Notices of Motion


579  The Treasurer to move—That the House:—

580  Mr Jaensch to move—That the House:—
(1)  Notes:—
(a) the biennial Australian Masters Games (AMG) is the largest multi-sport festival in Australia, providing an occasion to:—
(i) make the wider community aware of the benefits of sport;
(ii) encourage and engage the masters’ sport demographic in ongoing activity that is beneficial to their long term health and well-being;
(iii) encourage a positive active lifestyle in the community that is balanced with social outcome and opportunities;
(iv) reaffirm with all levels of sports administration the importance of mature-aged sports people who are seeking opportunities to participate; and
(v) demonstrate the myriad of attractions of sport: skill, achievement, competition, social interaction and personal satisfaction.

(b) since 2009, a committee of Council representatives in the Cradle Coast region, chaired by Devonport Mayor Steve Martin and supported by the Cradle Coast Authority, has been pursuing the opportunity to bid to host the Australian Masters Games;

(c) the Australian Masters Games has the potential to attract more than 7,000 competitors and a further 3,000 visitors to the 10 day competition and inject about $9 million into the hose region’s economy;

(d) on 17 March 2015 the Hodgman Liberal Government and the Federal Liberal Government each confirmed commitments of up to $750,000 towards a bid to secure the 2017 Masters Games, subject to the remaining funds being raised by the region;

(e) the 2017 Games will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the event with the first AMG hosted in Tasmania in 1987. It has not been held in Tasmania since; and

(f) the Games would bring a major boost for regional tourism, with thousands of travellers boarding the Spirits of Tasmania and many competitors and their families typically staying on to holiday after the competition.
(2) Congratulates Mayor Steve Martin and the bid committee, the Cradle Coast Authority, the Federal Member for Braddon, Mr Brett Whiteley MP, and the State Braddon Liberal team for supporting the bid and wishes the organisers every success in raising the remaining funds, and securing the 2017 Masters Games for the Cradle Coast region and Tasmania. (25 March 2015)

581 Mr McKim to move—That the House:—
(1) Notes that:—
(a) the South West Marine Debris Cleanup, now in its 13th year was recently conducted by volunteers;
(b) the cleanup involves volunteers travelling on fishing boats to Cox’s Blight, a beach inside the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area and that this year’s cleanup set a record with 79,000 items of rubbish collected;
(c) most of the rubbish collected was plastic including drink containers, buoys, bait straps and micro plastics;
(d) plastic in our oceans and on our beaches is a silent killer and that our marine life and seabirds are being killed every year either by being entangled, strangled, choked or starved; and
(e) up to a third of marine plastic pollution comes from the beverage industry.
(2) Congratulates Mr Matt Dell and the many volunteers who take part in the cleanup that greatly assists in keeping our wilderness areas pristine.
(3) Acknowledges that a container deposit scheme can dramatically reduce the amount of plastic pollution that gets into oceans and onto our beaches.

582 Mr McKim to move—That the House:—
(1) Notes that:—
(a) the AFL’s first “Pride Cup” match was played between Sydney and Fremantle on Sunday 15 March 2015 during the NAB Cup series;
(b) the “Pride Cup” was an initiative of former AFL player Jason Ball who lobbied the AFL to promote ‘No to Homophobia’ at the 2012 Grand Final and establish a ‘Pride Round’ to promote inclusion and diversity;
(c) Jason Ball, also a Beyondblue and Safe Schools Ambassador said: “I know the pain of having to hide who you are; homophobic slurs were an accepted part of the game...I spent years hiding who I was”;
(d) during a Brumbies and Waratah Rugby game at the weekend, Brumbies player David Pocock pleaded with the referee to take action after homophobic slurs were directed at two of his team mates; and
(e) it is encouraging to see players and sporting codes commit to ending homophobia in Australian sports.
(2) Commends the players and sporting codes which are taking a stand against homophobia and ensuring that sport is an environment that embraces inclusion and diversity. (25 March 2015)

