

HOPES Quarterly Update



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AGM and Forum:

The AGM was held on 30th September at the Technopark , Dowsings Point, preceded by a forum on "Planning for the Future". The forum, facilitated by MLC Jim Wilkinson, consisted of a panel of members representing Housing Tasmania, Disability Services,

Rosny Village:

This project has slowed to snail's pace, and it now seems unlikely that final expressions of interest will be called before the end of the year. Clarence Council completed the rezoning process, but the recommendations have been with the State Government for some time now.

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Website and Publicity Package:

Our website is now up and running, but the forum capacity is still 'under construction'. We need to keep the site active if we are to attract visitors, so if you have any relevant information, recommended links etc., please email them to James Goodrick – james@jamesgoodrick.com or Sue – hodgson@netspace.net.au

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Young People in Nursing Homes:

At State level: Still no report on the Legislative Inquiry into Young People with Neurological and Acquired Disabilities, who Live in Institutions

At Commonwealth level: s

The Legislative Council Inquiry into Aged Care (which had reference to younger people in its terms of reference) has released their final report, and the issue of young people in nursing homes was included in the COAG discussions at the beginning of June.

The National Administrators and Disability Advisors met in Alice Springs last week

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Annual General Meeting - Forum:

With no government future planning in place, primary carers are left constantly worrying about what will happen to the person in their care when they can no longer cope, or need a lengthy hospital stay, or die; while being told by the bureaucrats that they should 'plan for the future'.

Perhaps one way to publicise the magnitude of this situation is to hold a well advertised information session – with a panel consisting of representatives from Disability Services Co-ordinators, The Public Guardian, The Public Trustee, Aged Care Assessment Team, Centrelink etc. Apart from answering some common questions (e.g. how/when do I transfer enduring power of attorney), it may also be a way to highlight the lack of choice and the number of people affected.

This suggestion will be included in the next HOPES meeting agenda – and thoughts are welcome from everyone.

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Meeting dates:

HOPES meeting dates for the remainder of the year are tentatively on the following Fridays:

3rd June, 1st July, 5th August, 2nd September., 7thOctober, 11th November and 9th December.

Meetings are generally held at 4.30 p.m. (as suggested by a majority of committee members) at TASCARE, Main Road, Derwent Park (opposite the Carlyle Hotel).

However, times and dates are subject to change on occasion, so 'next meeting' should be checked on the website, or by phoning TASCARE on (03) 6272 8265.

HOPES meetings are open to all members.

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