



MCoT News

Welcome to the July 2011 edition of The Multicultural Council of Tasmania newsletter

Promoting Multiculturalism and Harmony in Tasmania

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MCoT News and Updates

Next Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Multicultural Council of Tasmania will be held on the 20th July 2011 at 7.00 pm in the Acacia Room at the MRC, 49 Molle Street, Hobart. The guest speaker for the night will be Mr Nick Evans, Director of the Community Development Division, Department of Premier & Cabinet. Guests welcome!

2011 AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th August 2011 in the Acacia Room at the Migrant Resource Centre, 49 Molle Street, Hobart. Nomination Forms and Nomination Information sheets have been emailed and posted out to members. All nomination forms must be received by COB or postmarked Friday 5th August 2011. Reminder: nominees and candidates must be fully paid up members.

Photocopying

Do you need any done? Communities that need to have any photocopying done are welcome to come to the office and have it done free of charge provided you come during office hours which are Mondays to Thursdays inclusive, from 10 a.m. till 2.30 p.m.

July Days

- 1 National Day (*Burundi*)
Canada Day
Republic Day (*Somalia*)
Independence Day (*Rwanda*)
- 3 National Day (*Belarus*)
- 4 Independence Day (*United States of America*)
- 5 National Day (*Venezuela*)
National Day (*Cape Verde*)
Tynwald Day (*Isle of Man*)
NAIDOC Week (4 - 11 July)
- 6 Independence Day (*Malawi*)
- 7 National Day (*Nepal*)
National Day (*Solomon Islands*)
Constitution Day (*Cayman Islands*)
- 9 Independence Day (*Argentina*)
Constitution Day (*Palau*)
- 10 Independence Day (*Bahamas*)
- 11 National Day (*Mongolia*)
- 12 National Day (*Kiribati*)
Independence Day (*São Tomé*)
- 14 Bastille Day (*France*)
- 13 Independence Day (*Montenegro*)
- 17 National Day (*Iraq*)
- 20 National Day (*Colombia*)
- 21 National Day (*Belgium*)
- 23 National Day (*Egypt*)
- 26 National Day (*Liberia*)
National Day (*Maldives*)
- 28 Independence Day (*Peru*)
- 30 Independence Day (*Vanuatu*)

United Nations

The United Nations has declared that 2011 is the:

- International Year of Chemistry
- International Year of Forests
- International Year for the people of African descent
- International Year of Youth

GENERAL NOTICES

ABC's Q & A Program

For the first time, Q&A on ABC TV will broadcast live from Hobart on Monday 25th July to talk about the issues important to Tasmanians.

Hosted by Tony Jones, Q&A is Australia's favourite talk show where YOU ask the questions of our politicians, pundits and opinion-makers.

If you'd like to be part of our live audience in Hobart, please register your interest via our website and we'll be in touch -

<http://www2b.abc.net.au/AudienceBooking/Client/AudienceRegistration.aspx>

Don't miss this chance to be part of democracy in action. Get your family and friends to register now!

We look forward to seeing you in Hobart.

The Q&A team

Do Your Part ... Shed Some Light on Census Night

The Census of Population and Housing is conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) every five years. The next Census is on Tuesday 9 August 2011. The purpose of the Census is to take a 'snapshot' of Australia on Census night. It collects vital information that decision makers, government and communities use to allocate services, facilities and funding in a particular area. Everyone in Australia on Census night needs to complete the Census even if they are not an Australian citizen or resident. Only foreign diplomats and their families do not have to complete the form. The Census asks for information about ancestry, country of birth, religion, and primary language spoken at home, to help capture a full and accurate picture of Australia's cultural diversity. Understanding the origins of the people who call Australia home is essential for developing policies and services that reflect the needs of our society.

Information provided on Census forms will be kept strictly confidential. No-one outside of the ABS will ever see your responses. This means that Centrelink, Housing, Community Services, the Tax Office or any other agency will not see the information. If you or anyone you know needs assistance in a language other than English, the ABS has set up the Census Inquiry Service Language Helpline on [1300 340 120](tel:1300340120).