583 Ms White to move—That the House:—
(1) Notes that:—
(a) the Royal Hobart Hospital Redevelopment has finally restarted under the Liberal Government after a lengthy and costly delay; and
(b) overall the final design and layout remain largely unchanged with some minor amendments made to the orientation of the mental health wards, earlier replacement of the hyperbaric chamber and the addition of a helipad.
(2) Questions the cost and time delays incurred to deliver the same outcome the Labor Government had planned in 2011.
(3) Acknowledges that Labor is proud of securing the funds for our State’s major hospital to ensure Tasmanians can enjoy the benefits of a first class facility.
(4) Further Notes:—
(a) this project has been delayed by more than six months by the Liberal Government.
(b) costs were blown out keeping contractors engaged and to fund a taskforce and remain largely unquantified by the Government but could be in excess of $2 million;

(c) an extra $71.9 million is yet to be found in the budget to accommodate changes made to the overall design by the Liberal Government; and

(d) including $18 million that will need to be spent on a demountable building with no future for this investment post these 3 years.

(5) Further acknowledges that after a year of Liberal Government promises and grandstanding this project is no further progressed than it was before the election and at great cost to the tax payers. (25 March 2015)

584 The Minister for Infrastructure to move—That the House:

(1) Recognises the natural beauty of Bruny Island which provides an excellent lifestyle for residents and for the role businesses on the Island play in providing quality products and excellent tourism experiences for both visitors and locals.

(2) Notes that on 13 November 2014 the Minister for Infrastructure visited Bruny Island and met with the local Bruny Island Advisory Committee and also examined first-hand, infrastructure concerns previously raised by the local community.

(3) Further recognises that Bruny Island locals reject the idea of an online booking system expressing concern that such a system for the ferry service, would directly disadvantage them by removing their flexibility to make their own arrangements to travel.

(4) Calls attention to the fact that the Bruny Island Ferry exists, first and foremost to address transport disadvantage faced by island residents and comes at a significant annual cost to all taxpayers.

(5) Welcomes the successful introduction by the operator of the MV Bowen, which worked alongside the Mirambeena to alleviate queuing during the summer peak.

(6) Further notes:—

(a) the agreement for the operations of the MV Bowen was entered into by the previous Labor-Green government;

(b) the agreement provided for services to cease on 10 February 2015;

(c) when excess demand for services continued past the contracted date of 10 February 2015 the Hodgman Government took the decisive step to charter the MV Bowen for additional sailing dates as a trial to better understand demand for future years;

(d) the recent media release by the Greens Member for Franklin, Mr Nick McKim MP, claiming Bruny Island was not experiencing ‘unusual’ demand was factually wrong, demonstrably so as it was the Labor/Green Government that contracted to cease the service on 10 February 2015.

(e) the recent visit to Bruny Island by the Franklin Liberal team comprising, the Premier, Hon Will Hodgman MP, the Minister for Human Services, Hon Jacqui Petrusma MP, and the Minister for Resources, Hon Paul Harriss MP, who spent time talking with local business owners; and

(f) a year-round, two-ferry model would come at significant additional cost to taxpayers and would be financially irresponsible unless sustained non-resident commercial demand can be shown to continue outside agreed peak periods. (25 March 2015)

585 Ms O’Connor to move—That the House:

(1) Notes with deep sadness the murder of 27 year old Afghani woman, Farkhunda, who was pushed off a roof, run over by a car, set on fire and bashed to death by an all-male group in Kabul on Thursday, 19 March 2015, because she was accused of burning a copy of the Koran, but it has now been confirmed was in a dispute over the sale of charms outside a local shrine.

(2) Commends the efforts of the hundreds of demonstrators marching in the capital to denounce the inaction of local police, who watched the attack take place and did not step in to prevent her murder, and have forced the sacking of 20 officers, including the police chief of the district.
Further notes that, in a break with tradition in a highly patriarchal and sexist society, it was Afghani women who bore Farkhunda’s coffin to its final resting place.

Grieves the death of another innocent woman half a world away and closer to home, of 17 year old schoolgirl, Masa Vukotic, who was killed in a Melbourne park when she was going for an evening walk.

Further notes the comments of Victorian Police Inspector Mick Hughes, who suggested that women should be taking precautions not to be attacked, such as not walking alone or in parks after dark, but further notes he made no comment that men should not be murdering women in parks.

