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- 1762** Ms *White* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Understands that the crisis in our health system is undermining the ability of staff to carry out basic tasks like vehicle registration.
 - (2) Notes with concern that in response to a Right to Information Request submitted by Labor in June 2017, Ambulance Tasmania indicated that it failed to register 133 vehicles including three box trailers and one special interest display vehicle, before the registration period expired.
 - (3) Further notes that these vehicles were unregistered for six days.
 - (4) Recognises that staff are stressed and overworked which is resulting in basic tasks slipping through the cracks.
 - (5) Acknowledges the failure to register these vehicles is another symptom of a system in crisis. (8 August 2017)
- 1764** The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that there is no better friend of our resources industries, including mining and forestry, than the Hodgman Liberal Government.
 - (2) Acknowledges that these industries employ thousands of Tasmanians directly and indirectly, particularly in rural and regional areas, and create billions of dollars in income and export revenue for the State.
 - (3) Further notes that Greens front groups—such as the Bob Brown Foundation, Save the Tarkine and The Wilderness Society—not content with the lock up of around 50% of the State through actions including the Tasmanian Forest Agreement, are engaged in a persistent campaign to lock away more and more of Tasmania.
 - (4) Further notes that these groups' latest push for another 680,000 hectares of primarily North-West Tasmania or another 10% of the State to be locked away in an extension to our World Heritage Area, lays a devastating blow on our resources industries, putting thousands of jobs at risk and adversely impacts the rights of recreational land users such as fishers, hunters and 4WD-ers.
 - (5) Further acknowledges advice from the Department of State Growth that shows this land grab would:—
 - (a) ban mining in one of our most prospective mining regions, which includes more than 1000 known mineral deposits;
 - (b) include at least eight current mining leases;
 - (c) based on past expenditure, cost the State upwards of \$150 million in mining and exploration investment over 20 years;
 - (d) lock up more than 12,000 hectares of the Permanent Timber Production Zone and 91,000 hectares of our Wood Bank – the Future Potential Production Forest;
 - (e) cost a further \$250 million in the value of native forest harvesting over the next 20 years; and

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- (f) add to the sovereign risk issues that have seriously impeded investment in Tasmania for decades.
- (6) Further notes that the only way that this destructive action can take place is if the Greens enter into a power-sharing agreement with Labor.
- (7) Calls on all Tasmanians to resist this destructive push and stand up for the very existence of our mining and forestry sectors, and the thousands of livelihoods they provide for Tasmanians. (8 August 2017)
- 1766** The Minister for Human Services to move—That the House notes:—
- (1) 7-13 August is Homelessness Week 2017, with the theme for this year of 'Action and Innovation.'
- (2) A key priority of the Hodgman Liberal Government is supporting Tasmanians in need, which is why the Tasmanian Government has continued to invest in our \$73.5 million Affordable Housing Action Plan in the 2017-18 Budget.
- (3) Our innovative housing plan is the most comprehensive affordable housing strategy ever undertaken in this State, delivering affordable housing options for 1600 Tasmanian households, including over 900 new homes, over four years. Not only that, our housing plan will create up to 550 full-time equivalent jobs and increase economic activity by \$235 million over the four years.
- (4) Major projects to be undertaken as part of the 2017-18 Budget include:—
- (a) 8 additional units for young people at the Thyne House Youth Supported Accommodation Facility in Launceston, to help youth to re-engage with education, training or employment;
- (b) 9 units at the new Youth at Risk Response Centre at Moonah, as well as an additional \$800 000 a year to run the centre for homeless or at risk of homelessness youth by providing a safe and secure place for young people to live under the supervision of a live-in manager;
- (c) 25 units at the new Devonport Youth Supported Accommodation Facility, which is adjacent to 22 serviced lots which will provide for affordable housing in a prime location, as well as a new group home for people living with disability;
- (d) a new Hobart Women's Shelter, which will provide a 37 percent increase on existing crisis accommodation;
- (e) commencement of landlord initiatives designed to help vulnerable Tasmanians get into the private rental market; and
- (f) commencement of up to 75 units under the Regional Supply Initiative.
- (5) The Hodgman Liberal Government's Affordable Housing Action Plan, like Homelessness Week, is focussed on Action and Innovation. We know there is always more to do for the growing number of people needing affordable housing, which is why, with the budget back into balance, the Hodgman Liberal Government is continuing to invest in initiatives to support Tasmanian's in need. (8 August 2017)
- 1767** Mr *Bacon* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Understands with concern that many businesses and not-for-profit organisations are facing significant power price increases.
- (2) Notes with concern that the relief package promised by the Minister for Energy, Hon. Matthew Groom MP is scant on detail and will provide no long-term relief on price increases to Tasmanian businesses.
- (3) Further understands that the Liberal Government's program is only providing relief of up to 15% to some businesses.
- (4) Calls on the Liberal Government to face up to the challenges of ensuring Tasmanian businesses are provided with affordable and reliable energy supply in the long term. (8 August 2017)
- 1768** Mr *Bacon* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that Labor understands that major employers deserve greater transparency from the Liberal Government about energy security and gas pricing.
- (2) Understands that many small to medium sized businesses, manufacturers and processors, who employ thousands of Tasmanians and generate valuable exports for

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the State, rely heavily on the supply arrangements set in place between the major gas users and Tasmanian Gas Pipeline Pty Ltd.

- (3) Condemns the Minister for Energy, Hon. Matthew Groom MP for not acting to give certainty to Tasmanian companies (large and small) who use natural gas by directing Hydro to prioritise and conclude its negotiations with TGP Pty Ltd.
- (4) Further notes the Hydro's failure to secure a gas supply contract for the Tamar Valley Power Station may result in gas transportation rate increases of more than 100 per cent – which is totally unaffordable for major gas users.
- (5) Further notes the negative effect on investor confidence in the State's energy supply system caused by the Minister Groom's refusal to release the Energy Security Taskforce Final Report. (8 August 2017)

1770 Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes a public consultation process is underway for the proposed building of an aged care facility on part of the heritage-listed Wirksworth property in Bellerive.
- (2) Acknowledges the manner in which the announcement and consultation process commenced was designed for the Liberal Party's benefit, without concern for the shock and concern it generated in local residents.
- (3) Understands neighbours and wider Bellerive residents first heard of the proposed development on their much-loved Wirksworth land was when they saw the Minister for Human Services, Hon. Jacquie Petrusma MP and Liberal Senator Hon. Eric Abetz standing in front of television cameras at the site.
- (4) Recognises the disregard for proper and respectful communication about the potential impacts of this development triggered a large and angry public meeting, and continues through the Department of Housing's failure to inform and engage the community around a consultation process.
- (5) Further recognises residents with concerns, many of whom are elderly, need plenty of time to consider the impacts of the proposed development at Wirksworth, and feel ambushed by the speed of the process and automated responses from the Department to their submissions.
- (6) Calls on the Minister to ensure residents are given a timeline and process for respectful and meaningful dialogue, so that genuine solutions can be identified. (8 August 2017)

1771 Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the growing public opposition to the expansion of fish farming on Tasmania's pristine East Coast.
- (2) Understands this opposition is reflected in a ReachTEL poll in the Lyons electorate where 52% of respondents opposed Liberal and Labor's support for fish farming at Okehampton Bay, and only 27% supported it.
- (3) Further understands this opposition is reflected in a state-wide Mercury Poll, where 48% of people opposed fish farming at Okehampton Bay, 23% were undecided and only 29% were in favour.
- (4) Acknowledges the growing peaceful protests to the Liberal and Labor parties' unqualified support of fish farm expansions on the East Coast, including the thousands of Tasmanians who gathered at the FloatMo event organised by No Fish Farms in Tasmania's East Coast Waters.
- (5) Applauds Chris Massie's peaceful water vigil at Oakhampton Bay widely supported by many Tasmanians including Richard Flanagan and the great sailor and proud Tasmanian Justin Clougher.
- (6) Calls on Liberal and Labor to hear Tasmanians and change their vision for the East Coast from industrial-scale inshore finfish farms, to a clean and healthy marine environment that will provide beauty and bounty for the community in a hundred years' time, not just the near-term electoral horizon. (8 August 2017)