The Census Inquiry Service is open 8:30am to 8:00pm, seven days a week from 28 July to 5 September 2011. In Tasmania, the Census team has also been working hard with multicultural stakeholders to develop further support mechanisms for our Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities. If you would like further details on the Census and the strategies in place to support CALD communities, please contact Georgia Chapman at georgia.chapman@abs.gov.au. So shed some light on Census night, and help create a brighter future for Australia. What you say will light the way forward for community centres, cultural institutions and other facilities and services that you use in your area every day.

CONFERENCE: 2011 FECCA Conference - Advancing Multiculturalism, 17 and 18 November

The FECCA Biennial Conference is Australia's pre-eminent multicultural conference. This year, the Conference is being jointly hosted by the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia and the Multicultural Communities Council of SA Inc. It will explore the theme of Advancing Multiculturalism and promises to be a vibrant and exciting program.

Pre-Conference workshops will be held on Wednesday 16 November 2011

The Conference will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, which is located on the banks of the River Torrens and within easy walking distance of accommodation, restaurants, entertainment and major retail precincts.

The call for papers is now open and submissions close 31 July. [click here](#) for full details.

Online Conference registration is now open. To register and take advantage of discount rates [click here](#). Early bird registration closes 1 September 2011.

To preview the exciting line up of invited speakers [click here](#). Visit regularly as more names will be added over the coming weeks.

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NEDA Human Rights workshops for people from NESB with disability

The National Ethnic Disability Alliance (NEDA) is the national peak organisation representing the rights and interests of people from non-English speaking background (NESB) with disability, their families and carers throughout Australia.

NEDA was successful in gaining a human rights education grant from the Attorney General's Department. The grant is provided to run consumer workshops across all states and territories.

Sibylle Kaczorek states, 'the aim of the consumer workshops is for people from NESB with disability to be empowered through information on and articulation of their human rights by applying the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) to everyday life.

In addition, the information from the workshops will be published in form of a good practice guide.'

Ms Kaczorek says 'the UNCRPD is a breakthrough document that spells out the rights of people with disability to be fully included in all aspects of society. Implementation of the UNCRPD will assist Australia to be a harmonious and inclusive society for all people from NESB backgrounds, including people with disability. However this will not occur unless special measures are enacted to deal specifically with the needs, aspirations and human rights of people with disability from NESB communities.'

The target group for the workshops is people from non-English speaking background with disability; first and subsequent generations.

Participants include people with physical and intellectual disability, people with vision impairments or who are blind, people who are deaf or have hearing impairments, people with psychosocial disabilities (mental illness), people with acquired brain injury or who have HIV/Aids. Included will be all age groups, newly arriving as well as more established communities.

The first round of workshops is being rolled out;

- 17 June 2011 - Adelaide (SA)
- 24 June 2011 – Perth (WA)
- 24 June 2011 – Darwin (NT)
- 8 July 2011 – Canberra (ACT)
- 5 August 2011 – Glenorchy (TAS)

The workshops are targeted at members of the multicultural community, those already and those not yet in contact with the disability service system.

Ms Kaczorek states 'these workshops are overdue, people from NESB with disability have been forgotten for too long. NEDA calls on the multicultural community to support these workshops across Australia.'

Sibylle Kaczorek is the Executive Officer of NEDA. The National Ethnic Disability Alliance is the national peak organisation representing the rights and interests of people from non-English speaking background (NESB) with disability, their families and carers throughout Australia.

NEDA is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) to provide policy advice to the Australian Government and other agencies on national issues affecting people from NESB with disability, their families and carers.

Contact for interviews - Sibylle Kaczorek [0407 878 933](tel:0407878933)

Website: www.neda.org.au Email: office@neda.org.au

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HP (Health Promotion) Network

A draft of a Healthy Lifestyle/Nutrition resource directory for working with CALD and refugee background communities, complete with electronic links is available in hard copy from the MCoT office or it can be emailed out in pdf format, upon request.

If you are able to please relay this information to your teams, nutrition colleagues or anyone else you feel would be interested for review and their records.

If there are any resources that are being utilised that are not on the list, please feel free to email through the link or name of the resource so it can be included in the document prior to it being placed on the DHHS website.