Acknowledges the terrible truth that 24 Australian women have already been killed by men this year.

Reasserts that violence against women is never justified and our mothers, daughters and sisters should not live in fear in their communities where they should feel safe, valued and respected. (25 March 2015)

Ms O’Connor to move—That the House:

(1) Notes that the World Heritage Committee meets in June 2015 to determine whether the Great Barrier Reef should be classified as ‘World Heritage in Danger’ with its declining health a result of global warming, as well as prolonged mismanagement by State and Federal Governments, sediment runoff, dredging and, in the foreseeable future, substantially increased port activity from the nine large coal mines proposed for Queensland’s Galilee Basin.

(2) Recognises that if the Reef was to be listed as ‘In Danger’ it would be an international embarrassment to Australia and an indictment on our custodianship of this global treasure.

(3) Accepts the warnings of Australia’s leading coral reef scientists from five universities in a report submitted to the United Nations that, “industrialising the Great Barrier Reef coastline will cause further stress to what is already a fragile ecosystem”.

(4) Further notes the report’s findings that, if all are approved, the nine proposed coal mines in the Galilee Basin will produce coal that emits an estimated 705 million tonnes of carbon dioxide, making the Galilee Basin region the seventh largest source of emissions in the world.

(5) Supports the scientists’ call for governments to reject the Galilee Basin mines and the Abbot Point port expansion which would require the dredging of five million tonnes of seabed adjacent to the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.

(6) Strongly urges the Premier and Ministers to advocate for the Reef’s protection and the climate every time they meet with their Federal and Queensland counterparts, as all Members have a responsibility to protect the Great Barrier Reef. (25 March 2015)

Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:

(1) Welcomes news out of Canberra, on 25 February 2015 that the Coalition Government reaffirmed its commitment to continue the Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS).

(2) Recognises that the RFCS provides a critical service to our farming communities, especially during tough times like periods of fire, drought, flood and low commodity prices.

(3) Notes the National Rural Advisory Council (NRAC) review into the Rural Financial Counselling Service and it proposed revisions to service.

(4) Supports the Federal Minister for Agriculture, Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP’s recommendation to continue the free financial counselling service and to also not support the report’s recommendation to cut programme funding by 20 per cent. This is a great result for Tasmanian farmers in need.

(5) Further notes that the Federal Minister for Agriculture Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP, advised that the government had listened to feedback from current RFCS service providers including Rural Business Tasmania.

(6) Understands that while the NRAC Review recommendation of a 20 percent reduction in funding was rejected there will be implications for Rural Business Tasmania (RBT) and that the Government supports RBT as it seeks ways to ensure its future service provision and its extended operations.
(7) Commends the RBT Board and executive team who have stated that this issue is very much front of mind and that they are focused on what the strategic focus of the organisation needs to be to ensure the sustainability of the organisation.

(8) Supports the RBT Board in considering new business opportunities including extension of fee-for-service offerings which are being explored and will be pursued with fervour. (25 March 2015)

588 Mr Booth to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes the review conducted by Philip Moss into the allegations relating to sexual and physical abuse of both children and adult asylum seekers held in the Offshore Processing Centre in Nauru.

(2) Acknowledges with shame and concern the Moss Review Report’s finding of a disturbing lack of protection for asylum seekers detained in this facility.

(3) Further notes:—

(a) the Moss Report found that the asylum seekers interviewed as part of the Review were acknowledged as credible and that their accounts were convincing;

(b) the disturbing finding of the Moss Review that there was likely an underreporting of sexual abuse claims due to asylum seekers scared that reporting the abuse would impact negatively upon their refugee claims, or because they felt there was no point in reporting the abuse as they had no confidence that their complaint would be acted upon;

(c) that the Moss Review found that there was no evidence to substantiate any allegation against the ten Save the Children staff members who had been removed from Nauru, and on the contrary, the Moss Review found these personnel to have been dedicated, professional and had acted appropriately when presented with information about assaults or abuse; and

(d) the Moss Review’s recommendation that asylum seekers’ safety should be considered paramount.

