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**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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## Notices of Motion

- 1828** Ms *Dawkins* to move —That the House:—
- (1) Recognises the recent release of the Tasmanian Disability Education Reform Lobby's (TDERL) 2017 Teachers View Survey.
  - (2) Acknowledges that the TDERL provides parents of students living with disability in Tasmanian schools a voice, and aims to ensure that all Tasmanian students living with disability have equal access to a quality education in Tasmania.
  - (3) Notes that 423 teachers participated in the 2017 survey, and that they overwhelmingly believed that the current disability education system in Tasmania was inadequate. Only 2% of those surveyed believed that the current system was adequate, which is at the same level as the 2016 survey.
  - (4) Further notes that the 2017 survey also found:—
    - (a) 97% of teachers report teaching students with a disability;
    - (b) over half report not participating in disability specific professional development in the last twelve months, despite a large number wanting more access to this type of training; and
    - (c) only 7% of teachers thought the disability education system had changed positively in the last twelve months.
  - (5) Calls on the Government to:—
    - (a) acknowledge that all teachers should have the support to provide high quality education for all Tasmanian students;
    - (b) respect the experience of teachers working in the disability education system;
    - (c) recognise and act on the urgent need for reform in the sector; and
    - (d) challenge the Minister for Education and Training, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to ensure that the next teacher survey shows improvement. (12 September 2017)
- 1829** Ms *White* to move —That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that people from all walks of life are under increasing financial pressure from the timing of multiple household bills.
  - (2) Acknowledges that bill shock is now widely known as a source of stress for many people, which is why Labor is committed to making it easier for people to pay regular bills.
  - (3) Understands that a majority Labor Government will allow the payment of Service Tasmania annual fees and charges on flexible terms, without penalty.
  - (4) Further understands that Labor will develop a free to download smart phone app through Service Tasmania to:—
    - (a) allow for Government fees, charges and licences to be sent and paid electronically;
    - (b) provide the ability for budgeting to allow bill paying (such as car registration) on a monthly, six monthly or annual basis;

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- (c) reduce bill shock through access to Aurora Energy, Council Rates, Land Tax and TasWater charges; and
  - (d) allow people to see the status, history and due dates of their Government bills.
  - (5) Comprehends private sector utilities such as TasGas, Optus and Telstra will be invited to participate in the new system.
  - (6) Notes that Labor will look for local software integration companies to create and manage the development of the app in Tasmania.
  - (7) Agrees that technology should be used to make life easier for people. (12 September 2017)
- 1830** The Minister for Building and Construction to move —That the House:—
- (1) Notes that a local glazier Dylan Baker has become the first Tasmanian to be named the Australian Glass and Glazing Association's (AGGA) – National Apprentice of the Year, at the association's national conference held in Adelaide on 19 August 2017.
  - (2) Congratulates Dylan, who won the right to represent the State at the national awards – after winning the AGGA Tasmanian Apprentice of the Year.
  - (3) Further notes that:—
    - (a) Dylan followed in his father Steve's footsteps and completed a Certificate III in Glass and Glazing at TasTAFE in 2016, while working for Hobart Glass and Aluminium;
    - (b) Dylan now works at Jones and Rumley Glass in Moonah; and
    - (c) Dylan commended the great on-the-job training he received during his apprenticeship at Hobart Glass and Aluminium, and recognised TasTAFE Glazing teachers Scott Luttrell and Colin Lush, who had made his apprenticeship a positive experience. (12 September 2017)
- 1831** The Minister for Building and Construction to move —That the House:—
- (1) Congratulates Tasmanian building company Skookom owners Elise and Ian Simondson, who have won the recently announced HIA Australian GreenSmart Energy Efficiency Award 2016.
  - (2) Notes the winning Skookom 'Kettering House' is set on 80 hectares overlooking Bruny Island and boasts a 7 star energy efficiency rating.
  - (3) Further notes that Skookom, working with Isaac Tyson of Earth Craft Design and Construction, have produced not only a nationally recognised innovative, environmentally economic and sustainable build which is completely off-grid - but also a home that sits naturally within its surrounding environment.
  - (4) Further notes that stone hand-picked from the site was used in conjunction with hardwood that had been sourced, felled and milled from the property.
  - (5) Recognises Skookom as an industry leader at the forefront of sustainability. Making a positive difference to the environment with their outstanding sustainable building practices and delivering an environmentally-responsible home. (12 September)
- 1832** The Minister for Building and Construction to move —That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that the Master Builders Awards for Excellence 2017 were announced on 19 August 2017 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart.
  - (2) Notes there were 33 Award category winners highlighting the high level of achievement of individuals and organisations who have excelled in their areas of expertise.
  - (3) Further notes the 'Special and Prestige Award' winners included:—
    - (a) Vos Construction & Joinery Pty Ltd, Launceston Health Hub project – Soil and Water Management Award;
    - (b) Vos Constructions & Joinery Pty Ltd, RACV/RACT Hobart Apartment Hotel project – Best Use of Glass Award;
    - (c) Fairbrother Construction, Lady Gowrie Tasmania project – Work Health Safety Award;
    - (d) A2 Kitchens and Joinery, Blue Derby Pods Ride project – Specialist Contractor of the Year Award;
    - (e) D2spaces, Moores Hill Estate Winery project - Unique Achievement in Construction 2017 Award;

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- (f) Jacinda Dales from Access Solutions – Women in Construction Award;
  - (g) Jacob Mead from Fairbrother Construction – State Apprentice of the Year Award;
  - (h) Braydon Rosendal from Tasmanian Building Group Apprenticeship Scheme Ltd – Hands on Skills Apprentice of the Year Award;
  - (i) Adam Ritson from AJR Construct Pty Ltd – Young Builder of the Year Award;
  - (j) Lyden Builders – Residential Builder of the Year Award; and
  - (k) Fairbrother Pty Ltd – Commercial Builder of the Year Award.
- (4) Commends every entry in, and particularly the outstanding winners of the various award categories which exemplify the outstanding craftsmanship and commitment to building excellence which exists throughout Tasmania. (12 September 2017)

**1833** The Minister for Human Services to move —That the House notes:—

- (1) Foster Carers Week is being celebrated in Tasmania from 10 to 16 September 2017, to highlight the commitment of foster and kinship carers in providing safe and supportive care for children and young people who cannot live safely at home.
- (2) The peak advocacy group providing support to Tasmanian foster and kinship carers, Foster and Kinship Carers Association of Tasmania, (FKAT) is to be congratulated for their work in highlighting the important nurturing support role undertaken by our foster and kinship carers right around Tasmania.
- (3) FKAT is also contributing to the current reform of the Tasmanian Out of Home Care system by providing feedback and guidance on a range of possible future care models.
- (4) There are many children and young people under the age of 18 years who are supported and cared for each night by their foster or kinship carer. Our carers are a vital element of Tasmania's Out of Home Care system and the Government congratulates and thanks them for their love and support of some of Tasmania's most vulnerable children and young people.
- (5) The Government also congratulates and thanks all our non-government organisations and Child Safety Services staff for the role they play in providing care and support for our foster and kinship carers and children and young people in need. (12 September 2017)

**1834** Dr *Broad* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes Labor's commitment to provide \$60 million of funding over three years to improve road infrastructure across the State.
- (2) Welcomes news that a majority Labor Government will install safety upgrades on the Bass Highway at Christmas Hills.
- (3) Understands that Labor is now working on other road funding priorities in consultation with the RACT, peak bodies, Local Government and members of the community.
- (4) Further notes that Labor will announce further commitments from the Community Roads Package in the lead up to the State Election. (12 September 2017)

**1835** Dr *Broad* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Liberal Backbencher Mr Adam Brooks MP has finally jumped the shark, or seal in this case, by petitioning against his own Government's policy regarding the relocation of seals from Tasmania's South to the North-West Coast.
- (2) Reminds Mr Brooks that he is actually a member of the Government and can influence policy by working with his colleagues.
- (3) Further notes the ridiculous nature of a petition on Tasmanian Government letterhead calling for a reversal of Tasmanian Government policy.
- (4) Further notes that an isolated Mr Brooks is directly attacking his Liberal rival in Bradden, the Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP.
- (5) Calls on Minister Rockliff, to clarify the Liberals' position on the relocation of seals.
- (6) Further notes that after a number of stunts, including campaigning for Donald Trump, Adam Brooks has reached a bizarre new low.
- (7) Further notes that three and a half years into government, the Liberals are still behaving as though they're in opposition.