There is also one document available entitled 'Sudanese Traditions and Nutrition Staff Directory' which is not available online, which may be of use.

These resources have all been burnt onto a disc, for those who are unable to download documents - please contact Kym Blechynde (details below).

| Mob: 0402 317 812 | Email: kym.blechynden@utas.edu.au or kymblech@hotmail.com

Seniors Tasmania – Consultation Paper

Future Directions: A Seniors' Policy for Tasmania Consultation Paper has been released and may be viewed at www.seniors.tas.gov.au

The Paper forms part of the overarching response of the Tasmanian Government to creating a stronger and fairer Tasmania in the context of an ageing population.

Government and non-government organisations, community groups and individual community members with an interest in issues relating to older Tasmanians are strongly encouraged to provide feedback. Comments are required by 12 August 2011. Details on submissions are on page 25 of the Paper.

The information received from the consultation process will assist in the development of a three-year plan that the Tasmanian Government will commit to over the course of the next three years – 2012 – 2014.

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New website for the Aged Care Complaints Scheme

The Aged Care Complaints Scheme has launched the [Aged Care Complaints Scheme news](#) website, the main source for the latest information about the Aged Care Complaints Scheme and the reforms to strengthen the Scheme.

The site will keep aged care providers, consumers and stakeholders up-to-date on progress implementing reforms to the Scheme; provide information about the complaints process; and address topics of interest through regular blog posts and the 'frequently asked

questions' section. The website will also be an important channel for consumers and the industry to provide feedback and help us improve the information we provide.

New information will be posted regularly. Go to <http://agedcarecomplaints.govspace.gov.au> and save the site as a 'Favourite' to make it easier to check back.

You can help us spread the word about the website in the following ways:

Add a link to Aged Care Complaints Scheme news on your website, blog or online community – we may be able to return the favor and link to your website

Let your clients, colleagues, counterparts and customers know about the new website

Post a short article or update about the new website in your newsletter or other publication.

Our goal is to make sure the aged care industry, as well as care recipients, their carers and their families, know where to go for the latest online information about the Scheme. We'd greatly appreciate your assistance with achieving this.

If you would like further information, or have an idea for an article or update, please email us

at agedcomplaintscomms@health.gov.au

Micro Business Loan Program

The Micro Business Loan program helps those who want to start a business or those who need help to grow their business. It is an interest free loan for anyone who has a Health Care Card or Pension Card. The Women in Business Program started in 2005 and has made more than 160 loans to help low-income Tasmanians start or grow a small business. The state government, through its social inclusion strategy response, has provided a loan capital fund of \$1 million and we are very keen to see it well used.

For more information, contact NILS on 1300 301 650 or Business Point on 1800 440 026.

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The Young Women's Multicultural Group

The Young Women's Multicultural Group meets every two weeks at PULSE Youth Health Centre.

Join to make friends, share food, have fun, learn new things, share your culture and help make Glenorchy a better place to live. For more information phone Angela Pate, Youth Participation Officer at the Glenorchy City Council on 6216 6347

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Youth Homelessness Matters Day

This Youth Homelessness Matters Day the National Youth Coalition for Housing (NYCH) is pleased to have a partnership with Virgin Unite (the non-profit foundation of the Virgin Group) that will allow us to hear directly from young people about their experiences.

Virgin Unite has launched a national campaign 'Ending Youth Homelessness' inviting young people to tell their story about youth homelessness. To assist young people to participate Virgin Unite will be providing cameras to young people - however young people can send their story and photo directly to Virgin Unite.

Virgin Unite is also calling on the general community to join the campaign by signing a e-petition at www.endyouthhomelessness.com.au

To assist in the campaign NYCH will be the distribution point for the camera's and below is a guide on how to get and return the cameras' to Virgin Unite.

A guide for the distribution and collection of cameras

How to get your camera pack! Services throughout the country will be distributing the camera pack to young people. Each NYCH delegate will be the point of distribution into their respective States or Territory. So services will be advised to contact their local State or Territory NYCH delegate to obtain their camera pack/s to distribute to young people.