(4) Calls on all members of this House to unite and urge the Federal Government to urgently reconsider its offshore detention regime, and instead investigate establishing onshore processing facilities where asylum seekers are integrated within the community during their processing, to meet our human rights obligations and stimulate local economies, as proposed by human rights advocates. (25 March 2015)

589 Mr Booth to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes the success of the second Launceston Cataract Challenge which was held on Sunday 22 March 2015 around various locations in Launceston and surrounds.

(2) Congratulates:—

(a) participants and recognises that the event crosses five sports disciplines with athletes completing a flat-water kayak leg on Trevallyn Dam, a road cycle to Longford, a trail run stretching from the First Basin to Duck Reach and over the iconic zig-zag track, a mountain biking leg through the Trevallyn Reserve and a ropes course near the suspension bridge that spans the Cataract Gorge; and

(b) event manager Cade Smith and race-director Ian Ferrier, who co-founded the Challenge in 2012, for staging such a successful event which also showcased local beer, wine and food and provided child and family entertainment.

(3) Recognises the community response and participation in the Challenge and notes the organisers’ indications of a willingness to continue the event into the future as a result of corporate sponsorship along with local and State government support.

(4) Calls for:—

(a) members to recognise the value of the Launceston Cataract Challenge to the health of the community, the local economy and in showcasing to a broader audience the beautiful locations in which the stages are held; and

(b) the Treasurer and Member for Bass, Hon Peter Gutwein MP, to commit funding in this year’s budget to ensure the continuation of the Challenge well into the future. (25 March 2015)
The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

(1) Celebrates the fact that Thursday 26 March 2015 was Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness.

(2) Recognises that there are some 5200 Tasmanians who have been diagnosed with Epilepsy but that with the appropriate medication, 70 per cent of those can lead regular and fulfilled lives.

(3) Congratulates Epilepsy Tasmania on its tireless work to improve the quality of life for those affected by Epilepsy through support, education and training, as well as to provide education to the broader community.

(4) Encourages the community to support this important event by wearing a purple cap, a purple wig, a purple tie, or host a Purple Day event.

(5) Notes that March is also International Epilepsy Awareness Month and commends the range of great events that have taken place across Tasmania during the past few weeks in support of epilepsy awareness. (26 March 2015)

Ms O’Byrne to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes:—
   (a) the former Pathway Planners were the backbone of year 9/10 structure transitioning post year 10;
   (b) that the Minister for Education Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP assured this House and the Tasmanian people that reforms would be in place for students to receive carer education programs.
   (c) that on 25 March 2015 the Minister for Education Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP confirmed this program will not be fully implemented until 2017; and
   (d) that students are now not receiving any support to transition to work, education or further training.

(2) Acknowledges that again the Minister for Education has misled the House and the Tasmanian people.

(3) Calls upon the Liberal State Government to immediately put in vital supports to ensure that our students receive the support they deserve to transition into the workforce. (26 March 2015)

Ms O’Byrne to move—That the House:—

(1) Condemns the Hodgman Government for:—
   (a) facilitating the mass exodus of young Tasmanian teaching graduates from our State; and
   (b) sacking 266 Tasmanian teachers meaning that this year’s 200 graduate teachers had little hope of finding a job in their own State.

(2) Notes:—
   (a) Australian Education Union State President, Terry Polglase confirmed fewer than 30 graduate teachers received full time work in public education; and
   (b) the concerns of young graduates, including Mr Ron Gaynor, a 24 year old teacher who is leaving Tasmania because “there is no point in sticking around fighting to get work if they’re going to cut more”.

(3) Further condemns, the Hodgman Government for doing just that and cutting a further $126.8 million from education over the next three years. (26 March 2015)

Ms O’Connor to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes that Thursday 26 March 2015, was National Epilepsy Awareness Day and that Australians are all encouraged to wear purple in support.

(2) Understands that 1 in 26 people will have some form of epilepsy during their lives and it is the most common brain disorder, with a number of our most influential figures such as Julius Caesar, Albert Einstein, Vincent Van Gogh, Sir Isaac Newton, Charles Dickens, Lewis Carroll all believed to have suffered from the condition.

(3) Recognises that every case of epilepsy manifests differently for each individual, due to the beautifully unique nature of the human brain.
(4) Accepts the comments from the World Health Organisation, that “the social consequences of epilepsy are often more difficult to overcome than the seizures themselves”.