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- (8) Recognises that everyone wants to see a solution to the seal relocation problem. However, grandstanding on this issue will achieve nothing.
- (9) Further calls on Tassal to continue to accelerate its net replacement program. (12 September 2017)

**1838** Ms *Woodruff* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes the clear pathway presented within the Public Hospital Policy Reform announced by major health agencies to redirect overall budget priorities towards keeping people well through a public health system, and making long-term health sector planning.
- (2) Understands unless the Government takes the types of actions outlined in the Reform, Tasmania's health measures will slip even further behind the rest of Australia.
- (3) Recognises that despite the Hodgman Government promising to rebuild "a broken health system", they've depleted hospitals of funds, refused to respond to senior clinicians' concerns about emergency and psychiatric services, and undertaken no long-term planning on major issues of future staff recruitment and training or statewide bed numbers.
- (4) Realises the Greens' Alternative Budget demonstrates it is possible to prioritise the health of Tasmanians, including by funding an additional 200 hospital beds statewide, undertake a staff recruitment plan, and to reform the Tasmanian Health Service management to make it responsive to local hospital and community needs.
- (5) Calls on the Hodgman Government to listen to those major health agencies, and fund the health reforms presented in the Public Hospital Policy Reform. (13 September 2017)

**1839** Ms *O'Connor* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the Greens were the first Australian political party to table marriage equality legislation, when Senator the Hon. Nick McKim tabled a Bill in this place in 2007.
- (2) Understands that equal marriage would be the most important step our country could take to end discrimination against Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Intersex (LGBTI) Australians.
- (3) Notes the first ballot papers in the voluntary vote on marriage equality are being sent to houses on 12 September 2017.
- (4) Acknowledges the risk to young LGBTI people, and their mental health, who may feel hurt, vilified or ostracised as the public debate about their identities takes place.
- (5) Encourages all Tasmanians to support the LGBTI community, and most importantly, to let love win and vote yes. (13 September 2017)

**1840** Ms *Dawkins* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Recognises National Threatened Species Day, which occurred on the 7 September 2017, commemorating the anniversary of the death of the last known Thylacine in 1936.
- (2) Agrees that urgent action is required to ensure the survival of many species under threat in Tasmania, including the Eastern Quoll, the Swift Parrot and the Tasmanian Devil.
- (3) Notes the Eastern Quoll is still yet to be listed as endangered by the government, and the Save the Devil program is so short of funding its steering committee has not met in at least two years.
- (4) Further notes the Government's threatened species unit has had significant reductions to its staff and its capacity to assist with their protection, with the unit cut from 15 FTE to 2.8 FTE staff.
- (5) Further notes the Liberals proposal to increase penalties for killing threatened species is simply a token effort at protecting Tasmania's flora and fauna, and is at odds with many other Liberal policies which directly threaten our plants and animals, such as their contentious forest logging policies and their goal to open 4wd tracks in the Takayna/Tarkine.
- (6) Further recognises the ongoing efforts of the Tasmanian Greens, who consistently stand for threatened species in Tasmania, and who will continue to advocate for

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outcomes that recognise the value to Tasmania of our precious flora and fauna. (13 September 2017)

- 1841** The Minister for Health to move —That the House:—
- (1) Congratulates Capital Works Project Manager, Mr Marty Viney, who is part of DHHS Asset Management Services and was recently awarded the Project Manager of the Year Award 2017, as part of the Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM) awards night held on 25 August 2017.
  - (2) Notes that Mr Viney was involved in the construction of the new North West Regional Hospital Helipad, which although a relatively small project, had a number of complexities.
  - (3) Further notes that Mr Viney's team ensured that the emergency Department was not compromised during construction and that the hospital's critical services could still be delivered.
  - (4) Once again, congratulates Mr Viney on this great achievement and wishes him all the best at the upcoming AIPM National Project Management Achievement Awards in Melbourne in October 2017. (13 September 2017)
- 1842** The Minister for Health to move —That the House:—
- (1) Notes that last week, 2-9 September 2017, was National Stroke Week, an important week in the health calendar focused on raising awareness of stroke within the community and encouraging Australians to join the FAST Response Team by knowing and sharing the signs of stroke – Face, Arms, Speech and Time.
  - (2) Recognises that in Tasmania in 2017 alone more than 12,300 people will suffer from a stroke and an estimated 12,500 Tasmanians are living with the effects of stroke.
  - (3) Commends the dedicated stroke and rehab allied health staff, nurses and doctors who every day work hard to ensure Tasmanians have the best access to care and quality of life following a stroke. (13 September 2017)
- 1843** The Minister for Health to move —That the House:—
- (1) Congratulates Bev Cromie, Annette Senfield, Sue Maddox, Ros Scott and Fay Bugg who were recently recognised for their service to the Mersey Hospital Auxiliary service.
  - (2) Notes that each of these individuals recognised have volunteered for 30 or 35 years and have made a significant difference to the staff and the patients through their dedication and hard work.
  - (3) Acknowledges all the wonderful volunteer staff at all our hospitals and health centres across Tasmania and thanks them for the positive contribution to their communities. (13 September 2017)
- 1844** Mr *Jaensch* to move —That the House:—
- (1) Tasmanian businesses have just recorded their 33rd consecutive month of growth in retail turnover.
  - (2) Business confidence and business investment in Tasmania are leading the national average.
  - (3) 40% of small businesses in Tasmania are planning to employ more staff in the next 2 years.
  - (4) Unemployment rates in Tasmania are now consistent with the national average.
  - (5) Tasmanian businesses consistently rate the Hodgman Liberal Government the best in Australia for its policies that support business growth, investment and employment and we want to keep it that way.
  - (6) Our Plan for Your Future sets out the targets we will achieve and be measured by, including:—
    - (a) 10,000 more Tasmanians employed in small businesses by 2022;
    - (b) 90% of Government contracts won by Tasmanian-based firms by 2022;
    - (c) a clear-up rate of 85% for red tape issues raised with Government; and
    - (d) 40% more apprentices and trainees in the private sector by 2025.
  - (7) Labor has no plans, policies or targets to support and grow business in Tasmania. The fact that Labor did not mention business once in its response to the last State Budget sends a stark message to business owners and their employees across

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Tasmania – only a Hodgman Liberal Government can deliver the certainty and support business needs. (13 September 2017)

- 1845** The Minister for Building and Construction to move —That the House:—
- (1) Notes that Sunday, 3 September 2017, was Australian National Flag Day, the annual day specifically dedicated to celebrating our national flag.
  - (2) Further notes that Australian National Flag Day was officially established in 1996 by the proclamation of the former Governor-General Sir William Deane and celebrates the first time the flag was flown on 3 September 1901 over the dome of the Exhibition Building in Melbourne when then Prime Minister Edmund Barton announced the winners of a competition to design a flag for Australia.
  - (3) Acknowledges the Australian National Flag as Australia's foremost national symbol and a unifying and powerful expression of Australian identity.
  - (4) Further notes that Australian National Flag Day provides all Australians with an opportunity to reflect with pride and gratitude upon the achievements and qualities of this great nation since Federation.
  - (5) Further acknowledges the sterling work of the Australian National Flag Association in promoting and protecting our national symbol, whose work locally is led by Mr Reg Watson and ably supported by patron the Hon Elise Archer MP, Speaker of the House of Assembly.
  - (6) Congratulates all individuals, community organisations, local authorities, businesses and schools across Tasmania that celebrated Australian National Flag Day by conducting flag-raising ceremonies and by flying or displaying the National Flag. (13 September 2017)
- 1846** The Minister for Building and Construction to move —That the House:—
- (1) Pays tribute to former Liberal Senator for Tasmania Brian Gibson who passed away at age 80 on August 15 2017 after a battle with cancer.
  - (2) Notes that prior to being elected to the Senate in 1993, Brian was managing director of Australian Newsprint Mills, now Norske Skog, from 1980-1983 and Hydro Electric Commission chairman from 1989-1993 and was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 1988 for his service to Tasmania's forestry industry.
  - (3) Further notes, that following the 1996 election, Brian was appointed to the position of Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Peter Costello, making a number of significant reforms to the Treasury Department in this position and laying out his vision of corporate reform and expanding Australia's economic involvement in Asia.
  - (4) Acknowledges that during his Parliamentary career, Brian contributed heavily in his areas of expertise: tax, public accounts and corporate governance and was deeply involved in the development and promotion of the Howard Government's taxation reform measures which saw Australia embark on a golden decade of real wage growth and low inflation. He resigned from the Senate in 2002.
  - (5) Further notes that Brian was always a passionate supporter for Tasmanian business and campaigned to see the economic reforms which he had championed at the national level implemented and realised in Tasmania.
  - (6) Passes its deepest sympathies to his wife, Pauline, and three children, David, Kieran and Sharon. (13 September 2017)
- 1847** Ms *Courtney* to move —That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that another successful Tasmanian Boat and Caravan Show was held at the Launceston Silverdome from 8 – 10 September 2017.
  - (2) Congratulates the Commodore Mitch Ranson and the enthusiastic membership of the Tamar Yacht Club (TYC) for once again facilitating and organising such a popular event. The Show was originally established five years ago to raise funds for the TYC to buy rescue boats and dinghies for its junior sailing program. Each year the Show grows from strength to strength.
  - (3) Applauds the 50 volunteers involved in the running of the Show, which attracted thousands of patrons with numbers increasing 20% from 2016.
  - (4) Acknowledges the hard work of TYC Vice Commodore, Jo Breen and Committee Member and Show Coordinator, Ken Gourlay for coordinating and managing such a large community event.