1772 Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the Circular Head Regional Economic Development Working Group set up in response to the Murray Goulbourn's announcement of the November

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- closure of the Edith Creek factory has already achieved significant progress in supporting the employees and the wider Circular Head community;
- (b) comprehensive support workshops have already been provided to the employees to help them prepare for the departure of Murray Goulburn from this site and an extensive business and career development program begins later this month;
 - (c) the announcement of the first Cruise Ships into Stanley in 2018 and a potential salmon industry are two major initiatives recently announced supporting the diversification and economic development of this region; and
 - (e) the Circular Head Working Group and the government are working hard to secure a sale of the factory as well as the future employment of the majority of the employees.
- (2) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government for their rapid response to this crisis and the ongoing efforts of all the members of the Working Group in delivering for the greater Circular Head region. (8 August 2017)

1773 Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes Tasmania is a must-see destination and cruise ships numbers are soaring.
- (2) Welcomes figures showing the 2016-17 cruise season was the best ever for Tasmania, with 236,794 cruise ship visitors arriving in Tasmania, a massive 45 per cent increase on the previous year.
- (3) Finds the new figures show that there were 95 port calls around the State, including 17 in Burnie and that the 2017-18 cruise ship season is looking even bigger with 138 port calls already booked, which is an increase of nearly 50 per cent.
- (4) Acknowledges it is vital that we encourage cruise ships to visit regional areas of Tasmania, and it's very exciting to see that the MS Caledonian Sky will visit Stanley in 2017-18.
- (5) Further finds that the visit to Stanley will showcase the Circular Head region and everything it has to offer.
- (6) Commends the Hodgman Liberal Government for working collaboratively with TasPorts over recent years to improve cruise ship facilities and for announcing the imminent release of the State's first cruise ship strategy, which will ensure that Tasmania, especially regional Tasmania, continue to benefit from increasing demand from cruise lines to visit Tasmania. (8 August 2017)

1774 Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates South Australia on its recent celebration of 40 years of cash for containers and their long-standing commitment to recycling.
- (2) Notes that around the world, cash for containers schemes see recycling rates for beverage packaging of around 80%. This compares to Tasmania's low rate of 15%. Recycling plays a vital part in sustainable waste management.
- (3) Further notes that Tasmania also has the worst recycling rates in the country. Kerbside recycling rates are lower than other states, industrial recovery rates are terrible, and construction and demolition recovery rates are virtually non-existent.
- (4) Acknowledges that in the 2015 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) report both Tasmania's Waste Advisory committee and the local government general meeting recommended the establishment of a landfill waste levy, but this government has not progressed the opportunity to take this up, missing the opportunity to reduce waste, improve recovery rates, and create employment opportunities in waste management.
- (5) Congratulates the Hobart city council, and Aldermen Bill Harvey and Phillip Cocker, for leading the way and passing a motion on phasing out single use takeaway plastic packaging.
- (6) Recognises that Tasmania needs an overarching strategy to deal with waste management and recycling, and that the government should not simply leave it to councils to take the lead in an ad-hoc fashion, that will leave some areas of the state benefiting from sustainable waste management structures processes, and too many areas left behind. (8 August 2017)

1775 Mr *Jaensch* to move—That the House notes:—

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- (1) On 10 – 14 July 2017, 300 small businesses attended 7 regional forums held around the State for Small Business Week. At these forums, EMRS shared data gathered from 800 businesses in Tasmania, of which 10 per cent were start-ups; 67 per cent feel there are good opportunities in Tasmania; 26 per cent have more employees than 2 years ago and almost half were planning staff increases in the next 2 years.
- (2) While preliminary, these results confirm positive trends consistently reported elsewhere, showing confidence in the Hodgman Liberal Government's support for the small business sector, which employs over 100 000 Tasmanians.
- (3) In stark contrast, Labor did not mention small business once in their sham alternative to a budget, and no longer have a small business shadow in this House.
- (4) Labor's wilful blindness to small business sounds a warning bell for all employers and local communities, who know that small business is the engine room of our economy and the source of two out of every five jobs.
- (5) The trends are strong but the Hodgman Liberal Government will not take its foot off the accelerator. We want to see business confidence and jobs growth continue and spread to every business and every region to build Tasmania's future, unlike Labor, which has just sacked its small business spokesperson and did not mention it once in its blueprint for its so-called alternative Government. (8 August 2017)

1776 Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Welcomes the \$11 million Flinders and Cape Barren Islands Telecommunications Transformation Project that will transform telecommunication services for the islands.
- (2) Notes that this project will provide for a new fibre optic cable link to each end of Flinders Island and significantly upgraded radio links between mainland Tasmania, Flinders Island and Cape Barren Island.
- (3) Further notes that agriculture and tourism is booming on the island and offering quality telecommunications services will provide a significant boost for the entire Flinders and Cape Barren communities.
- (4) Further notes that improvements in telecommunications will have a positive impact for education, health and emergency services on Flinders Island, as well as helping improve communication between family and friends. (8 August 2017)

1777 Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that cost of living is a major concern to many Tasmanians;
- (2) Notes that for many years Tasmanians have had to endure boiled water alerts that have impacted on families and small businesses;
- (3) Expresses concern about the crumbling water and sewerage infrastructure that is impacting business, our environment as well as Tasmania's image;
- (4) Welcomes the proactive action of the Hodgman Government for showing leadership in addressing this issue, which will see investment brought forward, savings for households and a guaranteed dividend stream for councils.
- (5) Further expresses concern at alternative Labor-Green Government would sit on their hands while Tasmanians paid more, our reputation was trashed and the environment suffered. (8 August 2017)

1778 Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government for delivering on its election commitment to phase out suspended sentences and replace them with a wider range of alternative sentencing options.
- (2) Notes with concern that the community sees suspended sentences as a soft and ineffective response to crime, and the Sentencing Advisory Council report confirmed that Tasmania's use of suspended sentences is higher than in all other Australian jurisdictions.
- (3) Further notes that the Sentencing Advisory Council also found that 34 per cent of offenders breach their suspended sentence by reoffending, but only 55 per cent of those offenders were then returned to court to face the consequences of the breach.
- (4) Expresses serious concern that Labor has opposed mandatory jail sentences for people who commit serious sexual offences against children, mandatory jail

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sentences for serious assaults against our hard working frontline workers and mandatory jail sentences for evading police. (8 August 2017)

1779 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Dorset Council, which was recently awarded the Delivering Excellence Award at the annual Local Government Awards conference in Hobart, for its dedicated and innovative approach to securing and enhancing aged care services in the region.
- (2) Notes that in 2015, the Dorset Community was told it risked losing one of its two aged care facilities and it was the Dorset Council that led the revival with an innovative plan that saw a new operator take over, along with assistance from the State Government.
- (3) Further notes that this has led to aged care in the North East not only being secured, but also ready for future expansion.
- (4) Once again, commends the Dorset Council for this great achievement by investing in a service that contributes to the local community, creates local jobs and making the North East a region of choice to live, work and retire. (8 August 2017)

1781 The Minister for Resources to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes the participation in National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day by schools and communities around the state in July 2017.
- (2) Further notes that Schools Tree Day is a great hands-on opportunity for students to experience planting and caring for seedlings as they grow and, in doing so, to help beautify or provide more shade or shelter at their school.
- (3) Further notes that the event teaches students about the importance of trees to our environment and the value of wood as a natural, renewable and beautiful resource.
- (4) Further notes that half of Tasmania – or almost 3.4 million hectares – is forested and our forest management standards are world’s best practice.
- (5) Further notes that in Tasmania we plant three trees for every single tree that is harvested.
- (6) Further notes that our productive forests provide employment for a great many Tasmanians and support regional communities around the State.
- (7) Commends all schools involved in this year’s Schools Tree Day and Sustainable Timber Tasmania for donating around 8,000 seedlings to schools for the event. (9 August 2017)