(5) Further understands that many epileptics suffer from significant and incessant tonic clonic seizures, which mean they take high levels of medication to control and a less damaging and viable option would be medicinal cannabis.

(6) Encourages all Members and Tasmanians to donate to epilepsy research and don their best purple outfit in support of epilepsy awareness. (26 March 2015)

594 Ms O’Connor to move—That the House:—

(1) Warmly commends Hobart mother of two, Jen Boocock, who plans to set out with two friends on Friday 27 April 2015 to run 150 kilometres through Tasmania’s South-West wilderness to raise at least $10,000 for the Climate Council of Australia.

(2) Is thoroughly impressed by Jen Boocock and her running mates for their bid to run the full length of Tasmania’s South Coast Track from Scotts Peak Dam to Cockle Creek non-stop.

(3) Recognises that Ms Boocock has been inspired to run for climate action out of love for her children and the planet, and her concern that global warming is happening now and will intensify in the coming decades.

(4) Respects the fact that this Tasmanian mum has decided doing nothing about the threat to our children’s future is not an option.

(5) Encourages all members of the House, no matter what their party political beliefs, to donate to Jen Boocock’s campaign by going to the website www.mycause.com.au and chipping in to support the important work of the Climate Council of Australia. (26 March 2015)

595 The Minister for Environment Parks and Heritage to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes:—

(a) the excellent work being undertaken by the Department of Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE), the Tasmanian Fire Service and its volunteers, Forestry Tasmania, the State Fire Management Council, farmers and other private landowners to reduce fuel loads in strategic areas, and to therefore reduce the risk of wildfire to Tasmanian communities; and

(b) that the Government has committed $28.5 million over four years to deliver the statewide fuel reduction program.

(2) Recognises that the Government’s policy is leading the nation by:—

(a) taking a ‘tenure blind’ approach to fuel reduction;

(b) relying upon scientific information and sophisticated modelling; and

(c) working with each of 10 Fire Management Area Committees to back this up with strong community engagement to deliver a program that is right for each region.

(3) Condemns the reckless and insensitive comments of the Honourable Member for Bass, Mr Booth MP, when he said “What we don’t want is simply some sort of pyromaniacs rushing around lighting fires all over the place without a strategic approach to it”, when it was clear that the Government’s fuel reduction program is based on science and sophisticated modelling, as well as community feedback following the tragic events in Tasmania and Victoria in recent years.

(4) Calls on the Honourable Member for Bass, Mr Booth MP, to withdraw any linking of pyromaniacs with staff, volunteers or private citizens associated with the Fuel Reduction Program and apologizes for his insensitivity to the Tasmanian community.

(5) Further notes that the majority Liberal Government is not going to be distracted by the hysteria of the Greens, but will instead remain focused on the critical task of implementing the fuel reduction program in order to reduce risk and make communities safer. (26 March 2015)

596 The Minister for State Growth to move—That the House notes that:—

(a) the Tasmanian Polar Network hosted a reception on Monday 23 March 2015 to welcome the US icebreaker and Antarctic research vessel “Nathaniel B Palmer” to Hobart;
the vessel, captained by John Souza was visiting for the first of two port calls this year, following on from successful visits in 2014;

visits such as these provide an immediate financial injection into the Tasmanian economy, but also encourage cooperation and collaboration with our local scientists and suppliers of cold climate logistics;

d) the “Nathaniel B Palmer” is heading for a 40 day expedition to the East Antarctic with three of our expert Tasmanian scientists from the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystem Cooperative Research Centre (ACE CRC) - Dr Guy Williams, Dr Alex Fraser, and PhD student Eva Cougnan;

e) the Tasmanian Government recognises the importance and mutual benefit of scientific collaboration, the sharing of resources and logistics and has an excellent and long-standing working relationship with the United States Antarctic Program; and

f) the Antarctic and Southern Ocean sector plays an important role in Tasmania’s economy and the Liberal Government is working with our industry partners, the Tasmania Polar Network, to build on our already strong competitive advantage to make Hobart the premiere gateway to Antarctica. (26 March 2015)

597 Ms Giddings to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes:—

(a) the previous Labor Government worked closely with the community of Geeveston and Forestry Tasmania to save and maintain the Geeveston Forest and Heritage Centre;
(b) the future of the centre is now under threat with the doors to close at the end of June 2015; and
(c) tourists appreciate the services and information offered at the centre with comments on Trip Advisor such as on 20 March 2015 "for such a small town the care they have taken to interest the tourist pays off. We enjoyed our visit to the centre prior to going to the Tahune Airwalk, it gave us a good understanding of what the area was and is about."