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- (5) Further recognises that the Show highlights the very best of our Tasmanian lifestyle. Boating, caravanning, four-wheel driving, recreational fishing and volunteering are activities that define Tasmania's unique way of life.
- (6) Thanks all exhibitors at the Show, of which there were 50 displays covering the full range of outdoor activities, plus a new section catering for 20 private sellers. Truly something for everyone. (14 September 2017)

**1848** Ms *Courtney* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association (TMSA) on hosting a successful AGM and Special General Meeting in Launceston on Thursday 31 August 2017.
- (2) Recognises the important role that is played by Men's Sheds throughout Tasmania. Men's Sheds have been shown to produce numerous health and social benefits, including increased physical activity and improved awareness of mental health issues like anxiety and depression.
- (3) Appreciates Liz Little, CEO of Rural Alive and Well (RAW), who took the time to attend the meeting and lead a wonderful discussion on men's health, suicide and the importance of seeking help early.
- (4) Applauds the wonderful TMSA Board members and their amazing band of volunteers, who keep the 56 Sheds across Tasmania operating, which in turn ensures their Sheds meet the needs of both their members and the local community. (14 September 2017)

**1849** Ms *Courtney* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Legacy in Tasmania on its annual appeal during Legacy Week. Legacy week ran during the first week of September 2017 and culminated with 'Badge Day' held on Friday, 1 September 2017.
- (2) Recognises that Legacy Week raises funds that support some 70,000 widows and 1,900 children across the country, with services such as counselling, special housing, medical, advocacy and social support.
- (3) Applauds Legacy in Tasmania and all its wonderful volunteers for the important work they do to honour the service and sacrifice of the men and women who defend our country.
- (4) Appreciates the effort of all volunteers across Tasmania, who took time out of their busy schedules on Friday, 1 September 2017 to sell Legacy fundraising items to help the cause.
- (5) Thanks all those in the community who supported Legacy by purchasing a Legacy Badge, pen or teddy to make donations to the appeal, it is greatly appreciated. (14 September 2017)

**1850** Ms *Dawkins* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the Junction Arts Festival, which was held in Launceston from 3 to 9 September 2017.
- (2) Notes that:—
  - (a) Junction showcases many local and interstate artists and musicians, and presents a great range of unique, interesting and quirky offerings for a wide variety of interests;
  - (b) This year's festival was the biggest yet, with close to 9000 people attending;
  - (c) Junction utilises and highlights Launceston's wonderful Princes Square, and other unusual and interesting spaces around the city; and
  - (d) Junction has become a significant arts event and a major economic driver for Northern Tasmania.
- (3) Congratulates Greg Clarke, Steve Henty, Frith Loone, Brigitte Trobianni and the myriad of supporting characters including staff, volunteers, and all the artists involved for their amazing efforts to produce a hugely successful event.
- (4) Calls on the Government to ensure ongoing funding for the Junction Arts Festival so it can grow and flourish, and contribute to the renewed sense of vibrancy that Launceston is experiencing. (14 September 2017)

**1851** Ms *Woodruff* to move —That the House:—

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- (1) Notes Right to Information (RTI) documents of correspondence between the Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP and salmon farming companies reveal a relationship of over-familiarity, bullying and ministerial acquiescence.
- (2) Understands the documents confirm independent oversight and rigorous regulation of salmon company operations is practically non-existent.
- (3) Acknowledges there is no hint in any correspondence the Liberals raised concerns at industry practices that jeopardise the environment or the interests of other users of public waterways, including locals, recreational and commercial fishers, boaters, and tourism operators.
- (4) Further understands significant sections of the RTI documents have been redacted, and part of the correspondence documenting the approvals for the expansion of Tassal to the East Coast have been omitted entirely.
- (5) Calls on Minister Rockliff to release the entirety of the correspondence between Tassal, Huon Aquaculture, Petuna and his office.
- (6) Further calls on Minister Rockliff to protect Tasmania's shared inshore waterways, and ensure our bays, channels and harbours are looked after in the interests of all Tasmanians, not just three companies. (14 September 2017)

**1852** Ms *O'Connor* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Minister for Resources, Hon. Guy Barnett MP has announced 29 000 hectares of publicly owned plantation has been sold to a private company for \$60 million and that this includes a 99 year lease on the land, which is privatisation of a public asset by any other name.
- (2) Acknowledges that in a 2012 letter, the Auditor General conservatively estimated confirmed the actual cost of establishing the public plantations at \$101 million.
- (3) Agrees that on the evidence, Tasmanian taxpayers have been ripped off.
- (4) Further acknowledges that the plantation rights have been sold to a company that was only registered with ASIC two months ago, that has no connection to Tasmania and no commitment to Tasmanian jobs.
- (5) Further acknowledges that this company, Reliance Forest Fibre Pty Ltd, has an ultimate holding company in the Cayman Islands.
- (6) Condemns Minister Barnett for ripping off Tasmanian taxpayers in favour of non-Tasmanian corporate interests.
- (7) Further agrees that this Government's forestry policy is driven by divisive politics, rather than the environmental, social, or economic interests of this State.
- (8) Demands to see the detail of the binding contract that has been signed between the State and Reliance Forest Fibres Pty. Ltd. as a matter of urgency. (14 September 2017)

**1854** The Minister for Resources to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
  - (a) the Commonwealth, State and Territory Forestry Ministers issued a joint statement following their meeting in Launceston on the 12 September 2017 strongly supporting Australia's economically, socially and environmentally sustainable forestry industries and that those industries have a prosperous future;
  - (b) Forestry Ministers collectively endorsed the objectives of the Forest Industry Advisory Council's report, 'Transforming Australia's forest products industry' and strongly supported its vision that the forestry industries will lead the transition to a bio-economy of which Australians can be proud;
  - (c) Ministers' Launceston Statement:—
    - (i) acknowledged the forest industries' significant contribution to Australia's wellbeing, and that the industry is well positioned to provide jobs in regional economies across Australia into the future;
    - (ii) supported the sustainable management of Australia's native forests, and through this providing timber resources for industry while protecting high value native forests;



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- (iii) noted that Australia's forestry industries have an important role to play in transitioning to a lower carbon economy; and
  - (iv) committed to working together to ensure the ongoing future of Australia's forestry industries.
  - (d) the peak industry body, the Australian Forest Products Association has welcomed the Launceston Statement on behalf of the 120,000 Australians who work in our renewable forest industries across the value chain; and
  - (e) Australia's forest industries not only pour \$23 billion into Australia's economy each year, but are the truly sustainable, environmentally friendly industry.
- (2) Looks forward to working with Governments to open the way to a big, renewable and sustainable future for forestry in Australia. (19 September 2017)

**1856** The Deputy Premier to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes, with record tourism numbers and increased trade, Tasmania is part of a 21st century global market place.
- (2) Acknowledges that good biosecurity is about protecting our community, economy, industries and environment from the negative impacts of pests and disease.
- (3) Further notes that with greater travel and trade the Tasmanian Biosecurity Strategy is based on an adaptive risk-based system, that is able to respond to changing risk profiles pre-border, at the border and post border.
- (4) Further notes the significant investment into biosecurity by the Hodgman Liberal Government which includes boosting frontline services, doubling the biosecurity detector dogs to twelve teams, new TT-Line off-shore clearance arrangements which have demonstrably strengthened our biosecurity frontline off shore, constructing the Powranna Truckwash and working with landholders to tackle pests and weeds, a new Tasmanian Fruit Fly Strategy to protect local industry and market access, new signage and infrastructure across border entry points and vital laboratory upgrades, including for seafood biotoxin testing and quality assurance and much more.
- (5) Further acknowledges the Government is committed to working in partnership with farmers, fisher, industry and community stakeholders to ensure that our biosecurity system continues to respond to modern challenges.
- (6) Further acknowledges, supports and appreciates the ongoing work and dedication of Biosecurity Tasmania staff. (20 September 2017)

