

Mission Australia – Transforming the lives of Tasmanians in need

Mission Australia is a community service organisation that has been transforming the lives of Australians in need for more than 150 years.

Mission Australia State Director Noel Mundy said since 1998 the organisation had helped thousands of Tasmanians overcome disadvantage and create a better life for themselves and their families.

“Our vision is to see a fairer Australia by enabling people in need to find pathways to a better life,” Mr Mundy said.

“Walking alongside those in need, we help people to discover pathways to strong families and healthy, happy children, pathways through a successful youth, pathways away from homelessness, pathways for life and work ready skills and pathways to sustainable employment.

“In Tasmania we currently operate 22 services which include 10 family services, six youth services, two homelessness services and four training services.”

These programs include the U-Turn program, New Enterprise Incentive Scheme, the Language Literacy and Numeracy Program, Grandparents Support Program, Communities for Children, and the Personal Helpers and Mentors Program to name just a few.

“These services are delivered from our seven office bases located in Burnie, Devonport, Launceston, Rosny, Berriedale, Moonah and Hobart.”

Mr Mundy said in 2008 Mission Australia set up Chigwell House in direct response to a local community need.

“With the State’s highest population of single parents’ families dependent on community service support living in the Chigwell area, the service is vital to helping local families overcome hardship,” he said.

Chigwell House offers the following programs to help disadvantaged Tasmanians and their families:

- Parents Staying Connected
- Integrated Family Support Service
- Youth Beat
- Targeted Youth Support Service
- Youth Connections
- MA Housing

Mission Australia also runs the Gateway Service, under contract to the State Government in the North West and South East of Tasmania.

The Gateway is a community service that promotes the wellbeing and safety of children, young people and their families by:

- Listening to concerns
- Recognising needs
- Providing information and advice
- Referring children and families to support services where appropriate; and
- Providing access to Integrated Family Support Services.

Mr Mundy said the Gateway Service provides communities with a visible entry and referral point in the community for vulnerable families and other professionals to access family and disability support services.

“By contacting the Gateway Service people can receive high quality information, referral, and assistance by specialist services for individual or family support.

“For more information about the Mission Australia Gateway Service or to get a copy of the brochure please call the Gateway Service directly on 1800 171 233.”

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Mission Australia staff hosting a program display as part of the Mental Health Expo