

Program Manager update



Hello everyone,

We are in the middle of the year already - I can't believe time is flying so fast for 2018.

There has been a lot happening here in Tasmania since our last newsletter.

NDIS

The age roll-out in Tasmania now covers eligible people aged between 0 - 49 years old.

We are providing pre-planning information to the community much more regularly now. Why not

take advantage of this service and book an appointment to come and see us to see how we can support you?

New Access Coordinator

We have a new Access Coordinator, Michelle Czyzowicz, working with us in our Hobart Office.

This means you now have more options available to you. You can choose either Jeanette, Michelle or myself to support you with your NDIS questions. We can also help prepare you or when you meet with NDIS staff.

Below: Group shot of Tasdeaf BBQ celebrating the 80th Birthday of some of our members - see more photos at: <http://tasdeaf.org.au/bbq>



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Program Manager update



Stephen Nicholson
Tasdeaf Program Manager

Donations

Recently we received two unexpected and generous donations from the community from:

1. \$1500 from Succulent Sensations (Hobart)
2. \$500 from Mr Dark (Western Australia)

We are grateful for these donations and this money will go towards Tasdeaf's services for you.

A big thank you from us all.

Re-branding

In regard to our re-branding, our head office recently announced that we will have new name - **Expression Australia.**

This means that Tasdeaf and Vicdeaf will be called **Expression Australia** from Monday 13th August 2018 onwards. Please see the attached flyer that explains more about our new name and how we chose it.

Our services will continue as usual with no reductions to current services at all. We will retain our legal entity names Victorian Deaf Society and Tasmanian Deaf Society.

Leave

I will be on annual leave by the time this newsletter is distributed. Jeanette Symonds will be managing my role during my leave. She will travel to the Hobart office each week to make sure things are running smooth.

If you need to see Jeanette, please contact her and make an appointment. Her email address is jeanettes@vicdeaf.com.au. I will be back at work at the end of August.

See you after my leave and make sure you keep warm this winter!

Left: Tasdeaf staff and community members meet to learn our new name



Vale Derrick Tabor

One of our local Deaf elders, Derrick Tabor, passed away recently.

A beautiful funeral service was held in North Hobart. Many members of the Deaf community attended along with Derrick's family.



Above: Derrick Tabor

We produced a video about Derrick that was presented by Stephen Hodgetts and Stephen Nicholson. This video can be seen at our Tasdeaf's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Tasdeaf>)

We want to acknowledge and thank the kind donation made to Tasdeaf at the family's request.

The Tabor family has, and still is, making a huge contribution to Tasdeaf over many generations.

Derrick will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with Beryl and the family.

Tasdeaf BBQ

We enjoyed great weather, great food and great company at the recent Tasdeaf BBQ! See more photos at: <http://tasdeaf.org.au/bbq>
Next BBQ - Sat 6 October in Launceston at The Tailrace Park, Trevallyn.



James Beams Scholarship

Aim: To further the education, learning and leadership opportunities for young deaf Tasmanians.

Tasdeaf encourages eligible young, deaf Tasmanians to apply for this scholarship.

To be eligible, you must:

- Reside in Tasmania
- Use the scholarship to learn, to develop skills and experience that will support you becoming a leader in the Tasmanian Deaf Community
- Be 25 years old or younger at the time of submission

To complete an application form, please contact Tasdeaf on:

E: infotas@vicdeafcom.au
 P: 6228 1955
 M: 0418 341 373

NDIS Information Hubs

Tasdeaf wants people in all areas of Tasmania to learn about the NDIS. As part of this initiative, we will be visiting the Queenstown area later this year.

Come along to the Queenstown Hub on Wed 21 Nov to 11 Sticht Street, Queenstown from 11.00am - 3pm.



Right: NDIS Hub in Burnie in May at Shorewell Community Housing

NDIS age roll out in Tasmania

In July 2018, the NDIS in Tasmania will be rolled out to include adults and children **aged between 0 - 49 years old.**

In Jan 2019, this will increase to include ages **0 - 64 years old.**

Take the opportunity now to contact experienced Tasdeaf staff for help in preparing for your NDIS plan so you get the most out of it.



