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No. 14

TUESDAY, 30 JULY 2019

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29 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Precision Agriculture plays a vital role in contributing to the growth of the Tasmanian agriculture sector through better technology, improved knowledge and irrigation infrastructure, increased yields and the achievement of greater efficiencies.
- (2) Records this is the fifth year of the annual Precision Agriculture Expo, conducted by the Tasmanian Agricultural Productivity Group in collaboration with the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture and partners and this event highlighted new technologies and advancements designed to improve efficiencies in agricultural systems.
- (3) Acknowledges advancements of precision agriculture has seen technology, machinery, transportation and logistics play a larger role in the supply chain resulting in new job opportunities.
- (4) Further notes by encouraging innovation and investing in the agriculture sector, the Hodgman Liberal Government underpins its bold AgriFood Plan that aims to grow the farm gate value of the State's agricultural industry to \$10bn a year by 2050.
- (5) Further notes the effective collaboration between private enterprise, primary producers, contractors and the Government will also help grow stronger and more resilient rural and regional communities.
- (6) Recognises precision agriculture is changing the way the agricultural sector operates, resulting in increased job opportunities in technology, machinery and logistics and this Expo highlighted that through collaboration, education and innovation Tasmania can reach its full agricultural potential.
- (7) Commends the Hodgman Liberal Government for supporting the delivery of this highly successful Expo with funding of \$60,000 over four years through the Strategic Industry Partnership Program. (30 April 2019)

30 The Minister for Racing to move—That the House:—

- (1) Expresses its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Longford's Mick Burles, a renowned Tasmanian racehorse trainer.
- (2) Recognises the contribution Mick Burles made as a respected member of the Tasmanian racing community.
- (3) Notes the feats Mick Burles achieved with cult hero horse The Cleaner, a winner of 19 races and almost \$1.4 million in prize money.
- (4) Further notes that Mick Burles and The Cleaner made history in 2014 when they became the first ever Tasmanian horse and trainer combination to compete in a Cox Plate. (30 April 2019)

31 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government is open to considering changes to section 194K of the Evidence Act 2001 (Tas) to ensure it appropriately protects the rights of all victims of sexual assault.

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- (2) Further notes that, as is the case in any law reform, it is imperative that the right balance is struck between protecting all victims of sexual assault and the public interest in open justice.
- (3) Further notes the immense courage of rape and sexual assault survivors to speak about their experience, and the Government's willingness to consider reforms that facilitate those that wish to be identified, to do so more readily.
- (4) Recognises that some members of the community have expressed concerns that this provision does not currently strike the right balance, and therefore the Government looks forward to hearing the views of stakeholders and community members in response to the Government's recently released Discussion Paper. (30 April 2019)

32 The Minister for Environment to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates the many staff and volunteers of the Orange-bellied Parrot program for their tireless work this breeding season that has resulted in 81 captive born fledglings and 44 captive adult breed birds being released in 2019.
- (2) Notes that this Orange-bellied Parrot program is benefiting significantly from the increased funding that the Hodgman Liberal Government has provided, which is allowing a number of new breeding initiatives to be trialled.
- (3) Further notes that the \$2.5 million new purpose built captive breeding facility at Five Mile Beach, funded by the Hodgman Liberal Government, is nearing completion and has already increased captive breeding capacity by 50 per cent for the most recent season.
- (4) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to doing what it can to help save the Orange-bellied Parrot, and ensure that we have a wild population of this endangered bird continue to breed at Melaleuca, in the heart of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. (30 April 2019)