Encourage people to take pictures and tell their story!! You may also want to develop your own instructions to services and/or young people (customising to your state or territory needs).

To return your camera! Young people can simply send back the cameras to Virgin Unite – the only cost will be postage. We are also asking services cover the cost of postage for young people to return the cameras to Virgin Unite. If you can afford the postage you can have services drop the cameras back to you as the NYCH delegate and you can send it on to Virgin Unite.

If services are going to send the cameras back to Virgin Unite directly we are asking services to send back the cameras on the last Friday of every month during the course of the campaign directly to Virgin Unite.

Joanna Siejka (TAS Delegate): eo@ynot.org.au

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Welcome to MoneySmart

Today the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) launched a new website called MoneySmart to help people make smart choices about their personal finances.

MoneySmart is for all Australians – young or old, rich or poor, investing or paying off debt. The website offers free, independent guidance so people can make the best choices for their money.

ASIC has been active in financial literacy for many years. ASIC's previous consumer websites were FIDO and Understanding Money. Each was a great source of financial information for many years, with simple steps and basic calculators to help people sort out their money.

MoneySmart replaces these two websites, combining the best features of both and adding much more.

Please link to MoneySmart and spread the word about it among your networks. Let us know if you'd like any material for upcoming newsletters or articles.

You might also like to update any references or links on your own site to FIDO or Understanding Money, so they now refer to MoneySmart. We can send you links to or details of specific pages or calculators.

We welcome your feedback about MoneySmart. Tell us what you think by email to feedback@moneysmart.gov.au or use the feedback button at the end of each webpage. Make MoneySmart one of your 'favourites' and visit us often to get your finances in better shape.

<http://www.moneysmart.gov.au/>

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Seniors morning movies

Village Cinemas Hobart, Eastlands, Glenorchy and Launceston are proud to present to all our seniors .This program will be available from Monday to Friday at 11am. Tickets are just \$7 and there is also the opportunity to purchase a cookie and an endless cup of coffee or tea for just \$3.

We look forward to seeing you and would appreciate if you could forward this on to all of your friends and family members.

Swap It Don't Stop It

The Commonwealth Government has launched its 'Swap it don't stop it' campaign – a call to make easy, small, healthier lifestyle choices to reduce the risk of illness and disease

The Australian Government's 'Swap It, Don't Stop It' campaign encourages the community to make small, healthy lifestyle changes to reduce their risk of some chronic diseases.

'Swap It, Don't Stop It' features Eric, a likeable but overweight blue balloon character. Eric encourages the community to make some simple lifestyle changes to become healthier – for example: to swap big for small (portion control); swap fried for fresh (nutritional quality); swap sitting for moving (physical activity); and swap watching for playing (physical activity). Featuring press, radio and online advertising, Eric demonstrates practical things Australians can change in their daily lives to help achieve better health outcomes for themselves and their families. There is also a range of translated resources such as a 12 week planner and brochure available on the campaign website: www.swapit.gov.au

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"The health status of migrants varies according to a range of factors," says Executive Manager of the Centre for Culture, Ethnicity and Health, Ms Michal Morris. "The Swap It, Don't Stop It campaign is important for migrants adjusting to different lifestyles and food. They can often fall under the radar for healthier eating and physical activity information because of language barriers and health priorities specific to their communities; this means they can become susceptible to some chronic diseases."

"We, as health professionals, community educators, and other community sources of information, play an important role in promoting health literacy and understanding in the ethnic community. This campaign provides valuable resources" said Ms Morris, "helping people make small decisions when they are in the supermarket, in the kitchen or when playing with the kids, which can all make a real difference. "

Further information on the campaign, including fact sheets, can be found at www.australia.gov.au/swapit , and in the Department of Health and Ageing's [media release](#).

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DVD on How to Access and Use Interpreters Released

TIS National has produced a DVD giving advice on how to access and use an interpreter. It has three chapters: a guide to TIS National services, working with interpreters, and services for medical practitioners. The contents of the DVD can be viewed on YouTube on ImmiTV:

A guide to TIS National services ; Hints and tips for working with interpreters ; TIS National services for medical practitioners The DVD can also be obtained from the TIS National Client Liaison and Promotions team contact: Telephone: 1300 655 820 Email: tispromo@immi.gov.au

TIS National Seeks New Interpreters

TIS National is currently recruiting suitably qualified or experienced citizens or permanent residents to meet the growing demand for interpreting services.