(2) Calls upon the State Government to ensure that this vital piece of community, heritage and tourism infrastructure which includes a tourist information centre, ticketing centre for Tahune Airwalk, forestry interpretations and local history displays, does not close by providing funding to the community to ensure its ongoing viability. (26 March 2015)

598 Ms Giddings to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes that:—

(a) Coolangatta Road on Bruny Island is in urgent need of road works to bring it back to a standard that would enable all cars to be able to use this vital tourist and local connecting road between east and west Bruny;
(b) walking tracks leading off Coolangatta Road to two scenic lookouts, to Mt Mangana, to the old Clennetts Mill site and through rainforest vegetation are also badly in need of upgrading; and
(c) the Bruny Island Community Association Inc. has raised both these issues with the Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage, only to have the Minister fob them off by merely referring their concerns to the Parks and Wildlife Service, without any assurance that the road or walking track issues will be resolved.

(2) Calls upon the Minister for the Environment, Parks and Heritage to take urgent action to upgrade this road and these tracks. (26 March 2015)

599 Mr Barnett to move—That the House:—

(1) Recognises the gallantry and heroism of Burnie-born Corporal Cameron Stewart Baird VC MG in winning the Victoria Cross for his actions in Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan, during Operation SLIPPER on 22 June 2013.

(2) Acknowledges that CPL Baird was the 100th Australian to be awarded a Victoria Cross, and the 14th Tasmanian recipient.
Notes that:—

(a) on 31 March 2015, Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AM, Governor of Tasmania, unveiled a commemorative plinth and interpretative element in Burnie honouring the life of CPL Baird VC MG with CPL Baird’s parents, Mr Doug and Mrs Kaye Baird in attendance, along with several of CPL Baird’s unit and schoolchildren from the Burnie region;

(b) that these commemorations will include the planting of almond trees (native to Afghanistan) at schools in Burnie in memory of CPL Baird and a fund-raising event held at the Burnie Arts and Function Centre that evening by the charity ‘Cam’s Cause’ to continue the celebration of the life of CPL Baird VC MG with proceeds supporting the Commando Welfare Trust; and

(c) on 3 April 2015, a commemorative football match was played between the Burnie Dockers and Devonport Magpies with a medallion being presented in CPL Baird’s name to the most courageous Burnie Docker player during the game.

Congratulates the Burnie RSL, including its organising Committee and Sub-Branch President, Mr Michael Davis, for their tireless efforts and commitment in arranging this commemorative event along with Burnie City Council, Federal Member for Braddon Mr Brett Whiteley MP and Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business and Trade Mr Adam Brooks MP. (26 March 2015)

Mr Barnett to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes that 27 - 30 March 2015, saw the 2015 National Pollie Pedal come to northern Tasmania.

(2) Recognises that the event, covering 475 kms in 2015, takes place at different locations around the country annually, and has raised millions of dollars for various Australian charities and not-for-profits.

(3) Further notes that:—

(a) the route for the 2015 National Pollie Pedal transits through some of Tasmania’s most beautiful countryside, starting in Burnie and ending in Launceston, bringing a welcome boost to the economies of many regional Tasmanian towns; and

(b) that the Prime Minister participated in the Pollie Pedal along with other senior Federal Ministers, politicians and state politicians.

(4) Acknowledges that, for the fourth time, the National Pollie Pedal will raise funds for Carers Australia, who supports the important work of Australia’s 2.1 million carers, including more than 73 000 in Tasmania who are ably supported locally by the team at Carers Tasmania.