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- (3) Further notes that Tasmania's wine grape harvest is in full swing with reports across the state that quality is excellent and the 2019 crop is on track to surpass the record 2018 yield.
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 - (a) contemporary early years learning environment including improved indoor-outdoor access;
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- (3) Further notes that the development stage of the first phase of the Battery of the Nation carries the commitment of the Federal Government through the Federal Underwriting New Generation Investment program.
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- (3) Further notes that the project is a game changer for the Central Highlands region, currently employing approximately 150 people on site with up to 10 permanent jobs once the farm is completed.
- (4) Further acknowledges Tasmanian businesses that have been engaged with the project including Hazell Bros, Gradco, and Haywards.
- (5) Further notes that this significant development helps underpin the importance of our Battery of the Nation Plan and Project Marinus which have the potential to inject billions into the Tasmanian economy and deliver thousands of local jobs.
- (6) Further notes that Tasmania has what the rest of the nation needs - low cost, reliable and clean energy – and that these projects support the Hodgman Liberal Government's Tasmania-First Energy policy to be 100 per cent self-sufficient in renewables by 2022. (21 May 2019)

57 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that another successful celebration of Tasmania's world-class trout fishing occurred at Trout Weekend held at Liawenee in the Central Highlands on 18-19 May 2019.
- (2) Acknowledges the thousands of people who took the opportunity to attend this annual event, learning about fly fishing techniques, trout cooking demonstrations and celebrating everything that is great about angling.
- (3) Further acknowledges that the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to encouraging more people to go fishing through:—
 - (a) a \$300,000 commitment to freeze inland trout licence fees at 2017-18 prices;
 - (b) \$300,000 to build and upgrade new and existing community amenities, including toilets, at ten high-visitation fishing locations around the state; and
 - (c) a range of other initiatives in the State Budget including the Anglers Access Program and funding support to Anglers Alliance Tasmania, which represents Tasmania's 26,000 trout anglers.
- (4) Further notes that the amenities upgrades will not only benefit locals, but also those taking part in the 2019 World Fly Fishing Championship in December 2019 which is expected to attract teams from up to 30 countries bringing an estimated 800 anglers and support crew to the state, with the Government providing \$100,000 to support the event.
- (5) Further notes the announcement on 19 May 2019, that Ken Orr was inducted into the Tasmanian Anglers Hall of Fame—a fitting acknowledge of his decades of service to the angling community.
- (6) Congratulates the Inland Fisheries Service and supporting partners for their hard work and effort in coordinating the 2019 event. (21 May 2019)

59 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Commends the Hodgman Liberal Government for their commitment to strengthening the long-term outlook for our mining sector as part of our Plan to Build your Future.
- (2) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government through the Exploration Drilling Grant Initiative (EDGI) is offering grants for co-funded exploration drilling projects.
- (3) Further notes that the aim of EDGI is to provide a stimulus to “greenfield” exploration for all commodities in Tasmania. The 2018-2019 Budget commitment of \$2 million over four years is administered by Mineral Resources Tasmania, and is capped at \$50,000.
- (4) Further notes that in October 2018 ten grants for the first round of EDGI projects were awarded, and applications for the second round have just closed.

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- (5) Recognises the Hodgman Liberal Government for promoting mining and exploration in Tasmania to a national and international market.
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60 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to driving a strong agenda on regional growth, education, health, infrastructure and jobs – issues which are so very important to all regions of the state.
- (2) Commends the Regional Australia Institute for the recent Our Regions Rising National Summit, held in Canberra and the release of the Policy Hacks which identified the 4 key challenges regions face.
- (3) Further notes the four themes are:—
 - (a) to shift the narrative about our regions so regions are not spoken of as deficient or opposed to our capital city;
 - (b) investing in ‘soft’ infrastructure-human capital and liveability;
 - (c) governments and regions working together; and
 - (d) empowering regions through flexibility and place-based policy.
- (4) Further notes that regions want to work collaboratively with governments instead of being told what they need using local knowledge and expertise to support policy decisions and help government better understand how regions work.
- (5) Further notes the need to allow for flexible policy delivery in recognition that small, dispersed populations need a different approach than does a large population.
- (6) Further notes a strong, thriving regional Australia supports a strong, thriving nation. Regional Australia is diverse, innovative and closely linked to urban and global marketplaces.
- (7) Congratulates 'Regional Australia Institute – Tasmania' for contributing to these important discussions to enable this furthering of Tasmania's place in bringing together business and all levels of government and community leaders to discuss the crucially important future of regional development. (21 May 2019)