1782 The Minister for Building and Construction to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Australian Institute of Architects - Tasmania Chapter, held the 2017 Architecture Awards on 24 June 2017 which I had the pleasure of attending along with Her Excellency, The Honourable Kate Warner AM, Governor of Tasmania and my colleague the Honourable Elise Archer MP.
- (2) Further notes the Tasmanian Architectural Awards Night attracted 31 entries, covering 28 projects across 8 categories.
- (3) Further notes these entries showcased Tasmania’s many talented building practitioners - demonstrating a very high quality of designs and workmanship.
- (4) Further notes, the Tasmanian Government recognises that the building and construction industry is a driver of the local economy and architects play a vital role in developing our built infrastructure.
- (5) Congratulates all 8 category project winners including: Commercial, Educational, Heritage, Interior, Residential, Small Project, Sustainable and Steel architecture.
- (6) Further notes the winners of the ‘2017 Individual Prizes’ included:—
 - (a) Karen Davis being awarded the President’s Prize;
 - (b) Architectural firm ‘workbylizandalex’, awarded the Triennial Prize for Heritage Architecture;
 - (c) Thomas Bailey awarded the Emerging Architect Prize; and
 - (d) Maximilian Cooke awarded the SWT Blythe Student Prize.
- (7) Further notes, all category projects recognized with an award or named award will proceed to the National Architecture Awards which will be announced in November.
- (8) Further congratulates all entrants, for their hard work, commitment and achievements. (9 August 2017)

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- 1783** Ms *O'Byrne* to move —That the House:—
- (1) Congratulates World Champion Tasmanian Deon Kenzie.
 - (2) Notes:—
 - (a) Deon took Gold in the men's 1500m T38 at the World Para Athletics championships in London, in July 2017 running a new championship record of 4:06.68;
 - (b) born in 1996 Dean is a product of Tasmania's public education system going to Forth Primary School, Devonport High School and Don College;
 - (c) he made his international athletics debut in 2013 in France and has gone from strength to strength ever since. He won medals in the Para Athletics Championships in 2013 and 2015. He won Silver in the men's 1500m. T38 at the 2016 Rio Para-Olympics; and
 - (d) the North West Athletics Club member, also achieved a Silver in the 800m.
 - (3) Congratulates Deon and his coach the legendary and well respected, Mike Gunson, and all of those who have contributed and supported in the lead up to his wonderful achievement. (9 August 2017)
- 1784** Ms *O'Byrne* to move —That the House:—
- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the passing of Launceston identity David Deavin;
 - (b) that Mr Deavin was also a business identity, scouts leader, hockey president, Masonic Lodge Master and a drum teacher;
 - (c) that the existence of the hockey centre in Launceston is almost solely due to the inspiration and hard work of Mr Deavin as he identified the need to grow the sport and build a new facility for hockey;
 - (d) that he identified a site near his old home at St Leonards and proceeded to plan, design and then build the new hockey centre;
 - (e) that Mr Deavin travelled across the country to determine what was the best product to use to develop a synthetic pitch;
 - (d) further upon its completion, many people in the hockey community recognised the new St Leonards facility as one of the best in the world;
 - (e) that the design of the guttering, path and boundary wall system Mr Deavin built was so impressive, staff at the Homebush Hockey Centre copied it ahead of the 2000 Olympic Games; and
 - (f) that it is totally appropriate that the grandstand at the Northern Hockey Centre is named in his honour.
 - (2) Extends its sympathy to Barbara, their sons Terry, Phil, Robbie and Jamie, daughter Leonie, their partners and all their grandchildren and the broader Tasmanian hocky community. (9 August 2017)
- 1785** Mr *Bacon* to move —That the House:—
- (1) Notes the ongoing challenges facing Tasmania's racing industry, an industry which directly and indirectly provides for the employment of thousands of Tasmanians.
 - (2) Recognises that the Liberal Government's decision to cut stakes money has had damaging and long-lasting consequences for all three codes of racing.
 - (3) Further recognises that the cut to stakes was a broken election promise after a commitment was given to the industry to "boost" stakes money prior to the 2014 Tasmanian election.
 - (4) Calls on the Minister for Racing, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, to listen to the concerns of the industry, especially when it comes to stakes money, to give it a chance to get on a more sustainable footing.
 - (5) Urges the Minister to be more hands-on in his role as Minister for Racing to make sure Tasmania does not miss out on revenue opportunities afforded to other states in Australia. (9 August 2017)
- 1786** Mr *Bacon* to move —That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges the continued growth and strong confidence in the State's tourism sector.

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- (2) Welcomes the announcement by Jetstar to commence direct flights between Hobart and Adelaide later in 2017.
- (3) Notes that the new service will add 56,000 seats annually to the State and seek to grow the market for visitors from South Australia, to enjoy all that Tasmania has to offer.
- (4) Recognises the valuable work by staff at the Hobart Airport and from Tourism Tasmania to secure this new service.
- (5) Further recognises that a majority Labor Government will support the continued growth in the tourism sector, by boosting direct investment in tourism infrastructure, particularly in regional areas. (9 August 2017)

1787 Ms *Dawkins* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the recently completed ‘Plastic Free July’, an initiative that aims to raise awareness of the amount of plastic in our lives by encouraging people to eliminate the use of single-use plastic during July each year.
- (2) Notes that:—
 - (a) a ‘Plastic Free July’ started in Western Australia in 2011 with 40 people, and has now grown to be a worldwide movement that includes over 1 million participants; and
 - (b) the focus of the event is on creating awareness of the issues surrounding plastic, particularly single-use plastic, providing alternatives and solutions, and encouraging new habits.
- (3) Acknowledge the efforts of Trish Haeusler, who created ‘Plastic Free Launceston’ and brought the annual event to the city. Trish and Plastic Free Launceston raised awareness through a social media campaign, running workshops in schools, and talking to business.
- (4) Further note the outcomes of this campaign included a number of local businesses participating to use less plastic themselves, and reward consumers for using less plastic - like takeaway coffee cups and straws. The Launceston Harvest Market also declared itself ‘plastic free’ for the month in support.
- (5) Congratulate all participants of ‘Plastic Free July’ in Tasmania. They made a fantastic contribution to raising awareness about some of the simple ways that we can reduce our impact on the environment. (9 August 2017)

1788 Mr *Jaensch* to move —That the House notes that:—

- (a) the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Retail Trade Statistics show that Tasmania reached a new record of 32 consecutive months of retail trade growth in June, with the nominal value of retail trade rising 0.7 per cent to \$522.6 M.;
- (b) in the same period, the national retail trade lifted only 0.4 of one per cent;
- (c) the Hodgman Liberal Government came to office with jobs as its number one priority. Since then, 10 500 jobs have been created, which means we have filled the black hole of 10 000 jobs lost under Labor and the Greens, and are now building Tasmania’s workforce and economic future;
- (d) business confidence is high, the economy is growing and our plan for a brighter future is working, but there is more work to do. Our Northern Economic Stimulus package and \$25 M youth employment strategy will help ensure these positive trends extend to every business and region in Tasmania; and
- (e) only the Liberals can offer the stability and certainty businesses need to invest and employ more Tasmanians, backed by a strong, united and experienced majority government that wants them to succeed, in stark contrast to the Labor-Green alternatives. (9 August 2017)

1789 Dr *Broad* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Dundas Mining on their acquisition of the Avebury Nickle mine and associated processing facilities on 7 July 2017.
- (2) Notes that Dundas Mining is a privately owned Tasmania based company.
- (3) Further notes that Dundas Mining has a detailed start-up plan for the mine, which has been on care and maintenance for the past eight years.

