- \$3.8m – progress Project Marinus and other renewable energy projects
- 100% government electric vehicle fleet by 2030 and trial zero emissions Metro buses
- \$45m – continue energy concessions
- Extension of moratorium on disconnections to 31 March 2020

## Climate Change

- \$0.3m – review Climate Change Act and Emissions Reduction Target
- \$4.7m – new climate change initiatives



# Key Announcements

## Digital Inclusion



# Key Announcements

## Transport

### Pre-announced

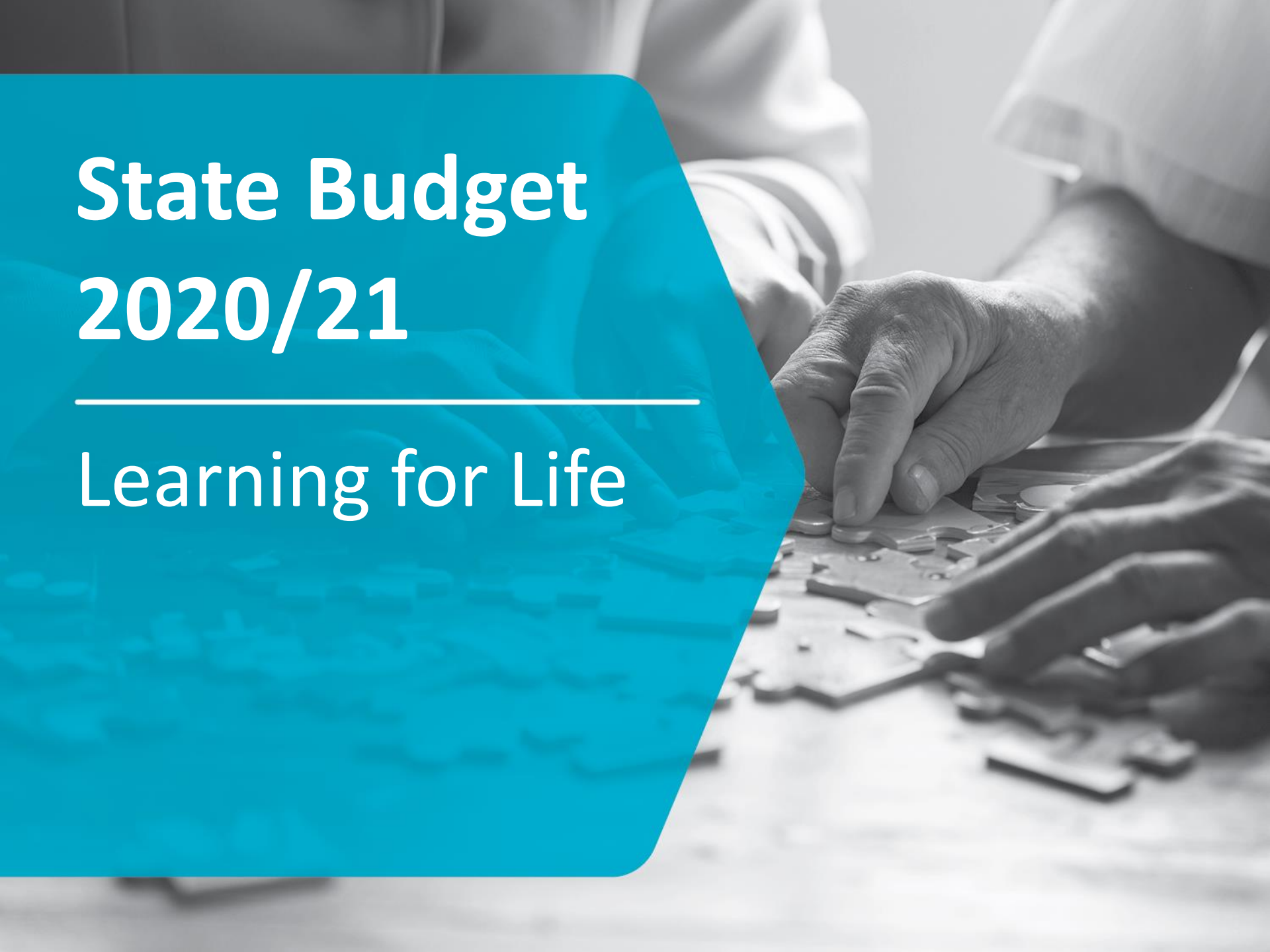
- Funding for Learner Driver Mentor Program
- Changes to the Graduated Licensing System for learner drivers