61 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on announcing they will extend the First Home Builders Grant in the upcoming budget.
- (2) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government continues to support our building and construction industry by boosting dwelling construction so that more Tasmanians can build and own their first home.
- (3) Further notes that Tasmania's housing sector remains strong, with lending finance data for new homes in the year to March 2019 growing by 19.2 per cent compared to 2018, the highest in the nation.
- (4) Acknowledges that demand for new housing is high, and the extension to the first home builders grant is just one part of a multi-factored approach to housing stress in Tasmania.
- (5) Further acknowledges that the extension to the grant will have positive flow-on effects for Tasmania's building and construction industry, creating more work and more jobs, and help more Tasmanians into their own home. (21 May 2019)

62 The Minister for Women to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes Tasmania's proud record in regards to the current representation of women in Parliament.
- (2) Further notes the House of Assembly has the highest level of female representation of all States in Australia, and made history by becoming the first Australian State to return a female-majority lower house parliament in 2018.
- (3) Further notes that with the return of the Member for Braddon, Hon. Joan Rylah MP, to the House of Assembly in March 2019, 56 per cent of members are women; and following the May 2019 Legislative Council elections, there is now a female-majority Legislative Council, with 53.33 per cent of members now female.

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- (4) Congratulates the Members for Montgomery, Pembroke and Nelson on their election successes which has increased the overall representation of women in the Parliament of Tasmania to a commendable 55 per cent with 22 female members.
- (5) Acknowledges the positive actions of the Liberal Party in pre-selecting female candidates, with two out of the three candidates endorsed by the Liberal Party for the Legislative Council elections being female, and four out of the seven Liberal Party candidates in the 2019 Federal election being female.
- (6) Further notes that following the Liberal Party's Senator the Hon. Wendy Askew's appointment on the 6 March 2019 in the 45th Australian Parliament, 47 per cent of Tasmanian Federal parliamentarians were women.
- (7) Further notes that the Liberal Party's target of 50 per cent of candidates to be women by 2022 has been achieved three years early. (21 May 2019)

65 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Deloraine Netball Courts were officially opened on 11 May 2019.
- (2) Recognises that the Hodgman Liberal Government supported the Club by providing \$155,000 financial support towards the construction and lighting of the courts.
- (3) Further notes that the Deloraine Devils Netball Club has grown from a one team club to three junior and 3 senior teams with over 60 members participating in the Northern Tasmanian Netball Association.
- (4) Further Notes the Deloraine Devils Netball Club host Net Set Go netball clinics in Deloraine and Westbury with over 50 participants in 2018.
- (5) Commend the Deloraine Devils Netball Club for their collaborative approach from inception to the completion of these courts. Their drive and enthusiasm has brought the community, Local, State and Federal Governments together in partnership.
- (6) Congratulates Deloraine Devils Netball Club life member Taneil Bloomfield, President Natasha Whiteley and their tireless members and volunteers for their hard work.
- (7) Further congratulates the Deloraine Devils Netball Club and Meander Valley Council for working together to build on the vision for a Recreation Sports Precinct in Deloraine. (22 May 2019)

66 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the crucial role played by rural women and their valuable contribution to primary industries in Tasmania.
- (2) Commends the winners of two scholarships supporting women in agriculture, announced at this year's Agfest:—
 - (a) Rebekah Frankcombe, winner of the 2019 Tasmanian Women in Agriculture (TWIA) Scholarship; and
 - (b) Chelsea Rayner, winner of the 2019 Tas Alkaloid Scholarship.
- (3) Notes that:—
 - (a) Rebekah lives and works on a dairy and cropping farm near Wynyard and has witnessed a reinvention of farming methods and continues to strive to improve farming practices; and
 - (b) Chelsea has started her own Simmental stud with her enthusiasm for her work making her an ideal choice to take part in the Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Program.
- (4) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is providing \$120,000 over four years to TWIA, reflecting our confidence in the TWIA to support and encourage more rural women to take on leadership roles in agriculture.
- (5) Congratulates the recipients of 2019 scholarships and wishes them all the best as they build their skills and become leaders in the Tasmanian agricultural industry. (22 May 2019)