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- (4) Further notes that the planned re-commencement of mining operations is particularly positive for the Zeehan township and the future of jobs and economic prosperity of the West Coast.
- (5) Further notes that the mine will be managed by another Tasmania company Lottah Mining Pty Ltd.
- (6) Welcomes the increase in confidence in mining shown by Tasmanian and Australian investors. (9 August 2017)

1790 Dr *Broad* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes that a majority Labor Government will build an Integrated Care Centre (ICC) in Devonport, to improve health care services in the region.
- (2) Understands that the integrated centre would bring primary care, allied health and outpatient services into the same precinct, to improve the health and wellbeing of locals.
- (3) Acknowledges that the integrated health centre model has proven to work in other parts of the State to facilitate positive health outcomes.
- (4) Further notes that the new Integrated Care Centre will deliver a significant range of visiting and permanent health services to provide better management of the chronic and complex conditions that exist within the region.
- (5) Recognises that Labor is committed to prioritising health, by planning to invest an additional \$88 million on top of what is already in the budget, on measures such as the Devonport ICC, to improve health and wellbeing for all Tasmanians. (9 August 2017)

1791 The Minister for Health to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the week 31 July – 4 August 2017 was Donate Life Week, which was this year dedicated to inviting all Australians to make their decision to donate life by joining the Australian Organ Donor Register at donatelife.gov.au.
- (2) Recognises that only one in three Australians have joined the Australian Organ Donor Register, even though 81% believe registration of donation is important.
- (3) Further notes that more than 1,400 Australians are waiting for a life-saving or life transforming transplant.
- (4) Acknowledges that last weekend 5/6 August 2017 the Minister had the privilege of meeting two young girls, Bella and Amarli of Launceston who are recipients of lifesaving organ transplants. Amarli Allan who is nine years old stated profoundly 'I am grateful to be alive in Australia and to be able to go to school', which the House agrees is something we should all remember and be grateful for. (9 August 2017)

1792 Ms *Ogilvie* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
 - (a) in Australia, there are approximately 27,000 people with HIV, many of whom were subject to the cruel and alienating awareness campaigns of the late 1980s, which I am sure most in this Chamber will vividly recall;
 - (b) previously seen as a death sentence, HIV can now be managed through medicine and for those at risk of HIV, the daily use of a Pre-exposure prophylaxis drug, commonly known as PReP, has made transmission almost impossible. For all intents and purposes, PReP is a revolution in sexual health; and
 - (c) marketed under the name Truvada, PReP can be challenging to obtain, by not being on the PBS costs are absurd, and unlike Queensland, South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria, the Tasmania does not offer any government subsidised trial program. Disadvantaging our at risk communities.
- (2) Congratulates the Australian Federation of AIDS for creating the HIV Blueprint, a document which shows that through investments of approximately \$32.5 million a year, Australia can successfully end new HIV transmissions.
- (3) Further notes that:—
 - (a) while the HIV Blueprint is for a national approach, I strongly advocate that the Government create a similar strategy for Tasmania, through implementing a campaign which includes better prevention, testing and

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treatment programs, including a push for the Federal Government to subsidise PReP and a trial program for Tasmania;

- (b) HIV can be treated and prevented, and I ask that the Tasmanian Parliament consider appropriate and impactful mechanisms to ensure that at risk Tasmanians have options and are included in conversations around HIV prevention and treatment. Ignoring community health needs, particularly when so easily preventable, is of no benefit to anyone and ending new transmissions of HIV is something we could all take pride in. (9 August 2017)

1793 Ms *Giddings* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes the winners of the 2017 Australian Housing Institute (AHI) Professional Excellence in Housing Awards in Tasmania:—
- (a) in Leading Community Engagement Practice, there were joint winners; Resident Community Fund Grant Program and Housing Choices Tasmania and Tenants Strengthening Communities, Mission Australia Housing;
- (b) in Leading Housing Development Project Trinity Hill won for partnering for Innovation in Youth Housing, Anglicare – Tasmania;
- (c) in the area of Tenant Led Initiative the winning project was in Social entrepreneurship: ‘Lend a Hand’, Anglicare – Tasmania; and
- (d) the award for Excellence in Social Housing went to Common Ground Tasmania.
- (2) Congratulates all award recipients and calls upon the government to continue to support the Common Ground model in Tasmania. (9 August 2017)

1794 Mr *Llewellyn* to move —That the House notes:—

- (1) That the recently released Strategic Growth Plan for the Tasmanian Forests, Fine Timber and Wood Fibre Industry should be urgently implemented.
- (2) In particular the following strategic objectives:—
- (a) providing stability to existing value chain participants through resource sharing and policy stability;
- (b) securing a profitable use for harvested and processing residues;
- (c) meeting reasonable expectations of the broad community in sustainable forest management practices;
- (d) encouraging expansion of the plantation forest estate;
- (e) developing a shared policy statement for incorporation into Tasmania's forest management system, which has broad political support;
- (f) provide efficient, effective and equitable access for industry to public production forests – both native and plantation;
- (g) expediting the application of Forest Stewardship Council certification throughout the industry;
- (h) adopting and implementing the recently released Special Species Management Plan; and
- (i) maintaining a progressive approach to policy development that is attuned to industry development and which enables Tasmania to maximise the social and economic dividend of a viable industry. (9 August 2017)

1795 Mr *Brooks* to move —That the House notes:—

- (a) the Hodgman Majority Liberal Government has invested a record amount of money into health and secured the future of the Mersey Community Hospital by obtaining the largest ever single funds transfer from the federal Government to Tasmania to take over the ownership of the hospital;
- (b) that legislation was required to be passed to ensure this money is used only on the Mersey Hospital because Labor can't be trusted with money;
- (c) that the Mersey Community Hospital is now seeing much overdue capital work to update the vital Hospital which includes an emergency helipad, which now means all 4 major hospitals in Tasmania will have integrated Emergency Helicopter capability after construction has been completed in Devonport and Hobart;

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- (d) the current Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Rebecca White MP, has failed to support this vital part of emergency infrastructure, and her colleagues, the former failed Ministers the Honourable Member for Bass, Ms Michelle O'Byrne MP and the Honourable Member for Franklin, Ms Lara Giddings MP have not only supported the closure of the Mersey hospital, but also the ridiculous position of not having a helipad included in the Royal Hobart Hospital rebuild that the Hodgman Liberal Government have now rescued;
- (e) that along with the failure by the Hon. Rebecca White MP to support healthcare on the North West, and in spite of the obvious benefits of Emergency helicopter capabilities, the mayor of Devonport, Ald. Steve Martin bizarrely opposes an Emergency helipad capability as well;
- (f) that it appears the Devonport Mayor's desperate attempt to stay in the spotlight has led him to the absurd position of opposing and criticising an emergency helipad for the Mersey Hospital, a helipad that will ensure patients in Devonport can get to Hobart more quickly when their life depends on it;
- (g) that Ald. Martin's betrayal of Devonport with his plan to shut down both the Mersey and North West Regional Hospitals for a new un-funded hospital at Ulverstone along with his new opposition of emergency transport, alongside the Leader of the Opposition Hon. Rebecca White MP led Opposition is a massive failure to the community;
- (h) that the Opposition's negativity and Mayor Martins inexplicable position of opposing Emergency helicopter facilities in the North West is in stark contrast to the Majority Hodgman Liberal Governments commitment to the care and well-being of the North West and delivering the best health care possible. (9 August 2017)