### New Today

- \$0.5m – establish a reliable, sustainable and cost-effective transport system







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Learning for Life

# Key Announcements

## Education and Training

### Pre-announced

- \$10.4m – Working Together (WT) funding
- Ongoing Year 11/12 school extension
- \$22m – extend payroll tax rebates for apprentices, trainees and youth employees; Targeted Apprentice and Trainee Grant extension
- \$1m – establish a new hospitality and tourism Registered Training Organisation
- \$16.1m – Energising Tasmania Training Fund
- \$10.5m – contribution to VET JobTrainer (\$21.04m)

### New Today

- \$218m – schools infrastructure (Brighton, Cosgrove, Devonport, Legana, Penguin, Sorell)
- \$28m – six new Child and Family Learning Centres
- \$4.4m – Adult Learning Strategy
- \$1.2m – support for students facing vulnerability
- \$2m – TasTAFE to expand places in high-demand areas (aged care, nursing)

# Key Announcements

## Employment


### Pre-announced

- \$75,000 – to deliver Troublesmiths jobs program in 2020/21
- Extension of payroll tax rebates to encourage employers to take on young workers, apprentices and trainees

### New Today

- \$0.9m – Hamet and Troublesmiths to assist people to enter the workforce
- \$0.67 – regionally-based model for coordinating COVID-19 recovery
- \$1.4m – Strategic Growth Employment Partnerships





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Feeling Safe and  
Supported

# Key Announcements

## Young People, Children & Families

- \$66m – Out-of-Home Care
- \$2.3m – family violence prevention measures

## Women

- \$0.4m – Supporting Industry Pipelines for Women
- \$2.5m – boost women's employment

## Aboriginal Affairs

- Returning petroglyphs to Aboriginal ownership
- \$1.2m – Closing the Gap Refresh initiative
- \$0.57m – Aboriginal employment strategy and cultural awareness training

# Key Announcements

## Volunteers

- \$0.35m – Volunteering Tasmania to provide more support to retain and attract volunteers

## Culturally and Linguistically Diverse


- \$0.78m – Tasmanian multicultural policy and action plan

## Legal/Justice

- \$2.6m – Community Legal Centres to maintain core services
- \$2.3m – Legal Aid's Serious Cases Fund
- \$3m – increased funding to DPP to address workload







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Healthy Body  
and Mind

# Key Announcements

## Health

### Pre-announced

- *Our Healthcare Future* – reform agenda to improve the delivery of care in the community and build better integration across the system ([health.tas.gov.au/ourhealthcarefuture](http://health.tas.gov.au/ourhealthcarefuture))
- \$45m – elective surgery boost to deliver 8,500 additional elective surgeries

### New Today

- \$90m – Stage 2 of the RHH redevelopment, including expanded ED and ICU
- \$80m – redevelopment of LGH
- \$33m – upgrade of Mersey Community Hospital
- \$50m – meet additional demand and beds in major hospitals





# Key Announcements

## Mental Health


### Pre-announced

- \$4m – implement recommendations of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) review
- \$1m – Mental Health Support for Tasmanian Small Businesses
- \$0.1m – mental health support for Mental Health Families and Friends Tasmania

### New Today

- \$20m – 27 mental health beds in the south
- \$4.1m - Mental Health Reform Program





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Community  
Services Industry

# Key Announcements

## Community Services Industry

### Pre-announced

- Equal Remuneration Order (ERO) – \$135m State Government funding across the Forward Estimates
- Indexation for peak bodies, retrospective to 1 July 2019

### New Today

- TasCOSS – \$350,000 to assist our industry adapt and respond to COVID-19
- No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) – \$1m to support more Tasmanians
- Palliative Care Tasmania – \$1m to support families in their dealings and the Guardianship & Admin Board
- Additional funding of \$160k (announced last year as \$320k) for Family Planning Tasmania, Hobart Women's Health Centre, The Link, Pregnancy Counselling & Support Tasmania
- Cancer Council Tasmania – \$500,000 to support service delivery
- \$4.9m – reform agenda for AOD sector
- \$3.8m – community healthcare initiatives, supporting Epilepsy Tasmania, Stroke Foundation, Scarlett Alliance and Health Consumers Tasmania

# Key Announcements

## Other Announcements

### Pre-announced

- Land tax waived for commercial property owners financially impacted (part of \$1b support package)
- Loans scheme for local governments: interest free over three years (\$200m)
- RSL grants (up to \$25k to help provide a new service or program)

### New Today

- \$145m for health, economic and social response (PESRAC Interim Report recommendations)




# The Hon Roger Jaensch MP

*Member for Braddon*

Minister for Human Services

Minister for Housing



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Q&A with  
Minister Jaensch



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