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## **Large Number of Summer Courses on Offer**

Historic walks, surfing for beginners, Latin dance and aqua fitness are among more than 170 courses being offered throughout the State this summer.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Heather Butler, said places were still available in some Summer 09 short courses and activities.

“The courses, which are running throughout January and February, are being provided across a state-wide network of learning centres including Adult Education, Online Access Centres and the State Library of Tasmania,” Ms Butler said.

“Courses and activities have a summer twist and include outdoor activities, art and computing and technology.

“A trial website allows people to browse, enrol, secure their place and pay for their course immediately.”

Ms Butler said the Community Knowledge Network meant that there were more learning options available for Tasmanians.

“The network brings together the programs and services of Adult Education, the State Library, Online Access Centres and the Archives Office of Tasmania to provide streamlined access to information, literacy support and community learning and training.

“Online Access Centres across the State are offering taster or short courses such as digital scrapbooking, understanding your iPod, Google Earth and family history.

“In the south courses include morning tai chi, twilight lawn bowls, tennis for night owls and surfing for beginners.

“Courses in the north include botanical art, summer art workshops, yoga and tai chi.

“People on the North-West coast can choose from basic drawing, dressmaking and a summer exploration of watercolours plus a range of other courses.

“Summer is the perfect time to get out and try something new or rediscover something you may have enjoyed in the past.

“I’d encourage Tasmanians to enrol in a Summer 09 short course,” Ms Butler said.

There are still places available in many courses. Course information and enrolments can be made by logging on to: [www.adulteducation.tas.gov.au](http://www.adulteducation.tas.gov.au) or by phoning your local Adult Education Centre.