

Tasmania update



Hello all,

Winter has truly arrived in Tasmania – there was beautiful snow on the top of kunanyi/Mt Wellington for a few days recently. We are so lucky to have such a great view of kunanyi/Mt Wellington from our Hobart office.

Support Worker training

Last February, we hosted a training day for casual support workers. All our casual workers across the state came together for this training session. There was a lot of discussion about how best we can best support our NDIS clients. It was a successful day, and a perfect opportunity for workers to spend time together. We have four new casual support workers as part of the team and we will have two more commencing soon.

CEO visit

Our CEO, Chris Mathieson, visited Tasmania for over a week. We travelled to north-west Tasmania, and met the local community during community consultations in Burnie and Launceston (see photo below). The community provided some good feedback and suggestions about how we should support clients. This information will be included in Tasmania's Planning Day by senior management in the next few weeks.

Funding

For many years, we have received funding from the Tasmanian Government for our Information/Advocacy services to deaf and hard of hearing people. This funding will cease at the end of June. This is the same for other non-profit organisations that provide support to people with a disability. We will still be here to support the Tasmanian deaf and hard of hearing community. There have been small changes that we have had to

make to ensure we provide sustainable services for the long term. The funding for our services will be different in the future. For clients who have a NDIS package our services such as: Auslan Interpreting, Auslan tutorial sessions, community participation and support work, will be paid for



Left: Chris Mathieson in Burnie at a Community Consultation in April.

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with the funds from their NDIS package. It is exciting to see how the future unfolds with the new NDIS world.

Auslan for Families and the Community

Stephen Nicholson
Expression Australia
Program Manager

We hope to have “Auslan for Families” and “Auslan for the Community” events start again later this year. These will no longer be free. Instead it will be on a fee for service basis and people can use their NDIS funds to pay for this.



Left: Ben McGregor, Labor candidate, Stephen Nicholson, Josh Willie, Labor Member for Elwick

Federal election

During the recent federal election – a local Labour MP, Josh Willie, hosted an information session. He introduced the Federal Labour candidate, Ben McGregor, to the local community. They organised an Auslan Interpreter and we attended this event. It was a very good accessible event - see photo top right.

Community BBQ

In October we will have a Community BBQ on Saturday 12 October 2019. This is for everyone – deaf, hard of hearing, their families, Auslan students, etc. We will organise a deaf social night on Friday 11 October. (venue yet to be decided). There will a hire bus available for Hobart and Launceston people to travel to the events. Both events will be fun - see more details on page 12. I look forward to seeing you there.

Melbourne office update

Recently it was announced that the Expression Australia head office in East Melbourne will move to Collingwood in 2023. The new office space will include multi purpose rooms for events, and will provide closer links with Melbourne Polytechnic who run accredited Auslan courses. This new building will be designed as a deaf-friendly centre and will be a first Australia wide. Keep warm and happy reading.

New casual support workers

Below left to right: Lorraine Townsend, Reecca Moir, Ray Hilsden, Sueann McGuinness, Ali Dowl (interpreter)



Access Coordinator update

Hello there,

I recently I attended the National Disability Services (NDS) workshop to reflect on their work so far. The NDIS commenced in 2010 and will conclude in 2020.

The NDS focuses on inclusion, accessibility for people who have a disability and improving services provided to people with disabilities.

It will be interesting to see what happens after 2020. The NDS is different from the NDIS –The NDS is focused on ensuring human rights are respected and breaking down barriers. The NDIS provides funding for eligible participants to access their choice of services and supports.

Now for the fun stuff.... If you like bush walking.... I have some exciting news!

There will be a bushwalk in the southern region (Hobart) in June hosted by the Hobart City Council. This means there will be Auslan interpreters coming with us on the bushwalk! See the information below - **Bookings are essential!**

If you have any questions about the walk, please contact me at:

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Michelle Czyzowicz
Expression Australia
Access Coordinator

Auslan Interpreted Bushwalk

Join us for a hike into Wellington Park's remote landscapes with Rob from the Bush Adventures team and an **AUSLAN** interpreter.

The wild landscapes of Wellington Park are inhabited by a great diversity of remarkable and curious flora, fauna, fungi and other organisms.

Meet: The Springs, Big Bend Car Park, Pinnacle Rd, kunanyi / Mt Wellington

When: Saturday 22 June 2019 at 11:00am - 2.00pm

Tickets for this event are reserved for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. To book go to:
<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=508761>



A big thank you to Naomi Rogers for organising this event and the Hobart City Council.



Government House Reception

On Monday 27 May, Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, AC hosted a "Thank you reception" at Government House, Hobart. This was to acknowledge and thank all personnel and volunteers involved in the 2019 Tasmanian bushfires.

Joyce Clifford was invited to attend in recognition of her contribution as an Auslan Interpreter on the nightly news.

We would like to add our thanks and will continue to work with the emergency services to ensure Auslan Interpreting is provided during severe weather warnings.