**1857** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that over the weekend of 16-17 September 2017, the 77th anniversary of the Battle of Britain was commemorated.
- (2) Remembers that the Battle of Britain was a conflict of World War 2, when the Royal Air Force (RAF) defended the United Kingdom against the German Air Force (Luftwaffe) between 10 July and 31 October 1940.
- (3) Congratulates the Royal Australian Air Force Association (RAAFA) – Tasmanian Division for once again organising this event, which includes a Commemorative Church service at St David's Cathedral on Saturday, 16 September 2017, followed by a Wreath Laying ceremony at the Hobart Cenotaph on Sunday 17 September 2017.
- (4) Notes that the Battle of Britain commemorations have been conducted by RAAFA – Tasmanian Division for over 40 years. In 2007 Tasmania was authorised to conduct the Australian National Commemoration of this event.
- (5) Appreciates that these events give the Tasmanian community the opportunity to join with veterans and their families to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who served during the Battle.
- (6) Pays tribute to the 21 Australian pilots involved in the Battle, 14 of whom made the ultimate sacrifice – including 1 Tasmanian, Flight Commander Stuart Walch. He remains the only Tasmanian to appear on the Battle of Britain Honour Roll in Westminster Abbey. (20 September 2017)

**1858** The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Liberal Government's clear commitment to no more lock-ups of Tasmanian land into reserves or World Heritage Area extensions.

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- (2) Further notes that the former Labor-Green locked up hundreds and thousands of hectares of production forest land, destroying thousands of Tasmanian jobs in the process and that the Greens are pushing for an end to all native forestry along with a massive further lock up of land in North West Tasmania.
- (3) Further notes that recent history shows that the Labor Party will do a deal with the Greens to form Government if given the chance, allowing this lock up to occur and that the lock ups which occurred under the former Labor-Green Government were comprehensively rejected by the Tasmanian people at the last election.
- (4) Further notes that there was serious criticism of the lack of scientific rigour associated with the reserve decisions made by the previous Labor-Green Government.
- (5) Acknowledges that key personnel and subcontracted report writers involved in the so-called Independent Verification Group set up by State and Federal Labor-Green Governments as part of their job-destroying forest deal had prior and/or continuing associations with the Tasmanian Forests Agreement (TFA), Environmental Non-Governmental Organisation (ENGO) signatories and these associations or affiliations were not declared.
- (6) Further notes that it is clear that the entire TFA process was manipulated by Labor and the Greens to lock up the maximum area of productive forest possible, and as such work of the so-called Independent Verification Group should not be relied upon to inform decision-making by future Tasmanian or Australian Governments. (21 September 2017)

**1859** The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
  - (a) the National Women in Resources Awards were held in Launceston on 31 August 2017—the first time the awards have been held outside a capital city; and
  - (b) the awards, now in their fourth year, recognise and celebrate the achievements of women in the resources industry.
- (2) Acknowledges that the resources sector has traditionally been male dominated but that an increasing percentage of positions are held by women in diverse roles across the sector and that the national resources industry has set a target of increasing female participation to at least 20% in non-traditional roles by 2020.
- (3) Congratulates all finalists for their drive and contributions to the sector, with particular congratulations going to the category award winners:—
  - (a) Gender Diversity Champion in Australia Resources: Fiona Robertson, Heron Resources;
  - (b) Excellence in Company Diversity Programs and Performance: St Barbara Limited;
  - (c) Outstanding Tradeswoman/Operator/Technician in Australian Resources: Carolyn Dobson, BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance;
  - (d) Exceptional Young Woman in Australian Resources: Rachel Leong, Woodside Energy Ltd;
  - (e) Exceptional Woman in Australian Resources: Vanessa Torres, BHP Iron Ore;
  - (f) Special Judges Award: Andrew Bigg, South32 GMECO; and
  - (g) Industry Achievement Award: Michelle Keegan, Incitec Pivot Ltd.
- (4) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government was proud to sponsor the event through Mineral Resources Tasmania.
- (5) Thanks AusIMM Women in Mining Network Tasmania and the Tasmanian Minerals and Energy Council (TMEC) for the support, promotion, and encouragement they provide to women to join and rise through the ranks in the industry. (21 September 2017)

**1860** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Men's Shed Week will be celebrated from Monday 25 September through to Sunday 1 October 2017 with the theme #Doing Local Good.
- (2) Appreciates that a Men's Shed is a dedicated, welcoming shared place where men come together to share knowledge, learn new skills and have some fun. Men have

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the opportunity to find friendship, a sense of purpose and a place to belong and contribute.

- (3) Recognises that Men's Sheds are also vital community investments. Not only do these community-based organisations deliver activities that foster community spirit and cultivate social connectedness, they undertake major projects, donating arts and crafts, participate in local events and promote men's health and wellbeing.
- (4) Congratulates the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association for actively promoting Men's Shed Week, enabling the wider community to further engage with their local shed and learn more about what they do.
- (5) Encourages all Tasmanians to visit and support one of the 56 Men's Sheds across our State during Men's Shed Week. (21 September 2017)

### **1862** The Minister for Building and Construction to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Real Estate Institute of Tasmania (REIT) Awards for Excellence recognise the real estate industry's top performers and are designed to identify, encourage and promote excellence and best practice in the profession.
- (2) Further notes the Awards were held at a gala presentation at the Hotel Grand Chancellor on Saturday 14 October 2017 and around 180 guests including Hon. Guy Barnett MP who was delighted to represent the Hodgman Government which is committed to supporting Tasmania's real estate industry.
- (3) Recognises a total of 65 individuals and organisation were nominated for awards and the 2017 REIT Awards for Excellence winners are:—
  - (i) REIT Presidents Award – John Abell and John Ackroyd;
  - (ii) Community Service Award – Key2 Property Launceston;
  - (iii) Achievement Award – Russell Yaxley Downton Property Hobart;
  - (iv) Communications Award – 4one4 Real Estate Hobart;
  - (v) Commercial Property Manager Award - Liam Coyle Knight Frank Hobart;
  - (vi) Business Broker Award – John Blacklow Knight Frank Hobart;
  - (vii) Residential Property Manager Award – Tameka Smith Key2 Property Launceston;
  - (viii) Residential Sales Person Award – Jim Playsted Knight Frank Hobart;
  - (ix) Commercial Sales Person Award – Andy Howell NAI Harcourts North Launceston;
  - (x) Commercial Agency of the Year Award – Knight Frank Hobart;
  - (xi) Innovation Award – 4one4 Real Estate Hobart;
  - (xii) Corporate Support Person Award – Rachael Briggs Sims for Property Launceston;
  - (xiii) Small Agency of the Year – Key2 Property Launceston;
  - (xiv) Medium Agency of the Year – Harcourts Huon Valley Hobart; and
  - (xv) Large Agency of the Year – HC Real Estate Pty Ltd (trading as Harcourts Signature) Hobart.
- (4) Congratulates all the entrants for their hard work and commitment and the winners on their achievements. (17 October 2017)

### **1863** The Minister for Building and Construction to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Richmond Football Club is the 2017 AFL Premier.
- (2) Congratulates everyone involved at the Richmond Football Club in constructing a successful season – the coaches headed by Damien Hardwick, the Board and staff led by President Peggy O'Neal and CEO Brendon Gale, the sponsors, the players and loyal supporters.
- (3) Notes that Dustin Martin had an outstanding individual season with the Tigers and is the first player in AFL/VFL history to achieve a unique treble – winning the Brownlow, Norm Smith and Premiership medals all in the one season.
- (4) Recognises that Tasmanian Matthew Richardson – who played 282 games for the Richmond Football Club, kicked 800 goals, was the club leading goal-kicker in thirteen seasons, a three-time All-Australian, Hall of Fame inductee and one of the greats of Australian football – presented the premiership cup to coach Damien Hardwick and Captain Trent Cochin.
- (5) Further recognises the strong Tasmanian connection with the Richmond Football Club over the years, through club greats and Hall of Fame inductees Royce Hart, Ian

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Steward and Matthew Richardson and other fantastic Tasmanians who have contributed to the success of the Richmond Tigers, including Tony Nankervis, Chris Bond, Michael Roach, Paul Sproule, Jack Riewoldt and Brendon and Michael Gale.