67 The Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government greatly values the contribution of our 5,500 emergency service volunteers who give up their time to help communities in their time of need.

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- (2) Further notes that Tasmania has one of the most active and well-coordinated emergency volunteer networks in the country that was on full display during this summer's bushfire season.
- (3) Further notes that this network of volunteer brigades, branch stations and units provide an invaluable resource to support our full-time Tasmania Fire Service, State Emergency Service and Ambulance Tasmania personnel.
- (4) Acknowledges that during this protracted and complex bushfire season these volunteers used their own time and many took time away from their work, with the support of their employers, to protect their communities, and sometimes communities in other parts of the State. In many cases these were self-employed people who downed tools and spent days, and sometimes weeks, away from their families and loved ones.
- (5) Further notes that no one knows when an emergency will occur and as we have seen in Tasmania in recent years, with severe fire and flood situations, it is vital that our volunteers are well trained and well resourced.
- (6) Recognises Tasmania's fantastic emergency services personnel who act with diligence and bravery and who did an incredible job in the face of extreme and challenging circumstances.
- (7) Further notes that 22 May 2019 was 'Wear Orange Wednesday' (WOW) to support our State Emergency Services (SES) volunteers. WOW Day is a national campaign with a simple call to wear orange in recognition of thousands of SES volunteers who give up their time to serve their communities in floods, storms and other emergencies.
- (8) Thanks all of our volunteers for being there in the face of fires, floods and other emergencies – your community spirit and sacrifice is acknowledged and applauded. (23 May 2019)

68 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Tasmania's 24 newest correctional officers who graduated at a ceremony held on 11 May 2019.
- (2) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government has recruited 107 new correctional officers since 2016 following the graduation of these 24 new recruits.
- (3) Further notes that recruitment is currently underway for new recruits to commence training in July 2019.
- (4) Further notes that this major staffing increase is in addition to the Government's commitment to build new and upgrade existing prison infrastructure, including a \$270 million new Northern prison, a new \$70 million Southern Remand Centre on the Risdon Prison site and a \$9 million upgrade to facilities at Risdon Prison. (23 May 2019)

69 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that two highly significant sketches of Tasmanian Aboriginal men have recently been unveiled at the Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts in Hobart.
- (2) Notes that the extremely rare portraits are of immense cultural significance to Tasmania, and have led to considerable local and national interest.
- (3) Further notes that the drawings by artist Nicholas-Martin Petit are some of the most sensitive and important depictions of Tasmanian Aboriginal people from the late 1700s.
- (4) Further notes that these extraordinary sketches, purchased at auction by Libraries Tasmania through the Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts Bequest Fund, reveal unique insights into Tasmanian Aboriginal culture prior to the arrival of Europeans. (23 May 2019)

70 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government's consideration of reform to section 194K of the Evidence Act 2001 to ensure it appropriately protects the rights of victims of sexual assault.
- (2) Further notes that any reform must ensure the right balance is struck between protecting all victims of sexual assault and the public interest in open justice.