Languages of particular interest include: Rohingya, Karen, Hakka Chin, Bengali, Thai, Somali, Dinka, Tamil, Kurdish (all dialects), Dari/Hazaragi. TIS National is also interested in recruiting interpreters for other languages and dialects, particularly those spoken by our refugee and humanitarian entrants from Africa and Burma. TIS National encourages those recruited to seek NAATI accreditation where it is available and recognition where it is not currently available. To find out more about NAATI please visit: www.naati.com.au

For further information on career opportunities for interpreters, please visit; www.immi.gov.au/about/careers/interpretercareers.htm or contact: (phone) 1300 132 621 (E-mail) interpreters@immi.gov.au

TIS National Welcomes Feedback TIS National has a structured feedback system allowing feedback to be recorded, investigated and acted on. TIS welcomes comments on all aspects of their service including: • interpreter conduct and performance; • interpreter availability; • operator conduct and performance; • TIS National booking procedures; • services including Automated Telephone Interpreting Service. Feedback can be provided directly to TIS through the TIS National Client Liaison and Promotions Team by phone 1300 655 820 or email: tispromo@immi.gov.au

How to Access an Interpreter

- Call TIS National on 131 450 and provide the operator with your TIS National client code.
- The operator will prompt you for any other information required such as your name, contact Telephone number, the language required and some basic information about your non-English speaking client.
- The operator will ask if the non-English speaker is with you, or if they need to be telephoned.
- You will then be placed on hold while the operator finds an available interpreter.
- Once an interpreter has accepted the call, you will be provided with a job-number unique to the interpreting assignment.
- The operator will then leave the conference call, and you may begin communicating with your client.

More information on how to access an interpreter can be found on-line at:

http://www.immi.gov.au/living-inaustralia/help-with-english/help_with_translating/howuse-tis/

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SHP - Low Interest Loan Scheme

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) No Interest Travel Loan Scheme has been developed to assist eligible Special Humanitarian Program (SHP) visa holders with costs associated with their travel to Australia. While refugee and subclass visa holders have their passage to Australia fully funded by the Commonwealth, SHP (subclass 202) visa holders (or their proposers) are responsible for funding their own travel. A No Interest Travel Loan may help in these circumstances.

More information about the scheme and how it can help SHP visa holders or their proposers can be

found at: <http://www.iomaustralia.org/loans/> or email: travel.loan.canberra@iom.int

Triple Zero Game for Children

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship has been involved in the development of an interactive online safety program to teach primary school children practical steps to deal with emergencies. The tool helps newly arrived migrants and refugees understand how to call emergency services. It has been translated into six languages Dinka, Hindi, Thai, Arabic, Traditional Chinese and Vietnamese. The tool can be accessed at:

<http://kids.triplezero.gov.au/>

Australian Citizens Encouraged to Travel on an Australian Passport

Some new Australian citizens travelling overseas have had problems when they attempt to board their plane to return to Australia because they have been travelling on their non-Australian passport with an expired Australian visa. Australian Citizens are strongly encouraged to obtain an Australian Passport and travel on that passport when leaving and entering Australia to avoid possible issues at foreign borders. More information is available on the department's website: <http://www.citizenship.gov.au/current/travel/>

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Citizenship test – DVD Help

A DVD presenting key points from the testable section of the citizenship test resource book, including 20 practice questions, is now available. The DVD is particularly helpful to those with a low level of literacy and, together with the translated version of the resource book, can help people prepare for the citizenship test. People can order a free copy of the DVD

on-line and it will be posted to their address in Australia. If people require more than one copy of the DVD, they can contact the Citizenship Information Line: Telephone: 131 880 The Australian citizenship test resource book:

Australian Citizenship: Our Common Bond, is also available 37 community languages. You can view the book and translations or order the DVD at:

http://www.citizenship.gov.au/learn/cit_test/test_resource_book/

New Points Test

The new points test for skilled migration has been announced and will be implemented on 1 July 2011. The new points test is part of a series of reforms to the skilled migration program announced in