- (6) Calls on all Tasmanians and football lovers to celebrate the Richmond Football Club's success after a roller-coaster ride of despair and joy that the club and supporters have endured since their last premiership win 37 years ago. (17 October 2017)

**1865** Ms *Courtney* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Carers Week is currently being celebrated, from Sunday 15 October – Saturday 21 October 2017, with the theme 'Carers Count'.
- (2) Recognises the important role carers play in our communities and the challenges they face.
- (3) Acknowledges that there are nearly 85,000 carers in Tasmania, which represent 16.6% of the Tasmanian population. This equates to more carers per capita than any other Australian State or Territory.
- (4) Thanks our many hard-working and dedicated carers across Tasmania, many of whom provide care and support to family and friends who have mental or terminal illness, a disability or chronic condition, substance abuse issues or who are frail or aged.
- (5) Applauds the carers and volunteers of Carers Tasmania for their efforts in coordinating the Carers Week program in 2017 and highlighting the vital role of Tasmanian carers.
- (6) Encourages all Tasmanians to attend an event during Carers week to share the message of support for carers. (17 October 2017)

**1866** Ms *Courtney* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Seniors Week is being celebrated from Monday 16 October – Sunday 22 October 2017, with the theme 'Getting Outdoors'.
- (2) Appreciates that older Tasmanians have a wealth of knowledge and experience that can help build a more inclusive and vibrant Tasmania and support the social and economic growth of our State. They are a valuable asset in our community and play a vital role by contributing in a range of ways.
- (3) Recognises that Seniors Week will encompass more than 600 events across Tasmania, providing opportunities to be creative, increase knowledge and pass on skills.
- (4) Commends the hard work and dedication of the team at COTA Tasmania for coordinating Seniors Week and acknowledges its commitment to ensuring the annual event is as varied, accessible and enjoyable as possible.
- (5) Encourages older Tasmanians to get out and attend an event during Seniors Week, to meet new friends, catch up with old friends and most importantly, have some fun. (17 October 2017)

**1869** The Premier to move —That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Launceston City Mission on the Missiondale Recovery Centre's recent 20th Anniversary.
- (2) Acknowledges the significant contribution that Missiondale makes to individuals affected by drugs or alcohol misuse, by providing the care, support and encouragement that people need to seek help and treatment.
- (3) Recognises that tackling this issue requires a wide-ranging, comprehensive response delivered by responsible, passionate organisations such as the Launceston City Mission, and we thank them for their dedication to our community. (18 October 2017)

**1870** The Minister for Women to move —That the House notes:—

- (1) In early 2018 a new "Tasmanian Women's Strategy 2018-2021" will be launched, building on the achievements of the "Tasmanian Women's Plan 2013-2018".
- (2) The new "Tasmanian Women's Strategy" will be a three-year plan to address the inequality experienced by women and girls in Tasmania, with a focus on four priority areas for action:

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- (a) economic empowerment;
  - (b) leadership and participation;
  - (d) health and wellbeing; and
  - (e) safety.
- (3) To ensure our approach to gender equality and identified priorities are 'on track' and relevant, an online survey was developed with the aim of engaging the community and seeking public consultation.
- (4) The consultation period opened on 9 September 2017 and closed on 13 October 2017.
- (5) The survey was accessed through the Women in Tasmania website, distributed through the Women's mailing list and promoted through the media and the Women in Tasmania Facebook page.
- (6) The online survey provided the opportunity for women to outline their experiences of gender equality across the four priority areas and to share ideas on how to achieve gender equality in Tasmania.
- (7) At the close of the survey on 13 October 2017, we had reached 24,000 people through social media with 1,391 completed surveys and 11 written submissions from a diverse range of organisations submitted.
- (8) This is a phenomenal response and the Hodgman Liberal Government thanks all Tasmanians for their valuable input, their suggestions and advice, into the development of the new "Women's Strategy". (18 October 2017)
- 1871** The Minister for Women to move —That the House notes:—
- (1) The 2017 Telstra Tasmanian Business Women's Awards were held on Friday 13 October 2017.
- (2) The Telstra Tasmanian Business Women's Awards is a wonderful opportunity to recognise the many Tasmanian women who are excelling in business, government and across their communities. This is the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of the Awards, making it the longest standing national business awards program for women in Australia.
- (3) The Award Winners were:—
- (a) 2017 Telstra Tasmanian Business Woman of the Year – Toni Moate, Director, National Collections and Marine Infrastructure, CSIRO who also won the Public Sector & Academia Award;
  - (b) Entrepreneur Award – Alison Flakemore, Director, Alison's Garden & Landscape;
  - (c) For Purpose and Social Enterprise Award – Janine Arnold, CEO, Carers Tasmania;
  - (d) Corporate & Private Award – Camille O'Meara, General Manager, Business Services, Stornoway Maintenance; and
  - (e) Young Business Women's Award – Dr Jessica Manuela, Practice Owner, Dental Surgeon and Director, Dental South.
- (4) These Tasmanian women can be very proud not only of their achievements but also of the positive example they set for other Tasmanian women. They are exemplary role models for women in our community, especially our young women.
- (5) I congratulate Toni Moate and all of the Tasmanian Telstra Business Women Award nominees, finalists and category winners, and wish them all the very best for the national finals in Melbourne on 21 November 2017. (18 October 2017)
- 1872** The Minister for Health to move —That the House:—
- (1) Notes that October 2017 is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- (2) Acknowledges that approximately 450 women every year in Tasmania are diagnosed with Breast cancer and it is the most common cancer affecting women.
- (3) Recognises that the two Breastscreen mobile units "Luna" and "Ida" screen more than 30,000 women annually.
- (4) Further notes that the message being promoted nationally in 2017 is 'Breast cancer won't wait Everything else can'.
- (5) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is returning services to regional areas, cut under the Labor-Green Government, refurbished the existing Breastscreen mobile unit, purchased an additional Breastscreen mobile unit, and expanded the

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target age range for women in order to provide the best possible service for Tasmanian women. (18 October 2017)

- 1873** The Minister for Health to move —That the House:—
- (1) Congratulates trainer JJ Pullinger and the more than 50 people who participated in the launch of Active Farmers in Hagley on Sunday 15 October 2017, an initiative that brings farmers and community members together through group fitness in a fun and supportive environment.
  - (2) Recognises that the program is designed especially for small rural communities with limited access to fitness expertise and equipment.
  - (3) Notes that Active Farmers was founded by Tasmanian born Ginny Stevens in response to the high level of depression experienced in rural communities and is now operating in many regional and remote towns across Australia.
  - (4) Further notes the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to mental health and suicide prevention initiatives in our community and will continue to strongly support rural communities across Tasmania. ((18 October 2017)
- 1874** The Minister for Health to move —That the House:—
- (1) Notes that next week 22 October – 28 October 2017 is Occupational Therapy Week.
  - (2) Recognises that occupational therapists undertake a number of tasks including helping children develop motor skills and hand eye coordination, facilitate rehabilitation for people who have suffered a stroke or been in a serious accident, and enhance patients' independence in everyday activities.
  - (3) Commends the valuable role occupational therapists play in our health system and thanks all the THS therapists who play an essential role in restoring patients' confidence and ability to participate in meaningful activities again. (18 October 2017)
- 1875** The Minister for Health to move —That the House:—
- (1) Congratulates the Child Health and Parenting Service (CHaPS), which this week commencing 15 October 2017 celebrates 100 years of service to the community through education and child health checks.
  - (2) Acknowledges the Child Health Association, which also recently celebrated 100 years, was the original organisation that fought for child health nurses to be recruited in Tasmania.
  - (3) Notes that at the time, infant mortality was nearly 12% and it was the Child Health Association of Tasmania that recognised the need to reduce infant mortality through education and health checks.
  - (4) Recognises all the women who rose to the challenge and fought for the establishment of Child Health Clinics in their communities.
  - (5) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government will continue to support CHaPS and is committed to improving services for children and families across Tasmania. (18 October 2017).
- 1876** The Minister for Resources to move —That the House:—
- (1) Recognises Wednesday 18 October 2017 is National Ride2Work Day, Australia's largest celebration of commuter riding.
  - (2) Notes the main objective of the day is to normalise the idea of riding to work and encouraging people who have never ridden to work before to give it a go.
  - (3) Further notes that National Ride2Work Day promotes the benefits of riding to work, such as improving your health, saving time and money, improving the environment and increased productivity.
  - (4) Commends the University of Tasmania Launceston and Hobart campuses for hosting community breakfasts, Bicycle Network Tasmania and Hobart City Council for supporting a community breakfast at Mawson Place and the Clarence City Council for hosting a breakfast at Kangaroo Bay.
  - (5) Encourages all road users to share the road at all times and to show respect, courtesy and caution on the road to ensure everyone's safety. (18 October 2017)
- 1877** The Premier to move —That the House:—