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- (3) Further notes the immense courage of rape and sexual assault survivors to speak about their experience, and the Government's willingness to consider reforms that facilitate those that wish to be identified, to do so more readily.
- (4) Recognises that some members of the community have expressed concerns that this provision does not currently strike the right balance, and therefore the Government will consider the many submissions from stakeholders and community members in response to the Government's Discussion Paper. (23 May 2019)

71 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government's recent opening of the tender for the first stage of works for the new \$70 million Southern Remand Centre.
- (2) Further notes that the 140 bed facility is expected to create more than 130 jobs during construction with 50 ongoing jobs once complete.
- (3) Further notes that the Southern Remand Centre is expected to be fully operational by the end of 2021, and is just one of several significant prison infrastructure projects announced by the Government. (23 May 2019)

72 The Attorney-General to move—That the House recognises the Hodgman Liberal Government's strong support of the Tasmanian arts community, including provision of \$100,000 to individual artists in the latest round of Arts Tasmania funding announcements such as:—

- (a) four talented artists to share \$40,000 through the Tasmanian Aboriginal Arts Mentoring Scheme;
- (b) six recipients receiving funding of \$36,000 through the Artsbridge program who will be funded to participate in exciting cultural opportunities interstate and overseas;
- (c) two artists will each receive \$7,000 through the Arts Tasmania Claudio Alcorso International Residency program; and
- (d) a further two Tasmanian artists will each spend six weeks immersing themselves in the arts and cultural sector of South Korea as part of the Jeju International Residency program. (23 May 2019)

73 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Mr Vincenzo Caltabiano on his recent appointment as the new Director of the Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania.
- (2) Notes the wealth of experience that the new Director brings to the role.
- (3) Acknowledges Ms Susie Winter for acting in the role of Director while the recruitment process was undertaken.
- (4) Recognises the important work that the Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania does for the Tasmanian community.
- (5) Further recognises that the Hodgman Liberal Government is a strong supporter of the Legal Aid Commission and has provided record state funding to the Tasmanian legal assistance sector. (23 May 2019)

74 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the commitment of the Hodgman Liberal Government to rural and regional communities across Tasmania.
- (2) Further notes the support provided to the Evandale football and cricket clubs, both of which have served the Evandale region for well over 100 years, being established in 1887 (cricket) and 1892 (football) respectively, making them some of the oldest sporting clubs in Tasmania.
- (3) Acknowledges the provision of \$63,000 in funding by the Hodgman Liberal Government towards a recently installed hybrid cricket wicket and new electronic scoreboard.
- (4) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is a proud advocate for regional sporting clubs and the communities they represent, and has also provided the Northern Midlands Council with a \$158,000 grant for upgrading the Morven Park Oval and clubrooms.

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- (5) Recognises that sporting clubs are an important part of rural communities and congratulates the office-bearers and members of both Clubs for their commitment in helping build their local communities. (23 May 2019)
- 75** The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
- (1) Commends the Maydena Community Association for their hard work and endeavour in supporting the local community.
 - (2) Notes that the Association has played a key role in representing the community's interests to local, State and Federal Government, securing support and funding for important community initiatives.
 - (3) Welcomes the recent confirmation that the Association will receive a defibrillator, thanks to the Hodgman Liberal Government.
 - (4) Further notes that defibrillators make a very real difference when someone suffers a cardiac arrest and can be the difference between life and death, particularly in regional and remote areas.
 - (5) Further welcomes this great outcome for the community, which is another example of the Government's commitment to helping our most vulnerable citizens. (23 May 2019)
- 76** The Minister for Veterans Affairs' to move—That the House:—
- (1) Congratulates Northern Midlands RSL Sub-Branch for the valuable assistance, support and advocacy it has provided for veterans and their families in the region over many years.
 - (2) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government has provided a \$20,000 grant to enable the RSL to perform roof repairs to their clubrooms, which will help ensure that the RSL continues its important work in supporting veterans in the Northern Midlands region and beyond.
 - (3) Further notes that in addition to this support, the Hodgman Liberal Government is providing \$750,000 in funding to back our veterans and ex-serving communities in Tasmania which includes \$100,000 per annum over three years towards the Teddy Sheean Grant Fund, which assists RSLs and ex-serving organisations with small infrastructure works, repairs and equipment purchases.
 - (4) Acknowledges that the Hodgman Liberal Government is a proud supporter of servicemen and women, their families and the RSL branches around Tasmania and will continue that unwavering support into the future. (23 May 2019)
- 77** The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes 27 May to 3 June 2019 was National Reconciliation Week, a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.
 - (2) Further notes the dates are very significant in their own right – 27 May marks the successful 1967 referendum in which Australians voted overwhelmingly to amend the Constitution to allow the Commonwealth to make laws for Aboriginal people and to include Aboriginal people in the census, and 3 June marks the High Court Mabo decision.
 - (3) Further notes Reconciliation Tasmania plays a key role in organising events to help celebrate National Reconciliation Week, and that the Hodgman Liberal Government is providing \$15,000 to Reconciliation Tasmania to support three regional reconciliation festivals – including Mannalargenna Day in the north-east, and two new events in the south and the north-west.
 - (4) Further notes these grants will be a catalyst to generate matching funding from both private and public sector sources in each of the three regions to enable the three festivals to become self-supporting.
 - (5) Further notes this Government welcomes conversations with Reconciliation Tasmania and the Tasmanian Aboriginal people about reconciliation activities and initiatives to aid reconciliation here in Tasmania.
 - (6) Further notes this Government has a genuine desire to make a positive difference that recognises a remarkable 40,000 plus years of Aboriginal heritage and culture, and one that points to a brighter future for Aboriginal Tasmanians. (29 May 2019)