1796 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP cut 10 acute mental health beds from the Royal Hobart Hospital.
- (2) Further notes that this has had devastating consequences for patients and staff in the hospital.
- (3) Acknowledges the report of the Coroner Simon Cooper of 21 November 2016 regarding Mr S where the Coroner found, "I comment that it is a matter of real concern that, at the time of Mr S's death, insufficient beds were available in the mental health ward at the Royal Hobart Hospital.
- (4) Draws attention to the fact that despite this finding, no action was taken by the Minister to restore the number of acute mental health beds in the hospital.
- (5) Further notes that from 4 August 2017 trainee positions in the acute inpatient units are no longer accredited and no trainees will be placed in the acute mental health wards at the Royal Hobart Hospital.
- (6) Further notes that this has potentially devastating consequences for patient care and for psychiatry training in Tasmania.
- (7) Finds that actions taken by Health Minister Hon. Michael Ferguson MP, are irresponsible and have led to the loss of accreditation for the hospital, the loss of trained staff and increased stress for patients and their families. (9 August 2017)

1798 Mr *Jaensch* to move—That the House notes that:—

- (a) businesses in Tasmania are confident and optimistic, investing more and employing more Tasmanians, supported by a stable majority Government that understands them and wants them to succeed;
- (b) these trends are strong and consistent, but there is more work to do to keep them that way and ensure they spread to all businesses and all parts of Tasmania and that's why the Hodgman Liberal Government continues to act decisively to limit the cost of doing business in Tasmania;
- (c) the Government took action to cap increases to power bills for regulated small business customers, limiting increases to the equivalent of CPI, and we introduced \$20M in zero-interest energy efficiency loans to help small businesses reduce their power bills in the longer term;
- (d) Tasmania is one of only two States to take action to minimise the cost burden on larger business operating in the volatile, unregulated national energy market. Major

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reductions to the wholesale contract power price of up to 35% means real savings for these larger businesses and employers;

- (e) in the last Budget, the Government announced nearly \$20M in payroll tax rebates and small business grants to reduce the cost of employing apprentices, trainees and young people in Tasmania's businesses, but there is more work to do;
- (f) the Government will continue to drive the cost of business down through our plan to take over TasWater and take control of the prices charged for essential water and sewerage services, and we will continue to find and fix red tape that causes unnecessary costs and delays for businesses and their clients;
- (g) Labor didn't mention business once in their so-called alternative Budget and sacked their business shadow in this House. The Greens announced this week they want there to be more red tape, not less; and
- (h) only the Hodgman Liberal Government can offer Tasmanian businesses the strong, stable, majority government and confidence they need to grow and employ more Tasmanians, and build Tasmania's future. (10 August 2017)

1799 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Condemns the hypocrisy of the Labor Opposition Leader, Hon. Rebecca White MP, and the shameful self-interest displayed by her Party with their policy on mandatory sentences for child sex offenders and serious assaults on emergency workers.
- (2) Further condemns the Labor Party and the Hon. Ms White, who is more focused on legalising illicit drugs than supporting victims of sexual abuse, especially against young innocent children.
- (3) Notes that Steve Fisher of Beyond Abuse has stated "the Liberal Party has made more changes to the law to make it easier for victims of sex crimes in the past two years than Labor made in the whole of its previous time in power....victims are at a loss to explain why the Opposition has no interest in helping victims and their families and these heinous sex crimes".
- (4) Notes that while the Labor Party has shamefully stood silent on crimes that have a significant physical, emotional and mental impact on the victims and their families, the Hodgman Liberal Government is taking action and will continue to fight for the community's safety and wellbeing. (10 August 2017)

1800 Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledge the recent release of the Tasmanian Conservation Trust survey and report regarding Roadkill in Tasmania entitled – ‘Roadkill: A survey of state road authorities and local government’.
- (2) Notes the report surveyed major State Road Managers including Hydro Tasmania, State Growth, Parks and Wildlife and Forestry Tasmania, as well as local councils.
- (3) Further notes that roadkill is a major cause of death and injury to native wildlife in Tasmania. It is estimated that 293,000 animals are killed per year, that's around 32 animals per hour and an average of 1 per Tasmanian driver per year.
- (4) Recognise and considers the recommendations from the TCT report, including:—
 - (a) a more collaborative, systematic, strategic approach to mitigating and managing roadkill;
 - (b) more frequent removal of roadkill;
 - (c) more signage giving phone numbers for removal or care;
 - (d) longer-term funding for carer networks;
 - (e) community awareness and engagement programs, particularly around hotspots and advising how to avoid hitting animals; and
 - (f) a centralised, publicly-accessible database of roadkill statistics and hotspots.
- (5) Calls on the Government to provide the tools to implement appropriate and effective roadkill reduction strategies in Tasmania. (10 August 2017)

1801 Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Understands that on 14 August 2017, the Minister for Education and Training, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, announced that he was back flipping on his decision to lower the school starting age.
- (2) Notes with concern that instead of listening to evidence from experts, concerned parents, experienced members of the child care sector and teachers, this decision to

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back away from the early starting age comes off the back of poor polling for the Premier, Hon. Will Hodgman MP, and a negative poll in support of the Minister's plan.

- (3) Further notes that the process that the Government undertook to progress its intention to lower the school starting age has caused significant and unnecessary distress in the community.
- (4) Further understands that while the decision that the Minister for Education, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, has taken in not lowering the school starting age is welcome, this could have been reached if the Minister had consulted and listened genuinely with the community, experts, educators and parents prior to announcing it as a 'fait accompli'.
- (5) Further understands that Labor wrote to the Minister for Education when the draft Education Bill was released and suggested that an examination be undertaken to understand the best age for commencing formal learning and what needs to be provided to support learning prior to enrolment in school.
- (6) Further notes that the Minister used the successes of the Child and Family Centres to justify his lowering of the school starting age.
- (7) Calls on the Minister to genuinely consult on the range of strategies that can support families, including Labor's plan for six more child and family centres. (15 August 2017)

1803 Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes consumer and business confidence continues to drive the Tasmanian economy. Confidence leads to more jobs and opportunities for Tasmanians and especially for young Tasmanians.
- (2) Welcomes the strong recognition of Tasmania's far North West and King Island as a salmon industry "grow zones" under the Hodgman Liberal Governments Sustainable Salmon Industry Growth Plan.
- (3) Further notes the salmon industry supports more than 5,200 jobs, most in regional Tasmania, and the rich fishing history of Circular Head and King Island makes them ideal locations for expansion of this very important industry.
- (4) Further notes Petuna Aquaculture, a respected and well-founded North West enterprise, has indicated a desire to explore future salmon farming near Three Hummock Island.
- (5) Further notes that business and community confidence needs to be supported in this world-class industry. "Grow zones and no grow zones" must be supported by all Members.
- (6) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government for developing the Salmon Industry Growth Plan which clearly identifies the "grow and no grow zones" bringing certainty, shows strong leadership and a clear vision to this industry as we strive to produce high quality, sustainable food production utilising this state's natural advantages. (15 August 2017)

1804 Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) public safety is a key priority for the Government;
 - (b) the Hodgman Liberal Government made a pledge to restore police numbers slashed by the previous Labor/Green administration and we have delivered;
 - (c) more Police means greater resources to investigate crime and keep the community safe; and
 - (d) the crime statistics are a reminder of the need for this Government to be proactive and tough on crime.
- (2) Welcomes the 33% increase in serious drug offenders being charged which means less drugs finding their way into the community and destroying lives.
- (3) Congratulates Tasmania Police for the very encouraging statistics showing more criminals than ever are being caught, charged and kept off the streets however, it is clear that there is more to do.
- (4) Notes the evidence in the recent crime statistic report is why a re-elected majority Liberal Government will continue to make keeping Tasmanians safe one of our key priorities and that in contrast, Labor and the Greens are soft on crime, oppose tougher

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sentences for sex offenders who destroy children's lives, oppose protection for our police officers, oppose abolishing suspended sentences, and want to legalise dangerous drugs.