Right top: Joyce Clifford interpreting during the Tasmanian bushfires
Right bottom: Government House Hobart

Cafe Auslan

Café Auslan has recently opened up in Battery Point. Three of Expression Australia staff visited the café recently and congratulated them on this new deaf-friendly cafe. See photos below.



Left & top: Cafe Auslan in Battery Point

New IT equipment

Zoom room

We now have two new TVs installed in our Hobart office.

The room at the back of the building now has a TV equipped with the Zoom program. We are now calling this our "Zoom Room".

This equipment will be used mainly for Video Remote Interpreting (VRI).

In Victoria, there is currently a shortage of Auslan Interpreters for face-to-face appointments. By using the Zoom equipment here in Hobart, clients in Victoria can access Tasmanian Auslan Interpreters using VRI. This also means that Auslan Interpreters from

interstate can be used for interpreting appointments in Tasmania.

With this equipment we can live stream training sessions or meetings

This technology is amazing and we look forward to using it. In the future, people in the deaf and hard of hearing community can come to our office and access our Zoom equipment.

This equipment is currently in the Hobart and East Melbourne



Community Meeting Room

We now have a brand new TV installed on the wall of our community room.

This can be used for many different purposes e.g. a Skype chat, live streaming an event, PowerPoint or for class activities, etc.

Pop in and have a look!

Top: The "Zoom Room"

Right: New TV in Hobart office Community Room



Deaf Club and Senior Citizens Club

Please note the following outings for lunch. If you would like more information, please phone Expression Australia on 03 6228 1955 or SMS 0418 341 373.

4 June	Risdon Brook Hotel
16 July	Ausmas - Christmas in July at Wrest Point Casino
13 Aug	Claremont Hotel
3 Sept	Father's Day lunch cruise
15 Oct	Oatlands tour
5 Nov	Melbourne Cup at Mornington Inn
17 Dec	Christmas lunch at Wrest Point Casino

Senior Citizens Club - SCC

Right: SCC group lunch for Easter
Below: Winners of the Easter raffle - Alison Hill and Di Hodgetts



Tenpin Bowling Championships

The Tenpin Bowling National Deaf Championships were held in Epping in 2019.

2 players from Tasmania went to the Championships.

Well done to: Kayleen Mallinson came 7th place in the Mixed Seniors
Craig MacKenzie came 21st place in the Men's Individual

The next National Deaf Championships will be held in Orange in 2020.



If anyone is interested and wants more information, please contact Kayleen on email at: hddtbctas@gmail.com

If anyone is interested to play Tenpin Bowling in Tasmania, please contact us – we are happy to help with more information.

Kayleen Mallinson
Secretary HDDTBC

Mid year Christmas Dinner

Would you like to get together for a mid-year Christmas celebration?

What: Suzie Luck's Restaurant
Dragon Banquet- Asian inspired food

Where: Private Atrium space
2 Salamanca Square, Hobart

When: Saturday 20th of July

Time: 7pm

Cost: \$70 per person

RSVP: Michelle Czyzowicz on 0438 819 143 (sms only) or michelle.czyzowicz@expression.com.au

40 seats only so get your RSVP in quick!



James Beams Scholarship



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The James Beams Scholarship was established by the kind bequest of James Beams (of Launceston) in 1994.

The James Beams Scholarship aims to further the education, learning and leadership opportunities for young deaf Tasmanians.

To submit an application for a James Beams Scholarship, you can:

- Fill out this application form
- James Beams Scholarship Fund Referee Form (this is to be completed by at least 1 referee)
- Make an Auslan video of your application and email either a link to your video to view or download (e.g. YouTube, dropbox)
- Use the subject line “James Beams Application” in your email

Application dates for the James Beams Scholarship:

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
Jan 31 2019	Apr 30 2019	Jul 31 2019	Oct 31 2019

Email your application form, or email a link to your Auslan application to grants@expression.com.au before the close of the round.



The Expression Deaf Grants aim to give people who are Deaf and hard of hearing the opportunity to create access, inclusion and equal opportunity in all areas of life.

If you have an idea on how to do this, we’d love to see your Expression Deaf Grant application.

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Auslan classes in Tasmania



Learn Auslan and express yourself!

Term 3, 2019

Enrol at expression.com.au/auslan
or call (03) 9473 1111



Enrolments for Term 3 Auslan classes in Tasmania will open soon.

We will be running weekly classes as well as Weekend Intensive classes in both Hobart and Launceston.

Please enrol online.

Please visit expression.com.au/auslan for details including dates, days and cost.

Auslan classes for families and the community

Unfortunately the free weekend Auslan 'taster' classes have now ended as our DHHS funding expires on 30 June 2019.

We are still able to provide Auslan tuition to you under your NDIS plan. Please contact us for assistance if you would like to include this in your NDIS plan.

We would like to thank the community for attending these classes and for your ongoing support!