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- 78** The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes Tasmanian Aboriginal artist, curator, educator, arts worker and esteemed Palawa Elder, Aunty Lola Greeno, was honoured with the prestigious Red Ochre Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Australia Council for the Arts on Monday 27 May 2019.
 - (2) Further notes Aunty Lola is the first Indigenous visual artist to receive the award of National Living Treasure and in 2015 she was entered into the Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women for service to Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts.
 - (3) Further notes Aunty Lola is one of a handful of women shell-stringers who is ensuring this ancient craft is passed down from the Elders, with her shell necklace making famous Australia-wide, and her work having been widely exhibited and represented in many Australian museums.
 - (4) Further notes Aunty Lola is also well-known for her distinctly patterned, often colourful and iridescent, delicate strands of shells collected from the coastlines of Tasmania and is continuing to champion the traditions and culture of the Tasmanian Aboriginal women of Tasmania's Cape Barren and Flinders Islands.
 - (5) Further notes Tasmania has an incredible 40,000 plus years of Aboriginal heritage and culture and the Hodgman Liberal Government acknowledges and thanks Aunty Lola for the role she plays in keeping this traditional heritage alive. (29 May 2019)
- 79** The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges the recent announcement by the Federal and Hodgman Liberal Governments of \$3 million in rebates for drought affected farmers to purchase new on-farm water infrastructure.
 - (2) Notes that these funds will help make Tasmanian farms more drought resilient, with eligible farmers and producers able to claim up to a quarter of the cost of new purchases and installation of new on-farm infrastructure up to \$25,000, with rebates now available for eligible Tasmanian farmers affected by drought.
 - (3) Further notes that the rebate can be used to support the installation of new pipes, water tanks, pumps, distilling dams, and power plants driving the water equipment, increasing water efficiency.
 - (4) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government has committed \$70 million to advance Pipeline to Prosperity, which was recently added to Infrastructure Australia's Infrastructure Priority List which—if fully implemented—will see almost \$500 million invested across the State into another 10 potential irrigation schemes, creating thousands of jobs and return an estimated \$114 million each year to the agriculture sector, and the economy more broadly. (29 May 2019)
- 80** The Minister for Energy to move—That the House:—
- (1) Commends Tasmania's volunteers, who freely give their time and skills to help Tasmania's communities.
 - (2) Notes that over six million Australians and—on average—four out of every five Tasmanian adults volunteer, donating around 7.1 million hours in Tasmania alone over the last twelve months.
 - (3) Further notes that, according to the State of Volunteering report, volunteering provided a total benefit of \$4.9 billion to the Tasmanian economy, with Tasmanian employers enjoying \$2.1 billion of productivity benefits as a result of their employees volunteering.
 - (4) Recognises that the Tasmanian Volunteering Awards are a joint project between the State Government and Volunteering Tasmania, and are Tasmania's only state-wide volunteer recognition program.
 - (5) Congratulates the Government's energy businesses; Aurora Energy, Hydro Tasmania and TasNetworks for being finalists in the Corporate and Civil award in this year's Tasmania Volunteering Awards.
 - (6) Further notes the Corporate and Civil award is awarded to a company or governmental organisation which encourages volunteering and releases their staff from employment to carry out volunteer activities as part of an employee or corporate volunteering program.
 - (7) Further congratulates Aurora Energy for winning the Corporate and Civil award.