Drop in to a NDIS Information Hub to find out more - open to Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in the community - no appointment needed
See dates below

Aug Devonport - Mon 20 Aug
 11.00am - 3.00pm
 Community Health Centre
 23 Steele St, Devonport

Sept Launceston - Wed 19 Sept
 1.00pm - 5.00pm
 Tasdeaf, 64 Cameron St

At this Hub in Launceston, Wendy Home and Geoff Read from Deaf Golf Australia will be visiting. They will give a quick introduction to Deaf Golf Australia and talk about the work they do to promote Deaf Golf in Australia and around the world.

NDIS Information Hubs

Oct Hobart - Wed 17 Oct
 1.00pm - 5.00pm
 Tasdeaf, 139 New Town Rd

Nov Queenstown -
 Wed 21 Nov
 11.00am - 3.00pm
 11 Sticht St, Queenstown

Dec Burnie - Wed 12 Dec
 10.00am - 3.00pm
 Burnie Community House
 24 Wiseman St Shorewell Park

New Tasdeaf staff member



**Michelle Czyzowicz,
Access Coordinator**

We would like to welcome Tasdeaf's newest staff member, Michelle Czyzowicz in her role as Access Coordinator.

Michelle will work 4 days a week in the Hobart office on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

To contact Michelle, please email her on: michellec@vicdeaf.com.au

You can also Skype Michelle at Tasdeaf using the Skype name: Tasdeaf2016

Please remember that you will need to make an appointment if you want to come and see Michelle in the office. Welcome Michelle!

Farewell to David



We recently said farewell to our Screening Audiometrist, David Closs who retired on Tuesday 26 June. To thank Dave for all his hard work, we had a farewell lunch.

Our CEO, Chris Mathieson, came to Hobart to mark the occasion as well as two Tasdeaf staff members who worked with David before the merge with Vicdeaf. David was thrilled with this farewell lunch.

David worked with us for more than 10 years, working firstly with the National Relay Service and then as a Screening Audiometrist.

We are currently reviewing our Hearing Link services in line with re-branding and funding. We will know more about this later in the year and will let you know when finalised. At the moment, we are resting this service.

Thank you David for all your brilliant work with industry hearing tests and making ear molds for our clients.

Enjoy your retirement and travel more!



Right: Dave enjoying his farewell cake with Tasdeaf staff in Hobart

Extreme Weather Emergency

Recently, extreme weather conditions affected southern Tasmania. The emergency services invited Tasdeaf to relay important information so the Deaf community could be informed.

In future, if you need to find out about emergency information, go to TasAlert <http://alert.tas.gov.au>



Stephen Nicholson relaying extreme weather warnings in southern Tasmania

New Casual Support Workers

Tasdeaf would like to welcome Ben Richardson and Brendan Wright as new casual Support Workers. Ben is based in the south and Brendan is based in the north/northwest.

If you are interested in becoming a Support Worker please contact Tasdeaf at infotas@vicdeaf.com.au

As the NDIS rolls out fully in Tasmania, there will be an increased need for more Support Workers, especially in regional areas.



Left to right: Brendan Wright and Ben Richardson

2018 Ten Pin Bowling National Deaf

The 2018 National Deaf Championship (NDC) was held in Launceston during the last Easter break, from Thursday 29 March to Monday 1 April. They were a resounding success with 70 bowlers participating from Tasmania, interstate and New Zealand.

Dinner & Presentation Night

This was held at the Country Club Casino by 114 adults and 2 children. All enjoyed a wonderful night.

Tamar River cruise

This was very popular, with 30 who enjoyed the beautiful scenery along the Tamar River as well as the refreshments, snacks and the light lunch on board were certainly enjoyed by all.

2019 National Deaf championship

Will be held at OZ Tenpin in Epping, Victoria in 2019.

Special thanks

A special thanks to Doctor Syntax Hotel, for all the generous support shown to our club over the last 5 years. A big thanks also, to Bunnings Warehouse, Tenpin Bowling Australia, Kombat Clothing, Clarence City Council and Tasdeaf.