- (5) Further congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government for their support for the police, for being fair dinkum on serious offences and tough on crime. (15 August 2017)

1805 Ms *Giddings* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the 10.6% increase in serious crime, 10.6% in property crime and the 9.4% increase in total crime over the past twelve months under the Hodgman Government; and
 - (b) the tough on crime approach of the Hodgman Government is making serious crime and property crime worse in the State.
- (2) Calls on the Hodgman Government to look at the mountains of evidence that show that investment in therapeutic jurisprudence, restorative justice practices and rehabilitation programs reduce crime.
- (3) Further calls on the Hodgman Government to abandon its ill-thought out policy to abolish suspended sentences, which have proven to be effective in reducing crime. (15 August 2017)

1806 Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the importance of the Adult Migrant English Program (AMED) to Launceston, both as a service to newly arrived humanitarian entrants, and as an employer of highly skilled and dedicated teachers and administrators in Launceston.
- (2) Notes that:
 - (a) the AMEP in Launceston was delivered by TasTAFE for over ten years;
 - (b) TasTAFE have been responsible for assisting hundreds of former refugees to learn English during this time;
 - (c) TasTAFE staff collaborated closely with other service providers to build relationships that supported clients learning; and
 - (d) the AMEP at TasTAFE had built a large amount of intellectual capital and expertise in the delivery of English language teaching in Launceston.
- (3) Further notes that the AMEP program will no longer be delivered by TasTAFE, who has lost the delivery contract. The service is now being delivered by a private for-profit contractor.
- (4) Further notes that since last month, under the new provider, the program has been beset with problems, including resourcing, space and facilities issues. Students have complained of issues that were not experienced during the TasTAFE era.
- (5) Further recognises that programs such as the AMEP, delivered through TasTAFE, are a vital component of Tasmania's education system. Students rely on its quality teaching services, just as teachers and staff rely on its ability to attract and retain contracted programs.
- (6) Calls on the Government to show leadership, and commitment, to maintaining the quality and integrity of TasTAFE, and minimise the possibility that other important service delivery contracts are lost, to the detriment of students and staff. (15 August 2017)

1807 The Minister for Infrastructure to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that the week 14 – 18 August 2017 is Rail Safety Week across Australasia.
- (2) Notes that TasRail and Tasmania Police are working closely together to prevent illegal trespass and vandalism of rail infrastructure given the life-threatening safety risk that these acts involve.
- (3) Recognises that TasRail's newly implemented Train Control systems enables timely release of CCTV footage to Tasmania Police of incidents, including at level crossings.
- (4) Further notes the increase in incidents of vandalism at level crossings over the past year, particularly in the North-West.

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- (5) Further recognises the risk posed to TasRail employees and the general public alike from vandalism of rail or rolling stock and from trespass on rail corridors. (15 August 2017)
- 1808** The Minister for Infrastructure to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the Rotary Club of Tasman will hold its fourth Lufra to the Lookout Hill Climb and Car show on Saturday 19 August 2017.
 - (2) Recognises the excellent work of the Tasman Rotary Club in hosting this event, which will bring historic motor vehicle enthusiasts from around Tasmania to the Tasman Peninsula.
 - (3) Further notes that a strong field of vehicles has been registered for the event, dating back as far as 1919.
 - (4) Acknowledges the great efforts of Mr Roger Self and others of the Rotary Club of Tasman, and Mr Peter Derkley, General Manager of the Lufra Hotel and Apartments for organising this fantastic event. (15 August 2017)
- 1809** Mr *Brooks* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that former AFL Premiership Captain Luke Hodge, after announcing his retirement from AFL Football earlier in 2017 has played his last game in Launceston for the Hawthorn Football Club on 13 August 2017.
 - (2) Further notes that not only does Luke Hodge hold the highest number of games played record, for AFL games in Tasmania, he has promoted Australian Rules football to the Tasmanian community through clinics, sporting club fundraisers and school visits.
 - (3) Further notes that as a leader of the Tassie Hawks, Luke Hodge has been a role model for kids by reaching the highest echelon of AFL success and by also inspiring them through encouragement and ensuring there was time for them.
 - (4) Wishes Luke Hodge all the best for his future and thanks him for the community work he has done in Tasmania. (15 August 2017)
- 1811** Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that:—
 - (a) the Hodgman Government knows the cost of living is a real issue for Tasmanians and is taking action by taking on the cost of living challenges for everyday Tasmanians by keeping power prices low, and for example, have reduced the fares on the Spirit of Tasmania;
 - (b) there is more work to be done and we will make sure we will keep cost of living down by keeping the cost of government services like car registration costs, drivers licences, and national park fees, on average, at or below the rate of inflation over the next four years; and
 - (c) the Government's aim for Tasmania is to keep it as one of the most affordable places in the country to live, work and raise a family, especially for the elderly and those on low and fixed incomes.
 - (2) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on its new positive plan focused on six key priorities:—
 - (a) to deliver a stronger economy and more jobs;
 - (b) act on the cost of living;
 - (c) invest more into health, education and Tasmanians in need;
 - (d) keep Tasmanians safe;
 - (e) protect the Tasmanian way of life; and
 - (f) build Tasmania's infrastructure for the 21st century. (16 August 2017)
- 1812** Mr *Jaensch* to move—That the House notes that:—
- (a) the Hodgman Liberal Government's plan to take ownership and responsibility for water and sewerage services is the only plan that treats protection of the environment and ensures all Tasmanians have access to safe, clean, affordable water as urgent priorities;
 - (b) under the current model:—
 - (i) 29 Councils own TasWater as shareholders but lack effective control of its delivery of services to Tasmanians;

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- (ii) works programs are constrained by a business model that places profits and dividends ahead of environmental compliance and safe drinking water for all Tasmanians; and
 - (iii) TasWater's own trade waste policies threaten the closure of businesses and job losses in every Tasmanian town.
- (c) the Government's plan changes all that;
- (d) Labor has avoided taking responsibility for fixing our water and sewerage problems in the past and nothing has changed. Their latest cop-out is to beg for Federal funding for three high-profile city projects, and leave local government with the heavy lifting everywhere else;
- (e) the Greens are all over the place and, bizarrely, have rejected our plan to protect the environment from untreated sewerage in 5 years instead of 10; and
- (f) only the Hodgman Liberal Government has a plan that takes action, ownership and responsibility for fixing Tasmania's water and sewerage services, and is faster, cheaper and fairer for Councils and consumers. (16 August 2017)

1813 Ms Dawkins to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the release of the Tasmanian Disability Education Reform Lobby (TDERL) - 2017 Parent Satisfaction Survey.
- (2) Acknowledges that the TDERL provides parents of students living with disability in Tasmanian schools a voice. Their aim is to ensure that all Tasmanian students living with disability have equal access to a quality education in Tasmania.
- (3) Notes that the 2017 survey produced a number of findings that highlight the difficulties these families face with their children in mainstream schools, including:—
 - (a) parents of students with disability in mainstream schools reported a satisfaction rate of 22%. Only 1 in 5 parents and carers are satisfied with the level of support their child receives;
 - (b) six out of every ten families surveyed received no additional funding to assist their school to provide the reasonable adjustments they need to access an education on the same basis as other students;
 - (c) part-time enrolments have increased from 15% in 2016 to 27% in 2017; and
 - (d) one-third of parents/carers reported that their child had been excluded from a school activity, with reasons given relating to funding for support staff and infrastructure.
- (4) Calls on the Government to confront the issues parents of students have detailed and challenges the Minister for Education, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, to ensure that the next snapshot shows improvement so that all students are given access to high quality education. (16 August 2017)

1814 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Commends the Bridport running group who have been raising funds for Huntington's disease (HD) by each runner donating a gold coin each week.
- (2) Notes that HD causes brain cell death affecting the frontal lobe and basal ganglia – the regions of the brain responsible for motor movement control and coordination, cognition and emotions.
- (3) Recognises that 1,800 Australians live with HD and a further 9,000 are at risk.
- (4) Further notes that what was initially a short term-initiative for the group has continued into the winter months due to the community being so supportive and the group has so far raised \$225 and are aiming towards \$1,000 by the end of 2017 through a 65 kilometre relay run from Launceston to Bridport.
- (5) Once again, commends the group for their dedication to raising funds for a worthy cause and making a positive difference in their community health and fitness. (16 August 2017)

1815 The Premier to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that 18 August 2017 marked Vietnam Veterans Day, a time for Tasmanians to reflect upon the sacrifices made by our armed forces over the 12 year conflict, the longest war Australia has ever been involved in.