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- (8) Further commends all volunteers who were recognised in 2019 Tasmanian Volunteering Awards for their important work and time given freely for the betterment of our community. (29 May 2019)
- 81** Ms White to move—That the House:—Calls on the Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP to make an urgent statement to the House about whether the Government will adopt in full the recommendations of the Auditor-General's report: "Performance of Tasmania's four major hospitals in the delivery of Emergency Department services." (29 May 2019)
- 82** The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that the 2019 Premier's Literary Prizes have been officially launched, with entries now open until 27 June 2019.
 - (2) Notes that the Premier's Literary Prizes celebrate Tasmanian writers and Tasmanian stories.
 - (3) Further notes that The 2019 Premier's Literary Prizes are:—
 - (a) Tasmania Book Prize for the best book with Tasmanian content in any genre;
 - (b) Margaret Scott Prize for the best book by a Tasmanian writer;
 - (c) University of Tasmania Prize for the best unpublished literary work by an emerging Tasmanian writer; and
 - (d) Tasmanian Young Writer's Fellowship which recognises a young Tasmanian writer aged 30 or under.
 - (4) Acknowledges that the prizes are delivered by Arts Tasmania with support from the University of Tasmania and private philanthropists. (30 May 2019)
- 83** The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the 181st annual Campbell Town Show will be held on 31 May and Saturday 1 June 2019.
 - (2) Further notes that the Show, established in 1838 by a visionary group of landowners, is now the longest continually running show in the southern hemisphere and is listed by the National Trust as part of our State's living history.
 - (3) Recognises that the Show, which boasts of being Tasmania's only Sheep Show, has played a leading role in the display of Tasmania's high quality livestock and wool and is a tremendous economic and social contributor for the Northern Midlands and Tasmania more broadly.
 - (4) Further notes that although the Show is steeped in tradition, the present day event keeps abreast of current interests and attractions with events such as sheep dog trials, trade exhibits, equestrian events, and the ever popular Exhibition Hall running various competitions, including the AWI Fashion Parade which showcases the nation's first display of the AWI collection, the best of modern wool fashion.
 - (5) Congratulates and thanks the Midland Agricultural Association organising committee including President George Gatenby, staff, volunteers, sponsors and community members on another job well done.
 - (6) Encourages all Tasmanians to attend the 2019 Show, and enjoy the myriad of events with competitions showcasing the best of Tasmania's farm sector and produce. (30 May 2019)
- 84** The Minister for Energy to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes a \$3,500 grant made by Aurora Energy to the St Helens District High School's 'Cooking for Life' program.
 - (2) Recognises that the program enables students to prepare healthy meals including a healthy breakfast with a better diet contributing to better health outcomes for students.
 - (3) Further notes that the importance of a well-balanced diet and active lifestyle to healthy living and value of educating the next generation in these important life skills.
 - (4) Thanks Aurora Energy for their community outreach and congratulates the staff and students of St Helens District High School for their practical commitment to healthy lifestyles. (30 May 2019)