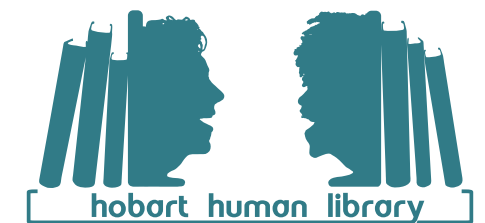
Auslan Level 1 Weekend
Intensive Class in Launceston -
Term 2, 2019

Hobart Human Library

Want to help...

- build a community that is accepting of differences and welcoming to all?
- tell your story of overcoming stereotypes or wrongly held beliefs about you?

A human library is just like any other library - except the 'books' are real, living people! Would you like to be a human 'book'? Contact admin@afairerworld.org. Human 'books' are paid a speaker fee. Contact admin@afairerworld.org to book an interpreter.



Don't judge a book by its cover!

"I am a person of short stature and since I have told my story in the Hobart Human Library, I have been amazed at the interest from the 'readers' of all ages and from all backgrounds. The 'readers' are involved and engaged in the story, and can ask questions at the end." Glenda Radcliffe, human book



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Hobart Human Library 

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Upcoming events

Community social events in the Northwest

Friday night dinner

When: Fri 11 October 2019

Where: Venue to be advised

When: 6.30pm - 10.00pm

Come along and join us for a social get together and pub meal in the north west. The venue is yet to be confirmed. We will send you the details once they are confirmed. Pay for own meal.

BBQ in Ulverstone

When: Sat 12 October 2019

Where: Fairway Park, Beach Road, Ulverstone

When: 11am - 3pm

Food: B.Y.O. Meat - we will supply the salad, drinks & something sweet to eat!

Come along and join the fun!

We will hire a mini-bus to travel from Hobart to Launceston on Friday 11 Oct at 12 noon. People will need to book their own accommodation in Launceston/Devonport or Ulverstone on Friday night. The hire bus will drive people from their accommodation to the BBQ on Sat and then return to Hobart after the BBQ.

Do you want to book a seat on the bus? Contact us on 0418 341 373 to book. See map below for location.



Upcoming events

Circus Oz - Rock Bang Auslan interpreted event



What: Circus Oz - Rock Bank - a circus rock opera
When: Sat 27 July 2019 - Auslan interpreted
Where: Theatre Royal Hobart
Time: 7.30pm
Book: <https://www.theatreroyal.com.au/shows/circus-oz-rock-bang>



Rock Bang is an original, hilarious rock'n'roll extravaganza.

Part rock concert, part side-splitting comedy smashed together with acrobatic punk anarchy, Rock Bang is a sensory feast of heart stopping stunts, physical ridiculousness, soaring guitars, thumping drums and contagious tunes.

Rock Bang. A riotous hard-rocking Circus Oz explosion detonated by Otto & Astrid.

Recommended for ages 13+
The performance on 27 July will be Auslan interpreted.



**17th Deafblind International
World Conference 2019**

AUGUST 12-16, 2019 | GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA



To register go to - <https://event.icebergevents.com.au/dbi-2019/registration>



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**SAT 14TH SEPTEMBER
10.30 – 5PM
HOBART TOWN HALL
COST: \$40M/ \$80NM
NAATI: 2.21 + 1.4 (30pts)**

Della presents three workshop sessions focusing on:

- Developing templates and confidence to assess (see and hear) our work - using interpretation rubrics and ELAN.
- VRI challenges and strategies - panel presentation and discussion on an evolving and expanding interpreting platform
- Discussion of local interpreter role issues - ethics and boundaries in a small community across complex domains (including education and NDIS settings).

To register please email: info@asliavic.com.au

Save the Date!

ASLIA National Conference 2020

ANC 2020 - September 18-21
Newcastle NSW

Visit aslia.com.au for further details as they are finalised



Australian Government
Australian Digital Health Agency

My Health Record

Please see the flyer included with this newsletter for further details.

Expression Australia will hold **two** Government funded workshops in Hobart about your Health Records and how to control your health information securely in one place.

These workshops will be in Auslan only.

When: Tuesday 18 June
Times: 1 session at 1.00-3.00pm and another session at 6.00 - 8.00pm
Where: Expression Australia Hobart office, 139 New Town Road, New Town
RSVP: To infotas@expression.com.au

Light refreshments will be provided.



My Health Record

2022 Australian Deaf Games

5 July 2018 · The 2022 Australian Deaf Games will be held in Newcastle & Lake Macquarie!

Along with New South Wales Deaf Sports - NSWDS, Deaf Sports Australia are very excited to be working closely with Newcastle City Council, Lake Macquarie

City Council, and Destination NSW to deliver an exciting sports and cultural program for Deaf and hard of hearing people in Australia.

The 2022 Australian Deaf Games will be held in April 2022, however exact dates are yet to be confirmed.

Visit www.austdeafgames.org.au for more information.



Invitation to submit articles

Expression Australia 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 Expression Australia by email - infotas@expression.com.au

Important Information

All contributions, once submitted, become the property of Expression Australia. 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 Expression Australia.

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