(5) Further notes that funds raised will be used to support multiple programs including the Carers Australia Ambassador Program, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Carer Reference Group, the rollout of a ‘Work & Care’ initiative and, importantly, the commissioning of a ‘State of Caring’ study to help determine the needs of carers into the future and provide an evidence base for future policy direction.

(6) Thanks those members of this Parliament who supported the 2015 National Pollie Pedal and further encourages the community to give generously in support of this worthy cause.

(7) Further thanks those responsible for the organisation of the fantastic event including the offices of Tasmania’s three Liberal Members of the House of Representatives, Eric Hutchinson MP, Brett Whiteley MP and Andrew Nikolic MP. (26 March 2015)

Mr Booth to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes ongoing community and recreational fishers’ concerns over the granting by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) of preliminary approval for the 95 metre factory freezer trawler, the “Geelong Star” to operate in the small pelagic fishery.

(2) Acknowledges the serious concerns expressed by local commercial recreational fishing operators that the new factory freezer trawler poses an unacceptable risk of localised depletion of small pelagic fish.
Recognises that the impact of localised depletion includes the wiping out of bait stocks through the food chain to impact upon larger pelagic fish, such as tuna and marlin.

Further notes that despite assertions the “Geelong Star” will not fish in state waters, which are three kilometres off the State’s coast, local fishing operators are concerned of the impact upon the continental shelf.

Calls on all three parties in this House to support our local commercial and recreational fisheries in their call for a halt to be put on the AFMA approval process for this huge 95 metre long factory freezer trawler, and to ensure that thorough and rigorous assessment of the current biomass, and impact upon that biomass, and also potential by-catch, is undertaken. (26 March 2015)

Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

(1) Welcomes the Federal Government’s announcement of support for the National Rural Advisory Council’s recommendation that small forestry businesses will now have access to the Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS).

(2) Notes:—

(a) that this means that forestry business operators will be included as part of the service under the next funding round on the same basis as other rural businesses; and

(b) Timber Communities Australia (Tasmania) is a member of the Rural Business Tasmania’s administered Forum of Rural Stakeholders.

(3) Recognises that through that association Rural Business Tasmania has gained insight into the damaging impact the Tasmanian Forest Agreement had on the forest industry, their families and regional communities in some cases multiple generations have been affected.

(4) Welcomes the proposed inclusion of small forestry businesses to the RFCS and commends the Tasmanian Rural Counselling Service on the excellent work they undertake to assist rural and often isolated families in desperate need for assistance. (26 March 2015)

Mr McKim to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes that:—

(a) the annual non-commercial harvesting of Short-tailed Shearwaters (Muttonbirds) opened on 4 April 2015;

(b) any person who wishes to harvest Muttonbirds must purchase a licence prior to undertaking harvesting;

(c) the applicants date of birth is required to purchase a non-commercial Muttonbird licence;

(d) licences are issued to one person only and that the taking of Muttonbirds under another person’s licence (including family members) is unlawful;

(e) departmental advice reveals that in 2014 three children, born after 2011 were issued with a Muttonbird licence, which means the licence holders at a maximum would be three years of age; and

(f) a Take Request letter is sent to license holders, at the closure of the season, asking for a hunter’s species Take for the season.

(2) Calls on the Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage, Hon Matthew Groom MP to:—

(a) acknowledge that it is inappropriate for young children to obtain licences for killing native birds; and

(b) commit immediately to legislating to stop this from happening. (26 March 2015)

Mr McKim to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes that:—

(a) the Minister for the Environment, Parks and Heritage, Hon Matthew Groom MP has ignored the current Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA) management plan by progressing projects through his secretive
expressions of interest process that contravene explicit provisions in the current management plan;

(b) the Minister’s draft World Heritage Area management plan violates the World Heritage Convention in a number of areas;

(c) there is currently no mechanism to assess the cumulative impacts of the dozens of proposals to develop inside Tasmania’s reserve system;

(d) the value of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage in visitor spending alone was estimated at $721.8 million in the year ending June 2007;

(e) in the most recent Motivations Research published by Tourism Tasmania, 52% of respondents rated our wilderness as “A unique experience only available in Tasmania”. This was the highest rating of all of Tasmania’s assets that were tested, and that the same survey found that “the greatest trigger to influence intention to visit Tasmania was Wilderness”; and

(f) in the Tourism Investment Opportunities documents it states that: “for suitable proposals that meet the assessment criteria, the Government may consider options to amend management plans if required”.