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- 85** The Minister for Women to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the late Kathleen Venn OAM made a significant contribution to the Tasmanian community through her service as a politician and very committed and passionate community member.
 - (2) Further notes that Mrs Venn served as the Member for Hobart in the Legislative Council from 1976–1982, becoming Tasmania’s fourth female politician.
 - (3) Further notes that following her departure from politics, in addition to working as a marriage celebrant, Mrs Venn was a Justice of the Peace, State President of the Housewives Association, volunteered at the Repatriation Hospital for 37 years, was a member of the Prisoners’ Aid Society, President of the Mount Stuart Progress Association, State Treasurer of the Australian Forces Overseas Fund, and Chairwoman of the Ogilvie High School Hostel Board, with Venn House at Ogilvie High School named in her honour.
 - (4) Further notes that Mrs Venn was also involved with Caroline House, a crisis accommodation centre for women for over 25 years, including as President, and was President of the Masonic Widows Association, State President of the Catholic Women’s League, and member of the State Committee of the Order of Australia Association.
 - (5) Further notes that Mrs Venn was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in 1990, made ANZAC of the year in 2002, and in 2005 was inducted onto the Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women for her many years of service to the Community.
 - (6) Further notes that the Tasmanian Government acknowledges Mrs Venn’s lifetime of service to Tasmania and extends our deep sympathies and condolences to her family, friends and colleagues on their bereavement. (30 May 2019)
- 86** The Minister for Building and Construction to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that the 2019 HIA-CSR, Australian Housing Awards were announced on 25 May 2019 at the National Conference held in Perth, Western Australia.
 - (2) Congratulates all entrants, finalists and the 22 Award category winners from across Australia.
 - (3) Notes in particular, that Tasmania's Lane Group has won the HIA Australian Bathroom of the Year, for its exceptional bathroom design and installation.
 - (4) Acknowledges that the HIA Housing Awards celebrate excellence and the highest level of achievement in building and design work, and recognises and rewards innovation in the residential building industry.
 - (5) Recognises the hard work and professionalism of all of the Tasmanian entrants, who have been recognised at the Tasmanian Awards held in 2018.
 - (6) Further notes that this recognition is further proof of excellence in Tasmania's housing kitchen and bathroom sectors, and the outstanding talents of the many Tasmanian designers, manufacturers, installers and builders. (30 May 2019)
- 87** The Minister for Building and Construction to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that the Hodgman Liberal Government will extend the First Home Builders Grant so more young Tasmanians can realise the dream of building their first home.
 - (2) Notes that the Budget commitment comes after the Government doubled the Grant to \$20,000 in the 2016-17 Budget, further highlighting the Government's strong support of Tasmania's building and construction industry.
 - (3) Further recognises that this initiative will complement action the Government is taking through its Affordable Housing Strategy.
 - (4) Further notes that the number of dwelling approvals in Tasmania grew 24.1 percent in the 12 months to March 2019, compared to the national approvals figure, which was down by 22.4 per cent in the same period.
 - (5) Further recognises that the extension of the Grant will have positive flow-on effects for Tasmania's booming building and construction industry, creating more work, and more jobs. (30 May 2019)
- 88** The Minister for Building and Construction to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Recognises the Ringarooma Community Hub as an important example of regional Tasmanians working together to achieve strong futures.
- (2) Thanks the local community for its vision in response to the closure of the local hotel and therefore the loss of a main centre of social activity.
- (3) Further thanks those involved in setting up the Hub, especially local dairy farmers Marcus and Simone Haywood for their strong advocacy.
- (4) Notes the Hub is run completely by volunteers, which is a great endorsement of the community spirit in the North-East.
- (5) Congratulates the Hub on receiving an allocation from the Premier's Discretionary Fund for a new fridge to benefit locals and visitors.
- (6) Further recognises the Hub's great success hosting barbecues and functions, as well as providing sports equipment for children to utilise on the recreation ground in a safe and positive environment. (30 May 2019)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*