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- (1) Welcomes the new partnership between the North Melbourne Football Club and the Tasmanian Government that will see Tasmania represented in the AFLW as the 'North Melbourne Tasmanian Kangaroos' and AFLW matches played in Tasmanian from 2019.
- (2) Notes this will be the first time that an AFL team will officially carry 'Tasmania' in its name, resulting in massive exposure for our State with the AFLW captivating more than 5.5 million TV viewers and more than 12 million online viewers.
- (3) Recognises that the Tasmanian Liberal Government is a strong supporter of women's sport, which includes:—
  - (a) supporting Cricket Tasmania with \$560,000 in 2017, facilitating programs to increase female participation;
  - (b) a \$250,000 commitment in the 2017-18 State Budget to upgrade Rugby Park to improve women's infrastructure and performance lighting; and
  - (c) providing \$550,000 per year for the next three years to facilitate a partnership between the Tasmanian Government and Collingwood Football Club in invest in netball in Tasmania. (19 October 2017)

**1878** The Premier to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Tasmanian Government's new Tasmanian Cycle Tourism Strategy, with the aim to make Tasmania the nation's leading cycle tourism destination.
- (2) Further notes that Cycling tourism is an exciting sector that can make a significant contribution to further growing our visitor economy, drawing more visitors to our State and creating more jobs.
- (3) Further notes the Tasmanian Government's commitment of \$6 million to establish the Cycle Tourism Fund to develop Tasmania's cycling tracks and trails, grow and promote experiences and events, and improve safety for all cyclists.
- (4) Further notes the Tasmanian Government's investment of \$1 million for the St. Helens Mountain Bike Trail Network and \$800,000 in the Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails.
- (5) Encourages prospective applicants to apply to the Cycle Tourism Fund that is currently open for applications until mid-December 2017. (19 October 2017)

**1879** The Minister for Health to move —That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Anne Gillespie of the North East, who recently received the Rural and Remote Excellence in Palliative Care award at the Tasmanian Palliative Care Awards.
- (2) Notes that Anne was nominated for her ability to develop relationships, have difficult conversations with clients and their families, and then provide the support to make patient centred care decisions.
- (3) Acknowledges that as a result of Anne's work, "a large majority of palliative care patients have their end of life phase in the environment that they have decided".
- (4) Recognises that Anne applied and was successful in securing a place in the BAPC program that she recently completed at the Palliative Care Unit in Launceston. She has also held grief and loss workshops and clinical in-services in the Dorset Community.
- (5) Commends Anne on this important award and recognition and thanks her and her fellow palliative care practitioners for their outstanding care, dedication and skill in the service of Tasmanians. (19 October 2017)

**1880** The Minister for Health to move —That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Jack Duffy and Denise Delphin of Launceston, who have been selected to be torch bearers for the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in 2018.
- (2) Notes that Jack is eleven years old, has cerebral palsy, and is known in the community for the charity his family set up 'Just like Jack', which raises money for not-for profit organisations in the community.
- (3) Further notes that Denise Delphin, who is the Northern Suburbs Community House manager, was nominated for her dedicated community work, and that Jack and Denise will be amongst about 3,800 Australians who will carry the baton in the lead up to the Games.

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- (4) Commends Jack and Denise on this amazing honour and the Government looks forward to watching this special occasion. (19 October 2017)

**1881** The Minister for Building and Construction to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Tasmanian Housing Industry Association (HIA) held its Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards Dinner on 14 October 2017 at Wrest Point attended by more than 580 guests.
- (2) Further notes the awards are judged by industry professionals, celebrate the work of the Tasmanian housing industry and recognise the excellence of those working in the sector in our State.
- (3) Recognises the building and construction industry is a driver of the local economy and our homes are a key feature of our community.
- (4) Congratulates all the awards entrants on their achievements, hard work and commitment to the industry, including the following major award winners on their success:—
- (a) Tasmanian Home of the Year - Cordwell Lane
- (b) Project Home of the Year - Cavalier Homes
- (c) Custom Built Home of the Year - Cordwell Lane
- (d) Display Home of the Year - Wilson Homes
- (e) Renovation/Addition of the Year - Cordwell Lane
- (f) Apprentice of the Year - Jarrod Harper (Lyden Builders)
- (g) Kitchen of the Year - Impact Kitchens
- (h) Bathroom of the Year - CWD Construction With Destiny
- (i) Life Membership - Dale Crawford
- (5) Acknowledge the significant contribution of Rick Sassin and his team at the HIA Tasmania to the development of the Hodgman Government's new building framework and their ongoing support during its implementation in 2017. (19 October 2017)

**1882** Ms *O'Connor* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that the Tasmanian Liberals received \$30,000 in political donations from Yuhu Group owned companies.
- (2) Notes that in 2015 the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation warned both the Labor and Liberal Parties against accepting donations from this company due to links to the Chinese Communist Party.
- (3) Further notes that Right to Information documents obtained by the Greens show one of these donor companies has been in discussion with the Office of the Coordinator General over aquaculture investments.
- (4) Calls on the Premier, Hon. Will Hodgman MP to explain why his Party has accepted donations from a company that ASIO has warned could be a conduit for Chinese Communist Party interference in Australian politics. (31 October 2017)

**1884** The Premier to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes the 16th Australian Masters Games was held on Tasmania's North West Coast from 21 October to 28 October 2017.
- (2) Further notes that over 5,000 athletes participated and many supporters and volunteers also attended the event, providing an expected economic injection of \$10 million into the local economy.
- (3) Further notes the Tasmanian Government's support for this event by providing \$750,000, matched equally by the Australian Government, to bring the Games to Tasmania.
- (4) Congratulates the organising committee and volunteers for successfully organising and hosting the 2017 Australian Masters Games. (31 October 2017)

**1885** Mr *Jaensch* to move —That the House notes:—

- (1) Confident businesses invest money and employ Tasmanians.
- (2) Tasmanian businesses are amongst the most confident in Australia, ranking equal second of all States and Territories in the September 2017 Sensis Business Index.
- (3) Tasmanian businesses consistently rate the Hodgman Liberal Government the best in Australia for its policies that support business growth, investment and employment.



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- (4) Business support for Tasmanian Government policies climbed from -62 to +9 in the first quarter of the Hodgman Liberal Government, and has been in positive territory ever since.
- (5) Unemployment rates in Tasmania are now level with the national average and 40% of small businesses plan to employ more staff in the next 2 years.
- (6) Our plan for 'Your Future' sets out 43 targets including:—
  - (a) 10,000 more Tasmanians employed in small businesses by 2022;
  - (b) 90% of government contracts won by Tasmanian-based firms by 2022;
  - (c) a clear-up rate of 85% for red tape issues raised with Government; and
  - (d) 40% more apprentices and trainees in the private sector by 2025.
- (7) Labor has no plans, polices or targets to support and grow business in Tasmania. The Greens see business as 'the enemy'.
- (8) Only a majority Hodgman Liberal Government can deliver the certainty and policies businesses need to be confident, invest in Tasmania and employ more Tasmanians, and we have the track record to prove it. (31 October 2017)

**1887** Ms *Courtney* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that 31 October 2017 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Beersheba, which was the turning point in the wider British Offensive collectively known as the Third Battle of Gaza.
- (2) Notes that the final phase of the all-day battle was the infamous mounted charge of the 4th Light Horse Brigade. History has noted this as the greatest charge by the Australian Light Horse.
- (3) Remembers that the Tasmanian C Squadron, part of the 3rd Light Horse Regiment took part in the charge by clearing Hill Tel El Saba, upon which the 4th and 12th Regiments mounted the Beersheba charge from.
- (4) Appreciates that the capture of Beersheba enabled British Empire Forces to break the Ottoman Line near Gaza on 7 November 1917 and advance into Palestine.
- (5) Pays tribute to the 800 Australian men who rode in the charge, of which 31 men were killed and 36 wounded. At least 70 horses also died during the attack.
- (6) Congratulates the Tasmanian Light Horse Troops, who have organised for commemorative services to be conducted in Launceston and Hobart to mark this occasion. (31 October 2017)