February 2010. These reforms aim to deliver a more responsive and targeted skilled migration program that helps to address specific short-term skills shortages in Australia and in the long-term helps enhance the size and skill level of the Australian work force. Details of the new points test are available on the

department's website at: <http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilledmigration/whats-new.htm>

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Our Community

Our Community is a pioneering social enterprise that provides advice, tools and training for Australia's 600,000 community groups and schools, along with community-related services for individuals, business and government. They are a movement builder working to empower the community sector to fashion its own future, in partnership with the people, organisations and agencies that possess likeminded goals and values. Our major offerings include:

www.ourcommunity.com.au – help sheets, books, training and tools for Australian community groups.

[GiveNow.com.au](http://www.givnow.com.au) – helping individuals and businesses give more, give smarter, give better, Give Now! Free online donations for Community Groups.

· **Australian Institute of Grants Management** – grants management services and online grants management solutions for government and philanthropy

· **Australian Institute for Corporate Responsibility** – intelligent, contemporary corporate responsibility services for businesses [ourcommunity.com.au](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au)

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Human Rights Week 2011

Human Rights Day is celebrated every year all over the world to mark the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (the Declaration). In Tasmania we celebrate with Human Rights Week (HRW). The HRW Organising Committee invites you mark these dates in your calendar; this year the HRW Launch will be on Friday, 2 December 2011, at the Hobart Town Hall; and the HRW March will be held in Hobart on Friday, 9 December 2011. The week in between will have various events to celebrate and to educate about the Declaration and human rights issues around the world. Please consider hosting an event! For more information, enquiries or support for your event please contact the Human Rights Organising Committee by emailing: HRWTasmania@gmail.com

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St. Matthews Church Glenorchy

Glenorchy City Council is seeking expressions of interest for short term, one off and long term opportunities for the use of St Matthews Church in Tolosa St, Glenorchy. This is a great opportunity to see this iconic Glenorchy building actively in use by the community, we encourage cultural groups and artists to consider putting in a proposal. Below is a link to the Council website for further information and expression of interest forms.

[http://www.gcc.tas.gov.au/content/Possible or Potential Use of St Matthews Church.GCC](http://www.gcc.tas.gov.au/content/Possible%20or%20Potential%20Use%20of%20St%20Matthews%20Church.GCC)

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Getting in touch

Open: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 9:15 am to 4 pm

Venue: 25 Lefroy Street North Hobart **Post:** PO Box 248 North Hobart Tas 7002

Tel: 03 6231 3212 Outside the 62 area, **Freecall** 1800 353 212 **Fax:** 03 6236 9449

Email: info@hwhc.com.au **Website:** www.hwhc.com.au

WHAT'S ON @ HWHC. The following group sessions and activities are held at the centre on a regular basis and are free unless otherwise stated. Referrals are welcome to any of these programs; Ageing Well with Weights; AWWW Practice; Birth and Beyond - mothers group; Breast Cancer Support Group; Secondary Breast Cancer Support Group; Community Health Nurse; Feldenkrais; Fitball Beginners' Class; Herbalist; Massage - Shiatsu; Supportive massage for women living with chronic illness; Meditation Guided and safe relaxation meditation; itches and Stories; Tai Chi; Women's Friendship Group; Women's Walks; Writers' Support Group; Yoga.

Go in for a cuppa, browse in the library or use the photocopier.

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Tasmania Together Youth Challenge

The Tasmania Together Youth Challenge is a competition open to all school aged students across Tasmania.

Working individually or as part of a team (and either through your school or independently) we ask you to think about what you would like Tasmania to be like in the future. Then we want you to use your creative abilities to bring your ideas to life. The creative possibilities for this competition are endless. Check out our previous winners on tyouthchallenge.com.au and our resources page for some ideas.

The competition is a fun and educational experience and there are some great prizes up for grabs, including iPads, iPhones, iPod Touches, Wii Consoles and Wii Fits, Cash, Book Vouchers and Netbooks Computers.