Congratulations to David Hayward, NSW who was the winner of the 2018 NDC Masters. At one stage during the Masters, David was on a mission, achieving a high game of 285.

Well done to all participants!
Congratulations to the organisers of this excellent event and thanks also to the interpreters.



Bottom photo of Tasmanian team:

Standing left to right: Andrew Mallinson, Craig Mackenzie, Mark Kile

Seated left to right: Chris Morrow, Kayleen Mallinson, Scott Hills

Healthy Living Workshops

Want to learn more about healthy living?
 Find out tips on healthy eating, food, movement and exercise?

Tasdeaf are running 4 separate workshops across Tasmania.
Contact Tasdeaf on infotas@vicdeaf.com.au to confirm your place.

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| Launceston | Date: | Saturday 6 October |
| | Time: | 9am - 11am |
| | Venue: | Tasdeaf, 64 Cameron Street, Launceston |
| Devonport | Date: | Monday 22 October |
| | Time: | 10am - 12pm |
| | Venue: | Devonport Community House |
| Burnie | Date: | Friday 26 October |
| | Time: | 12 - 2pm |
| | Venue: | Burnie Community House, 24 Wiseman St, Shorewell Park |
| Hobart | Date: | Thursday 1 November |
| | Time: | 6pm - 8pm |
| | Venue: | Tasdeaf - community room |



Nate Cripps, who was born profoundly Deaf, has achieved his life long dream of opening his own shop.

After starting with a stall at the Launceston Esk Market, he has opened "Tweetie L'Amour Pet Emporium" in Invermay.

Nate has seen this as a positive opportunity for himself and other people. He is training people who have a Disability in retail and animal husbandry.

Read more about Nate's story in The Examiner article : <https://www.examiner.com.au/story/5462228/launceston-man-providing-dream-opportunities-for-people-with-a-disability/>

Right: Nate Cripps



Auslan classes in Tasmania



Tasmanian Classes

Auslan Level One

| Location | Day | Time | Dates |
|------------|---------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Hobart | Mondays | 5:30 - 7:30pm | 30 July - 3 September |
| Launceston | Mondays | 5:30 - 7:30pm | 30 July - 3 September |

Auslan Level Two

| Location | Day | Time | Dates |
|------------|----------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Hobart | Tuesdays | 5:30 - 7:30pm | 31 July - 4 September |
| Launceston | Tuesdays | 5:30 - 7:30pm | 31 July - 4 September |

Weekend Intensives

| Location | Day | Time | Dates |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Auslan Level One | | | |
| Hobart Level One | Saturday & Sunday | 9:00am - 4:00pm | 18 August - 19 August |
| Launceston Level One | Saturday & Sunday | 9:00am - 4:00pm | 11 August - 12 August |
| Auslan Level Two | | | |
| Hobart Level Two | Saturday & Sunday | 9:00am - 4:00pm | 1 September - 2 September |

Course fees
 Full cost: \$235.00
 Concession: \$220.00
 16 years & under: \$160.00
 Businesses/Services: \$258.50

To enrol online go to: <http://www.vicdeaf.com.au/auslan>

Auslan classes for families and the community



Free weekend Auslan classes at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School, 10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley - a 5 minute drive from Tasdeaf office.

Auslan for families

When: 2nd Sat of each month
Dates: 11 Aug
 8 Sept
 13 Oct
 10 Nov
Where: Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School
Time: 2.00 - 3.00pm

Auslan for the community

When: 4th Sat of each month
Dates: 25 Aug
 22 Sept
 27 Oct
 24 Nov
Where: Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School
Time: 2.00 - 3.00pm



Auslan classes

Left: Auslan Level 1 Weekend Intensive Course in Hobart



Right: Staff at the Port Arthur Historical Site receive Auslan training

Senior Citizens Club

The Senior Citizens Club (SCC) in Hobart meet weekly for a catch up and a cup of tea. All are welcome to come along and join in.