**1888** Ms *Courtney* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the inaugural Tasmanian Chamber Music Festival took place in the historic Evandale Precinct over the weekend of 28 – 29 October 2017.
- (2) Further notes that the Chamber Music Festival commenced with the Tinalley String Quartet at Clarendon House on 27 October 2017 and concluded on the afternoon of 29 October 2017 with a harp performance by Marshall McGuire at the Harland Rise Barn.
- (3) Appreciates that during the Festival, there were many other special performances in vineyards, churches and historic halls that showcase the amazing Georgian landscape of Evandale and its surrounds.
- (4) Recognises this event adds to the growing list of unique arts events and food and music festivals, like Junction Arts, Mona Foma and Festivale, that increasingly make the North a must-visit destination for interstate visitors.
- (5) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Government's \$20,000 investment, via Events Tasmania, to help get the Festival established.
- (6) Further recognises that events such as the Tasmanian Chamber Music Festival help add to the cultural vibrancy of our regional areas.
- (7) Congratulates Festival Director, Ms Allanah Dopson and her team for organising this wonderful event. The strong local and national ticket sales point to a bright future for the Festival, with plans already underway for a 2018 event. (31 October 2017)

**1889** The Minister for Resources to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) one hundred years ago, on 31 October 1917, the ANZAC Mounted Division took part in the Battle of Beersheba, one of the most iconic battles of

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- Australia's involvement in the Great War with its final phase the famous mounted charge of the 4th Light Horse Brigade;
- (b) the 3rd Lighthorse Regiment (AIF) was formed comprising C Squadron from Tasmania which undertook military training at Pontville near Hobart; and
  - (c) the 1st Lighthorse Brigade participated in the Sinai and Palestine offensive which included the taking of Beersheba.
- (2) Recognises the efforts of Sgt Nevill Thomas and members of the Tasmanian Lighthorse to commemorate the Battle of Beersheba, including:—
- (a) the Beersheba Centenary event at the Hobart Cenotaph today, with the support of Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AC, Governor of Tasmania, the City of Hobart and RSL Tasmania;
  - (b) a centenary celebration on Parliament House lawns on 31 October 2017, with the support of the Rapid Relief Team and Hon Guy Barnett MP as Event Patron;
  - (c) a community event in Westbury on 31 October 2017 to remember the men from the Westbury District who were proud members of the 3rd Light Horse, supported by Westbury RSL; and
  - (d) a parade and commemorative service in Launceston on 28 October 2017, with the support of the Launceston RSL Sub Branch and the City of Launceston. (31 October 2017)

**1891** The Minister for Resources to move —That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the Tasmanian Minerals and Energy Council (TMEC) is the peak body for the exploration, mining, minerals processing and energy-intensive manufacturing industries in Tasmania, with the aim of promoting the development of a sustainable industry that operates within community expectations.
- (2) Notes that on Friday 20 October 2017, the TMEC Annual General Meeting and Members' Dinner was held in Hobart and was a great opportunity to engage with Members and hear first-hand of the current challenges and future opportunities for the industry.
- (3) Congratulates the TMEC Board, led by President Ray Mostogl and CEO Wayne Bould, for their leadership, issues management and promotion of a safe and sustainable industry.
- (4) Acknowledges Tasmania's mining and mineral processing sector is a key economic driver employing more than 3,000 Tasmanians, making up more than 50 percent of Tasmania's total exports value, worth more than \$1.6 billion in the last year, and returning more than \$39 million to the Government in royalties.
- (5) Understands the Government's 'Tasmania First' energy policy, that aims to deliver the lowest electricity prices and secure supply for Tasmania, is strongly supported by the sector for the certainty it provides.
- (6) Agrees there is no greater or more consistent supporter of Tasmania's mining and minerals processing industry than the Government and under this Government the industry continues to strengthen and is more confident about the future as we are committed to working closely and in collaboration with the industry to get the best possible outcomes for our State. (31 October 2017)

**1892** The Minister for Health to move —That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Ringarooma for recently being crowned the national winner of Dairy Australia's "Legendaairy" campaign.
- (2) Notes that Ringarooma won the State title in February 2017 after being nominated by local dairy farmers Marcus and Simone Haywood.
- (3) Acknowledges that the town of 232 people went up against seven other farming towns across Australia through banding the community, and the Ringarooma School and Show Committee together to create a video telling Australia the story of their farming town, which dates back to the 1860s.
- (4) Recognises that as the "Legendaairy Capital of Tasmania", Ringarooma received a \$2,500 community grant that the town put towards signs for a bike track, chess pieces for a giant chess board, and upgrades to the school's vegetable patch. Now as the

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national winner, they have received an additional \$7,500, which will go towards restoring the school's one-hundred year old dairy.

- (5) Commends Dairy Australia for this initiative and congratulates the Ringarooma community for its dedication and passion for this vital industry. (1 November 2017)

**1893** The Minister for Building and Construction to move —That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that Mr Peter Bushby was honoured with Life Membership to the Real Estate Institute of Tasmania (REIT) at the 2017 REIT Awards for Excellence on 10 October 2017.
- (2) Notes:—
- (a) Mr Bushby commenced his long and distinguished real estate career in 1972 as a 4<sup>th</sup> generation member of his family's business, Bushby and Co, leaving that business some 24 years later to start his own real estate business in 1996, where he is still active today;
- (b) Mr Bushby is extremely active within the real estate industry, has demonstrated a sound knowledge of and willingness to help and support the industry; and
- (c) Mr Bushby is an industry leader and has supported high standards of governance through the numerous boards and organisations he has positively impacted, including:—
- (i) Vice President of the REIT Northern Branch in the mid-1990's;
- (ii) nominated to the REIT Board in 2002;
- (iii) REIT State President from 2007-2010;
- (iv) Fellow of the Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA);
- (v) Tasmanian Delegate on the REIA Board from 2010-2015;
- (vi) National REIA President in 2013 and 2014;
- (vii) former National Board Member of the First National Group;
- (viii) member of the Property Agents Tribunal Panel;
- (ix) member of the Property Agents Trust which controls the Property Agents Guarantee Fund; and
- (x) active member of Rotary.
- (3) Congratulates Mr Peter Bushby on an outstanding and distinguished career and his devotion and commitment to REIT and the State's real estate industry. (1 November 2017)

**1894** The Minister for Building and Construction to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes that WorkSafe Month 2017 ran from 3–31 October 2017.
- (2) Recognises that WorkSafe Month is an ideal way for workers of all levels to learn more about how to achieve a safer workplace and 2017 included:—
- (a) the inaugural Worksafe Health Safety and Wellbeing Expo held at Princes Wharf in Hobart from 23-24 October 2017, with a focus on a holistic approach to health and wellbeing in the workplace;
- (b) the launch of the 'Ritualize' health and wellbeing app by the Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP and the Minister for Building and Construction, Hon. Guy Barnett MP, funded under the Hodgman Liberal Government's Healthy Tasmania Five Year Plan;
- (c) Work Health and Safety breakfast forums held in Hobart, Launceston and Ulverstone;
- (d) a Health, Safety and Wellbeing Walk during Mental Health Week in Hobart; and
- (e) free state-wide regional activities, including work site tours and presentations.
- (3) Thanks the staff of WorkSafe Tasmania, large and small employers and employees, and self-employed Tasmanians for their often unsung work in promoting workplace health and safety and all those who attended an event during WorkSafe Month 2017. (1 November 2017)

**1895** The Minister for Building and Construction to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Asbestos Awareness Month 2017 is running from 1-30 November 2017.

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- (2) Further notes that Australia was one of the highest users of asbestos per capita in the world until the mid-1980s, leaving a legacy of asbestos containing materials in our built environment despite the complete prohibition of its use in Australia in 2003.
- (3) Recognises that Asbestos Awareness Month aims to educate as many Australians as possible about the impact of asbestos and how it can be best managed.
- (4) Further notes that 'Betty', a purpose built mobile model home that demonstrates where asbestos might be found in and around homes built or renovated before 1987 will be touring Tasmania during Asbestos Awareness Month.
- (5) Acknowledges the Hodgman Liberal Government's commitments to reducing the impact of asbestos on the community through our recent successful Asbestos Awareness Campaign on TVs, billboards, print and radio during the first half of 2017.
- (6) Encourages Tasmanians to get involved in Asbestos Awareness Month, visit Betty the Bus or host a 'Blue Lamington Drive' to raise awareness of asbestos in the home and raise funds for the Asbestos Disease Research Institute and Support Groups.
- (7) Thanks the staff of WorkSafe Tasmania, the WorkCover Tasmania Board, the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, large and small employers and employees, and self-employed Tasmanians for their work in seeking to manage the impact of asbestos in our built environment. (2 November 2017)