Tasmania's future is in your hands.... so get involved in the Youth Challenge today... And show us where you will take it. For more information call **6232 7010** or email us at contact@tasmaniatogether.com.au

The Order of Australia

Anyone can nominate an Australian citizen for an award in the Order of Australia. The nomination may come from an individual or a group.

There is an Order of Australia nomination form which can be downloaded from their website or obtained from the Honours Secretariat at Government House.

See:

- [nomination form](#)
- [more information](#)

The nomination should include an outline of how the nominee has made a significant contribution to the community. Contact details for the nominator (the person making the nomination), the nominee and four referees who can directly comment on the nominee's contribution and achievements also need to be provided. All nominations are confidential. The person being nominated should not be advised of their nomination or approached for information at any stage.

The information on the nomination form is strictly for the Council for the Order of Australia to assess the nominee.

The Honours Secretariat processes nominations in order of receipt.

Consideration of a nomination can take between 18 months and two years.

Nominators will be contacted approximately one week prior to the official publication of the honours list for which the nomination was considered.

Successful nominees receive a written offer of an award in the Order of Australia.

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Call for input: Volunteers, discrimination & age

The Tasmanian Anti-discrimination Commissioner has launched an investigation into insurance and volunteering, examining the practice of some insurance companies of excluding volunteers from personal injury insurance cover because of their age.

The investigation: Volunteers, Insurance & Age: Investigation was launched on 11 May 2011.

Closing date for comments and submissions: 25 July 2011. For a copy of the Issues Paper and to find out more and contribute to this investigation, please visit

http://www.antidiscrimination.tas.gov.au/news_and_events/investigation

Australian Government - Australian Institute of Criminology

Trafficking in Persons in Australia Information Session - Hobart Wednesday 27 July '11
Trafficking in persons occurs in every region in the world, including Australia. Trafficking crimes tend to involve a person being recruited, transferred or kept, through some form of deception, fraud, violence or coercion, so that they can be exploited.

While people are generally familiar with the idea of "trafficking women for sexual purposes", the reality is that trafficking occurs in a variety of industries, not just the sex industry. Men, women and children are known to be exploited for a wide range of purposes and in many industries, such as, domestic service, hospitality, agriculture, mining and construction.

The Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) has been funded by the Australian Government to undertake an extensive program of research on trafficking in persons, aimed at supporting the Australian whole-of-government response. The AIC Trafficking in Persons research program aims to identify and conduct research based on gaps in evidence relevant to Australia's whole-of-government approach to combating people trafficking i.e. prevention, detection and investigation, prosecution and victim support. As a result, the AIC has become a national centre for the collection and analysis of information about trafficking from both government and non-government sources, which informs policy and public awareness of this issue.

The AIC invites you to attend 'Trafficking in Persons in Australia: an information session', to be held between 9.30am and 12.00pm on Wednesday 27 July 2011 in the Gretel Room at Hobart Function & Conference Centre, 1 Elizabeth Street Pier, Hobart.

The information session is tailored to a wide audience however, we would be happy to receive suggestions regarding issues related to people trafficking which are most relevant in your area. If you would like to attend the information session, please RSVP for catering purposes to peopletraffickingforums@aic.gov.au or telephone 02 6260 9251.

If you require information on the day, please contact 0409 789 864.

Multicultural Supported Playscheme (Save the Children Australia)

For parents and carers from migrant backgrounds with children aged between 0-5 years.

Meet new families; learn about school and family services.

Wednesday and Friday afternoons 12.30-2.30p.m., Glenorchy Family Day Care, 6 Gavitt St, Glenorchy For more information call Lisa 0438 075 898

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Social Security agreement between Australia and the Republic of Hungary

Social Security agreement between Australia and the Republic of Hungary was signed on 7th June 2011. It is anticipated that the Agreement will commence mid 2012 after the relevant legislative and treaty processes are completed in both countries .If you have any comments on the Agreement, please write before 25 July to: Branch Manager , International Branch , Department Of Families , Housing , Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, PO Box 7576 , Canberra Business Centre, ACT 2610 or e-mail: international.branch@fahcsia.gov.au

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