(2) Calls on the Minister for the Environment, Parks and Heritage Hon Matthew Groom MP to do his job as temporary steward of Tasmania’s wilderness areas and reserve system and uphold the current TWWHA management plan, reject development proposals that breach the current management plan, and ensure that his department develops a mechanism to assess the cumulative impacts of proposals to develop in Tasmania’s reserve system, in order to save Tasmania international embarrassment. (26 March 2015)

Orders of the Day

1 Acts Enumeration Amendment Bill (pro forma) (No. 2): Second reading. (The Premier)

2 Hearing Awareness Week: Adjudged Debate on the Question proposed on Wednesday, 27 August 2014 by Ms Courtney—That the House:—

   (1) Notes that 24 – 30 August 2014 is Hearing Awareness Week.

   (2) Further notes that hearing loss can be caused by hereditary conditions, infectious disease, prolonged exposure to excessive noise or the effects of aging and that less than 20% of the people who could benefit from wearing a hearing aid wear one. One in six Australians is affected by hearing loss which is an estimated 3.5 million people.

   (3) Urges Tasmanians who are concerned about their hearing to have a hearing test.

   (4) Thanks those people and organisations that are involved in Hearing Awareness Week, which will see a range of promotional activities happen across the country, including ‘silent’ sports events, public exhibitions on hearing technologies, and hearing safety training by employers to alert people to the issues. (Next Speaker: Mr Shelton)

3 Births Deaths and Marriages Registration (No Forced Divorce) Amendment Bill (No. 34 of 2014): Second reading. (Mr McKim)

4 Animal Welfare Amendment Bill 2014 (No. 42 of 2014): Second reading. (The Minister for Primary Industries and Water)

5 Residential Tenancy Amendment Bill (No. 7): Second reading. (The Minister for Human Services)

6 Anti-discrimination Amendment Bill (No. 8): Second reading. (The Minister for Education and Training)

7 Mineral Resources Development (Hydraulic Fracturing) Amendment Bill (No. 9): Second reading. (Mr Booth)
8 Corrections Amendment (Parole Board) Bill (No. 10): Second reading. (The Minister for Health)

9 Economic Regulator Amendment Bill (No. 11): Second reading. (The Treasurer)

10 Buy Local: Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Wednesday, 25 March 2015 by Ms Ogilvie—That the House:—

(1) Notes that the Liberal Government’s promise to Buy Local is nothing more than a cruel joke.

(2) Recognises that the promise has been broken in a litany of ways including:—

(a) sending $4 million worth of training funding to interstate companies;

(b) awarding $2.5 million to a multinational firm to provide the TasTAFE student management information technology system;

(c) providing a $420,000 contract for debt collection services for all units of the Department of Health and Human Services to a Victorian company when two of the five firms who put in tenders were from Tasmania;

(d) awarding a contract valued at $360,000 for car parking at the North West Regional Hospital to Victoria when two of the three firms that made bids for this job were Tasmanian;

(e) giving a $105,000 contract for upgrading the asbestos register to New South Wales when seven of the 11 companies who tendered for this were Tasmanian;

(f) gifting more than $330,000 to a New South Wales company to make jackets and raincoats for our police;

(g) awarding a Victorian company almost $600,000 in information technology funding to build an asset management system for the Parks and Wildlife Service, despite receiving four bids from Tasmanian companies; and

(h) overlooking a Tasmanian company to undertake $1.5 million worth of pavement marking and instead giving this work to a Victorian firm.

(3) Further notes that these examples alone add up to nearly $10 million worth of work that has gone interstate, in direct contradiction to the Liberal Party’s promises.

(4) Calls on the Liberal Government to reintroduce its own Bill “Supporting Local Business and Jobs (Local Benefits Test) Bill 2011” to prove that its commitment to buying locally is more than just a hollow slogan. (Next Speaker: Mr Green)

11 Launceston Flood Risk Management Bill (Bill No. 12 of 214): Consideration of Amendment of the Legislative Council.

SHANE DONNELLY, Clerk of the House

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