When: Each Tuesday
Time: 10am - 3pm
Venue: Tasdeaf, 130 New Town Road, New Town

Please note the upcoming dates when the SCC will meet off-site:

Lunch at Pub **7 Aug**
 at Black Buffalo for lunch

Father's Day lunch **4 Sept**
 at Marquis Bistro & Buffet

Melb Cup lunch **6 Nov**
 - venue to be decided

Oatlands trip **20 Nov**
 - details TBA



Top at right:
Ausmas
lunch in July

Right: SCC
celebrate
the birthday
of Carol
Webb and
Amy Blake



Senior Citizens Club

The Senior Citizens Club enjoyed an outing for lunch at Wrest Point Casino at Easter time.

Congratulations to Max Jones who won the Easter hamper!



First Aid Course

We recently had a 2 day first aid course in Hobart at the Tasdeaf office with a Deaf instructor, Bridget Nunan, from Sydney.

Nine participants passed the course and received their first aid certificate. Well done everybody!



Save the date - BBQ

When: Saturday 6 October
Where: Launceston - The Tailrace Park in Trevallyn
Time: 1pm
Why: A social get together to have fun!
RSVP: By end of August - we need to know exactly how many are coming & if they need transport



Will you need transport from the Northwest or from the south? Let us know when you RSVP. We may be able to hire buses and each passenger pay a small amount.

We had such a good time at the BBQ in Hobart that we thought we would have one in Launceston as well!

Comedy Night

Tasdeaf is working with local comedians to organise a comedy night in Auslan for the Deaf community. The details are still being finalised. We will keep you informed!



Margo Allen's Netball Deaf Club Championship

Deaf Netball Queensland is proud to host the XVIII (16th) Margo Allen National Deaf Netball Club Championship this year 2018 at Runaway Bay Indoor Sports Centre, Gold Coast from Friday 28th September to Sunday 1st October 2018.

They are looking for more players to join the team. If you are interested contact dnqld@hotmail.com

Australian Deaf Games - 2022

The Australian Deaf Games will be held on Lake Macquarie and Newcastle in 2022. For more information go to:

<http://www.austdeafgames.org.au/>



Newspaper article

All signs point to a win for insight

The inclusion and appreciation of people living with a disability is the centrepiece of a new school film that is hitting the national stage.

Two students from Montrose Bay High School are showcasing their filmmaking abilities in this year's Focus on Ability Short Film Festival.

The competition is designed to celebrate the abilities of people living with disabilities in order to shift the focus to what these individuals can achieve rather than their limitations.

Montrose Bay Year 7 video students Scarlett Neil and Hayley Rice have created a documentary titled *This is Me*.

The film depicts the day-to-day life of their friend, deaf student DJ Townsend, who teaches his fellow students how to use sign language.

Teacher Caitlin Love said the focus of the film was students sharing their insights on inclusivity of disabled students and what their unique skills were, such as sign language.

"We don't see a disabled student as someone with a disability, but someone with a unique ability," Ms Love said.

"It's about what he (DJ) brings to their friendship, not his disability... day to day".

Nominations for the film festival closed last month and voting for the entries will concluded at midnight tonight.

The winners will be revealed on September 7.



Inclusion message: Scarlett Neil made a documentary subject about fellow Montrose Bay High student DJ Townsend that has been entered in a competition.

Article by Alex Luttrell - 'The Mercury'

Invitation to submit articles

Tasdeaf would like to invite members to submit articles that they may wish to share with the community.

What: Articles are to be no longer than 250 words

Deadline: 15th of - February, May, August, November

Submission: To Tasdeaf by email - infotas@vicdeaf.com.au

Important Information

All contributions, once submitted, become the property of Tasdeaf. The editor reserves the right to publish or to edit any article submitted for publication. All editing shall strive to remain true to the spirit of the original article. Opinions expressed (except in articles that are signed in an official capacity) are those of the author/s and not necessarily endorsed by the editor or by Tasdeaf.

All best efforts will be made by Tasdeaf to send out Signpost quarterly subject to staff availability, timing, receipt of articles, and other circumstances that may occur.



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