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- (2) Remembers the 1,800 Tasmanians who served in Vietnam, particularly the sixteen Tasmanian soldiers that did not come home.
- (3) Notes that 2017 marks the 51st anniversary of the 1966 Battle of Long Tan, a conflict that saw 108 Anzacs from D Company 6 RAR, led by the Tasmanian Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Harry Smith SG MC (Retd), engage in battle against more than 2,000 Viet Cong troops.
- (4) Further notes that we will continue to acknowledge the service and sacrifice of all those Australian men and women who have fought for the freedom of this country. (17 August 2017)

1816 The Minister for Human Services to move—That the House notes:—

- (1) Monday 21 August 2017 to Sunday 27 August 2017 marks Brain Injury Awareness Week, which plays an important role in promoting the awareness and reducing the incidence of Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), while also providing opportunities to celebrate the many contributions people with ABI make to our community.
- (2) ABI is a complex disorder that refers to any type of brain damage or neurological disruption occurring after birth. ABI is also a common but hidden disability in the community with the World Health Organisation reporting it affects more than 1.6 million Australians, or one in 12.
- (3) The theme for 2017 is Brain Injury in the Military. Brain injury is referred to as the 'signature injury' of the wars in the Middle East.
- (4) 1 in every 10 Australian Defence Force personnel who has served in the Middle East "reported the criteria for a new mild Traumatic Brain Injury" post-deployment. This is why 2017's national Awareness Week is being devoted to advancing the recognition of brain injury in the military.
- (5) Brain Injury Awareness Week also allows us to recognise the many organisations around Tasmania who do wonderful work in providing awareness, support and practical help to people living with an ABI in our community.
- (6) To support Brain Injury Awareness Week, more information can be found at www.biat.org.au/biat-bia-week. (17 August 2017)

1817 Mr *Jaensch* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
 - (a) the Hodgman Government backs Tasmania's manufacturing and contracting sector to grow our share of Australia's \$30 billion annual defence spend and overseas defence industry opportunities, and the results are starting to show;
 - (b) in July 2017, Liferaft Systems Australia was selected to supply marine evacuation systems to the Royal Navy's new Queen Elizabeth Class aircraft carrier and CBG Moonraker was contracted to supply antenna systems for nine new Italian Navy vessels;
 - (c) on 16 August 2017, Penguin Composites was announced as the supplier of fibreglass body panels for the Thales Hawkei armoured military vehicle for the Australian Defence Force, creating 15 new jobs on the NW Coast;
 - (d) the Thales contract was first discussed at the Land Forces 2016 defence expo in Adelaide, where our Government hosted 7 Tasmanian firms exploring defence opportunities for the first time. A similar delegation will attend the Pacific 2017 naval defence expo in Sydney in October 2017;
 - (e) these companies join established defence industry suppliers including Taylor Bros, Elphinstone, Currawong Engineering and the Australian Maritime College, growing Tasmania's profile in this specialised market; and
 - (f) in the week commencing 7 August 2017, the Minister for State Growth, Hon. Matthew Groom MP, announced the appointment of Tasmania's first Defence Advocate, retired Rear Admiral Steve Gilmore, who will promote Tasmanian defence suppliers to key decision makers in Canberra and internationally.
- (2) Congratulates Penguin Composites on securing new defence opportunities and jobs for Tasmania, and will continue to back our capabilities in this important sector. (17 August 2017)

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- 1818** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the BuyAbility Procurement project for Northern Tasmania has recently been launched in Launceston.
 - (2) Recognises that this initiative is designed to increase employment for people with disability through the promotion, connection and management of procurement opportunities for Australian Disability Enterprises (ADE) with public and private sector buyers
 - (3) Applauds the work of our Australian Disability Enterprises. Tasmania has 11 ADEs who directly employ and support more than 450 Tasmanian and are the largest employer of people living with disabilities in the State.
 - (4) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Community Fund for their generous funding of this project.
 - (5) Encourages Members to promote the BuyAbility Procurement project with ADEs in their local areas. (17 August 2017)
- 1819** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Congratulates the Launceston City Mission on setting up the Inside Out 4 Kids program, which provides trauma, grief and loss support to children.
 - (2) Recognises that many young people are significantly impacted by grief and loss issues and do not have the emotional capacity or family support to deal with the associated trauma. Grief can result from a range of life circumstances: death of a loved one, separation or divorce, domestic violence, community crisis or removal from the family home.
 - (3) Appreciates that often adults are impacted by the same issues and as a consequence, can have reduced capacity or resources to support their children.
 - (4) Understands that this program is therapeutic in the sense of providing peer support and nurturing in a judgement-free environment. Children are given the opportunity to share, laugh, cry, listen and participate in activities as part of the process of equipping them to deal with grief in a confidential and safe space.
 - (5) Applauds the wonderful IO4K team, led by Teenette van Dyk, for their strength and compassion in helping these children in need. (17 August 2017)
- 1820** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Welcomes the inaugural Hurricanes Champions League T20 competition, a new partnership between the Intercultural Sports League and Cricket Tasmania.
 - (2) Acknowledges the benefits the Hurricanes Champions League offers the Tasmanian multicultural community, including a competition where all players can feel welcome, and a place that families can join in barbecues and kids' programs.
 - (3) Notes the growing demand from Tasmania's multicultural community to play cricket and that this partnership will directly bolster cultural diversity for cricket in Tasmania.
 - (4) Encourages Tasmanians to get behind the Hurricanes Champions League as it runs from October 22 and January 21.
 - (5) Further notes this partnership's contribution to the Hodgman Liberal Government's commitment to Tasmania having the healthiest population in Australia by 2025.
 - (6) Extends thanks to the President and Founder of the Intercultural Sports League Raj Chopra for this exciting opportunity to engage more Tasmanians in sport. (17 August 2017)
- 1821** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges the release of the Community Legal Centres' Report into drug treatment and law reform, which calls on the Government to treat personal drug use through a public health lens, instead of with a criminal response.
 - (2) Understands the "war on drugs" has failed on all its own measures, and has not cut the supply or demand for drugs, has not kept individual users from harm, or the community safer from violence and property crime.
 - (3) Notes last year, 80 per cent of Tasmania's 1100 arrests for drug-related offences were for personal illicit drug use, and 880 Tasmanians were needlessly criminalised.
 - (4) Recognises the focus of law enforcement should be on criminals trafficking or manufacturing drugs, not on personal users of illicit drugs.