**1896** The Minister for Building and Construction to move —That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that Tuesday 14 November 2017 was World Diabetes Day, an international day of awareness and advocacy on behalf of those affected by diabetes.
- (2) Notes:—
  - (a) this annual day of awareness, created by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and World Health Organization (WHO) in 1991, is in response to growing concerns about the escalating health threat posed by diabetes;
  - (b) World Diabetes Day is the world's largest diabetes awareness campaign reaching a global audience of over 1 billion people in more than 160 countries, aiming to draw attention to issues of paramount importance to those affected by diabetes and keeping diabetes firmly in the public and political spotlight;
  - (c) the theme for World Diabetes Day 2017 is 'Women and Diabetes', aiming to promote the importance of affordable and equitable access for all women at risk of, or living with, diabetes to essential diabetes education, treatment and care;
  - (d) there are currently over 199 million women living with diabetes, diabetes is the 9<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in women globally and 1 in 7 births are affected by gestational diabetes; and
  - (e) diabetes is the fastest growing chronic disease in Australia with more than 1.7 million Australians, including an estimated 37,000 Tasmanians living with diabetes.
- (3) Acknowledges the advocacy of the Parliamentary Diabetes Global Network in advancing the cause of people with diabetes and their families throughout the world.
- (4) Congratulates the staff and volunteers of Diabetes Tasmania – including CEO, Ms Caroline Wells, and President, Mr Robert Manning – for their tireless efforts in advocating on behalf of those living with and affected by diabetes. (2 November 2017)

**1897** Mrs Rylah to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes the mining sector is a vital part of the West Coast community and the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to worker safety across the mineral and mining sector in Tasmania.
- (2) Further notes the Hodgman Government is a proud supporter of the 2017 Tasmanian Minerals Emergency Response Competition through WorkSafe Tasmania and Mineral Resources Tasmania.
- (3) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Minerals Emergency Response Committee (TMERC) of the Tasmanian Minerals and Energy Council (TMEC) for organising the event which in 2017 celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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- (4) Understands the competition is designed to ensure exposure to, and practice of, emergency care and response to the best possible standard, and that the principle of Mutual Aid is necessary in Tasmania as no one site has the resources and personnel to cope with a major incident, requiring cooperation between emergency response staff from every underground mine, surface mine and smelter.
  - (5) Further acknowledges the emergency response teams also contribute to the local community by responding and assisting in road accident emergencies, national park and bushland fire protection and firefighting and bushwalker rescue across the West Coast.
  - (6) Congratulates the six teams from across Tasmania that competed, including Bell Bay Aluminum, Bluestone Tasmania (Renison), MMG Rosebery, Cornwall Coal, Grange Resources (Savage River) and the TMERC Mutual Aid team, in particular the overall winner, Grange Resources, and overall safety winner, Cornwall Coal, for their outstanding performances across all disciplines of the competition. (2 November 2017)
- 1898** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House calls on the Minister for Education and Training, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, to table the contract of former TasTAFE CEO, Mr Stephen Conway. (2 November 2017)
- 1901** Mr *Brooks* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Supports the Government's plan to reopen tracks 501, 503 and 601 in the Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area.
  - (2) Notes the Leader of the Opposition, Hon Rebecca White MP, and Member for Braddon, Dr Shane Broad MP, continue to oppose the reopening of access that they took away in the first place by locking the area up.
  - (3) Further notes that they will also do a deal with the Greens to get back into government given any opportunity and that will mean no more access into the future.
  - (4) Further notes the only way to restore recreational access to the Arthur-Pieman un under a majority Liberal Government. (28 November 2017)
- 1902** The Minister for Women to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that November is a significant month in the campaign to stop violence against women, including White Ribbon Day, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, as well as the start of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence - a global campaign to raise awareness about violence against women and its impact on a woman's physical, psychological, social and spiritual well-being.
  - (2) Recognises that:—
    - (a) up to 70% of women experience physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner at some point in their lives across all socio-economic levels;
    - (b) across the nation an estimated one woman a week dies at the hands of an intimate partner or ex-partner – often while she is trying to leave the relationship;
    - (c) through Members of Parliament, government, the community sector, schools, neighbours, friends and colleagues working together, we can make real and lasting changes to the lives of the too many Tasmanians who are impacted by violence; and
    - (d) the Hodgman Liberal Government has launched Tasmania's first Family Violence Action Plan – 'Safe Homes Safe Families' as a coordinated whole of government response and has allocated \$26 million to new and direct actions to address family violence.
  - (3) Calls on all Tasmanians to become strong advocates for change and to send a strong message that violence in Tasmania is not acceptable under any circumstance. (28 November 2017)
- 1903** The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises the 37<sup>th</sup> Tasmanian Craft Fair was held from 3-6 November 2017 and hosted more than 250 stallholders, exhibitors and vendors across seven sites in the picturesque town of Deloraine and attracted around 18,000 visitors.

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- (2) Notes that this annual event provides an opportunity for artists and craftsmen and women from across Tasmania, the mainland states and overseas, to showcase their artisanal work.
- (3) Acknowledges the Hodgman Government has provided funding of \$10,000 per year in support of the economic and social contribution to the Meander Valley region from this artistic, community and cultural event.
- (4) Commends 2017's special award winners including:—
  - (a) Peter Bowles of Glass Manifesto - Premier's Award for Excellence;
  - (b) Jan Clay of World of Marbles - Best Working Exhibit Award;
  - (c) Chris Mitchell & Jennifer G Frost - Stand Presentation Award;
  - (d) Bridget Farmer - First Time Exhibitor Award; and
  - (e) Redlands Distillery - Providore's Award.
- (5) Congratulates Tasmanian Craft Fair Director Tim Biggs, Secretary Ann Axelsen, the Rotary Club of Deloraine headed by President Gayle Plunkett, President-Elect Maree Matanle and Secretary Michael Horne, for their hard work in organising this event, together with the efforts of volunteers from community organisations such as Apex, Rotary, Probus, local schools and church groups, who helped make this great event happen.
- (6) Further commends the organising committee for reinvesting the fair proceeds back into the community, with 2017's official charity - the Royal Flying Doctor Service – receiving a \$15,000 donation from the fair. (28 November 2017)

### 1904 The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that 11 November 2017 was Remembrance Day, an annual day commemorating the service and sacrifice of Australian servicemen and women who have died in the line of duty.
- (2) Notes that this day, first held in 1919 and called Armistice Day, originally marked the end of hostilities in the Great War at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month in 1918 and is now commemorated across the Commonwealth and in other parts of the world.
- (3) Acknowledges the Westbury RSL, which hosted a Remembrance Day Service at the Westbury Cenotaph, providing an additional opportunity for the local community to become familiar with its Battle of Beersheba Centenary silhouette, as well as dedicating the Westbury Lone Pine to the memory of the 3rd Light Horsemen of the Westbury District.
- (4) Thanks all those involved with organising and presenting this solemn and respectful service, including Branch President Robert Sackley, John Donaldson with his Waler descendant Sinai-Beth, Father Richard Ross, piper Fraser Murray, bugler Cadet Sergeant Harry Gregory, flag-raiser Fred Baker and Jo Muggleton for and on behalf of the committee.
- (5) Encourages all Tasmanians to reflect and give thanks for the sacrifice of our servicemen and women and never forget that the freedom and democracy that we cherish today is not free, rather it has been granted to us by the selfless sacrifices of the generations that have come before us. (28 November 2017)

### 1905 The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the 154<sup>th</sup> Annual Westbury Agricultural Show was held on 11 November 2017, at the Westbury Showground.
- (2) Further recognises that while other agricultural shows are experiencing a decline in attendance numbers, the Westbury Agricultural Show attracted 3,500 people in 2017, a more than 50 percent increase on 2016.
- (3) Appreciates the Westbury Show emphasises a family-friendly, community-oriented event with plenty of fun activities on offer, including: horse, cattle show dog and yard dog competitions, arts and crafts displays, exhibitions, music and entertainment, pet parade, pet lamb and dog jumping competitions, the ever popular kids corner with all activities free, and gourmet food options.
- (4) Acknowledges the Show's continuing appeal can be attributed to the support of the community and the hard work and effort of volunteers, including the Show committee headed by President Kevin Lattin, Secretary Shannon Barwick, Treasurer Sandra Rybarczyk and other key personnel.

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- (5) Further acknowledges that this show, being held on Remembrance Day, was able to, with the assistance of Major Stuart Jones and the Last Post, gather the whole show attendance to give the respect that this significant day deserves.
- 67) Congratulates the Westbury Agricultural Society and its members, organisers, donors, judges, exhibitors, sponsors, volunteers and the local community that helped to create another terrific event this year. (28 November 2017)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*