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- (5) Supports a health-care approach to managing illicit drugs through decriminalising drugs for personal use; and preventing addiction and a cycle of crime with well-funded early intervention, education and drug recovery programs, and court mandated diversions.
- (6) Further understands decriminalisation of illicit drugs for personal use is policy in many regions around the world, and Portugal has for 16 years successfully demonstrated it reduces rates of drug use in young people and hard drug users.
- (7) Agrees that dismissing the overwhelming research and observations of the harms of maintaining a political “tough on drugs” approach, instead of a health focus, is cruel, negligent, irresponsible, expensive and making our state a less safe place to live.
- (8) Calls on the Liberal and Labor parties to accept the evidence and calls from former chief magistrates, police commissioners, premiers and health experts to decriminalise personal use of illicit drugs, and to invest the \$28 million a year saved in Tasmania into prevention, treatment and reintegration of ex-offenders. (17 August 2017)

1822 Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Understands the Liberals’ State Planning Provisions silence community voices, undermine the character of our towns and cities, remove environmental and heritage protections, and threaten national parks.
- (2) Notes the Minister for Planning and Local Government, Hon. Peter Gutwein MP, has ignored warnings from the Local Government Association of Tasmania that the task councils face in developing complicated local schedules to the new state-wide scheme is enormous and complex.
- (3) Further notes no council has yet submitted or exhibited their draft local schedules, and many councils are still unable to nominate a completion date.
- (4) Further understands despite the Liberals claims the state-wide scheme would be “fairer, cheaper, simpler and faster”, the Kingborough Mayor has referred to it as “big, cumbersome and complicated” and that “our paperwork has probably trebled or more”.
- (5) Recognises that even despite Minister Gutwein ignoring major recommendations from the Tasmanian Planning Commission and bullying councils to speed up the development of Local Planning Schedules, the Tasmanian Planning Scheme is not in place by 1 July as promised, and will not be in place for some time.
- (6) Calls on the Minister for Planning and Local Government to hear the widespread concerns of Tasmanians that the Tasmanian Planning Scheme puts developer interests first and community interests last, and to overhaul the scheme to:—
 - (a) introduce far stronger planning controls so that developments must benefit the community's interests and sustain environmental biodiversity;
 - (b) remove ministerial powers of intervention into planning decisions;
 - (c) restore the powers and independence of the Tasmanian Planning Commission;
 - (d) protect our plants and animals by reducing allowable land clearing, funding the development of a high quality state-wide vegetation map, and protect national parks and reserves;
 - (e) preserve the unique differences of our towns, suburbs and countryside, including local character and heritage; and
 - (f) strengthen third party rights to appeal, reduce the costs for appeals, and promote community consultation before decisions are made. (17 August 2017)

1823 Mr *Shelton* to move—That the House notes:—

- (a) the ever increasing Wallaby population within Tasmania is having devastating effect on the profitability of farm land;
- (b) that now with better pasture management, the increase in irrigation activity and Plantation establishment within the state has led to increased breeding opportunity for the wallaby population;
- (c) that with no real substitute for 1080 and the high cost of Wallaby proof fencing and add the demise of the MIS schemes has led to limited management of the wallaby population by farmers on their land and within many plantations over a number of years;

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- (d) that the wallaby population in Tasmania is now estimated between 7 and 10 million;
- (e) this financial burden is solely being incurred by the farmers of Tasmania; and
- (f) that a farmer could run an extra sheep for every 3 Bennett's Wallaby or 5 Pademelons that's currently grazing their land. (17 August 2017)

1824 Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognise the work of the Migrant Resource Centre (MRC) in Launceston, who deliver services and provide support to humanitarian entrants, migrants and culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Northern Tasmania.
- (2) Notes the MRC in Launceston has had a significant history of success in assisting thousands of CALD clients to settle and integrate well in the Northern Tasmanian community.
- (3) Further notes that its programs cover the areas of youth, employment, business and community development, immigration and cultural awareness training. It has also provided humanitarian settlement services for Northern Tasmania for well over ten years.
- (4) Further recognise that the federally funded Humanitarian Settlement Services contract will not be renewed at the MRC (Nth Tas), with the new equivalent contract awarded to an interstate service provider.
- (5) Further notes that:—
 - (a) the MRC continues to have highly trained and capable specialist settlement staff, and is a significant employer in the settlement sector in Launceston;
 - (b) the MRC has an extensive service delivery infrastructure in place, and continues to have networks and relationships that facilitate positive outcomes for humanitarian clients; and
 - (c) the activities of the MRC contribute substantially to the Launceston economy, through the settlement of people, the employment of skilled staff, and the acquittal of program funds directly into local businesses.
- (6) Congratulates the MRC for their long-term work in Humanitarian settlement and CALD services, thanks them for providing a highly regarded settlement service for over a decade, and supports any efforts they make to attract new programs and projects. (17 August 2017)

1825 The Acting Minister for Corrections to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Whitelion for their successful Gala Dinner held on Saturday, 12 August 2017 which raised over \$13,000 to support programs helping young people in Tasmania.
- (2) Notes that since 2002 Whitelion has been supporting at risk youth between the ages of 10 and 25 years of age in Tasmania, working with young people across the State providing the specialist services that give young people the opportunity to build positive lives for themselves through role modelling, mentoring and employment.
- (3) Further notes that Whitelion focuses on support for young people as they transition back into the community from Out-of-Home-Care and the youth justice system, helping these at risk youth develop positive relationships and providing access to communities for social and skills development, growing young people and supporting their progress towards life goals.
- (4) Commends Whitelion for their unique ideas to help support their work including the Bailout and Three Peaks Challenge.
- (5) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government's commitment of \$600,000 over three years for Whitelion's Work Ready Program as part of our package to see more young Tasmanians enjoying the dignity and opportunity that a job provides.
- (6) Commends the leadership team, staff and volunteers at Whitelion for their efforts in supporting and growing young Tasmanians in need. (17 August 2017)

1826 The Acting Minister for Corrections to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that from 4 to 9 July 2017 Prison Fellowship Australia hosted an art exhibition called "Art from Inside" which showcased artwork from Tasmania Prison Service inmates, and was held at the Waterside Pavilion in Mawson's Place and attracted over four hundred visitors.

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- (2) Recognises it was the most successful art exhibition that Prison Fellowship has held in Tasmania, and it was my absolute pleasure to attend the opening night, view the art, and to talk with the many guests that were there to view the work. The theme of this year's exhibition was "Rejected/Selected"; a very meaningful theme for the artists that submitted work.
- (3) Recognises and congratulates those inmates who had their artwork on display in the exhibition, and acknowledges that events and exhibitions such as this assist in establishing a sense of achievement and increasing self-esteem for inmates. It also provides inmates with an outlet for their expression and some outstanding talent.
- (4) Notes that prisoners often have many obstacles to overcome, and participating in activities such as 'Art from the Inside' is a very positive step for those involved, allowing them to engage with the community. I congratulate those involved. (17 August 2017)

1827 The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that Friday, 18 August 2017 was Vietnam Veterans Day, an annual day of remembrance for those who served during the Vietnam War.
- (2) Notes that this day, originally known as Long Tan Day, commemorates the day in 1966 when the battle of Long Tan was fought by the men of D Company, 6th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment (6RAR).
- (3) Further notes that this day, first commemorated in 1969 with the raising of a cross at the battlefield by the men of 6RAR, has since been adopted to cover all veterans who served in the Vietnam War – the longest conflict in Australia's history.
- (4) Pays tribute to the almost 60,000 Australians who served in Vietnam between May 1962 and April 1975, including 521 who paid the ultimate price and more than 3,000 who were wounded.
- (5) Acknowledges the service of the approximately 1,800 Tasmanians who served in Vietnam, including 17 who died in their country's service.
- (6) Further notes commemorative service and wreath-laying ceremonies will be held across Tasmania to mark the event including at St. Helens on Friday 18 August 2017, hosted by the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia (East Coast Sub-branch) of which I am honoured to be Patron, and thanks all involved with the branch, including President Gary Graham, Secretary Debbie Shields and other members of the Executive for their efforts in supporting Vietnam veterans on the East Coast over the years.
- (7) Honours the service and sacrifice of all those who fought for freedom in this conflict and remembers the motto of the VVAA: 'Honour the Dead but Fight like Hell for the Living'. (17 August 2017)

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;

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- (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;
 - (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.

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- (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/RACV 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;
- (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.

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- (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.
- (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)

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- 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 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)

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- 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 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

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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.
- (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)

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- 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:—
- (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)

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- 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;
 - (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.

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- (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.
- (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;

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- (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 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 Dowton 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;

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- (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 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 co-ordinating 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.

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- (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:
 - (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 23rd 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;

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- (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 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.

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- (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:—

- (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 Tasmania 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:—

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- (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.
- (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)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*