



Tasdeaf Newsletter

April/May 2009

President's Report



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The opening of our new offices in North Hobart marked a new beginning for The Deaf Society of Tasmania. It will provide us with opportunities to raise our profile and improve awareness of Deaf and Hard of Hearing issues within the community.

At the opening I mentioned some of the technological developments assisting us in providing services but I also highlighted that we have not lost sight of the need of the human element. Technology alone will not meet all the needs and there is still an unmet need for interpreters in Tasmania. With an aging population we expect that demand will only increase.

We are addressing these issues though building relationships with other organisations both within Tasmania and at the national level. To build and access the resources to educate and train new interpreters takes time and money - it also takes community awareness and a desire to build an inclusive society.

The society is not immune to the Global financial situation. As the financial year end rapidly approaches we are seeing a reduction in our income from the effect of the reduced interest rates and in the distribution from the Royal Tasmanian Society for the Blind and Deaf. While these are not our main sources of income the reduction from them will need to be factored in when we cast our budget for next year.

The Board has been working on a new Constitution for the Society. We will be holding a series of information sessions around the State before calling a Special Meeting to put the new constitution to a vote of members. I encourage you to try to attend one of these sessions and raise any issues that you may have with either the proposed changes to the constitution or about the Society in general.

In the mean time if you have not visited the new offices I encourage you to do so and meet with Grant and his staff. The facilities and resources they have put together are a testament to their energy and commitment not only to the Society's membership but to the community as a whole.

Mark Donnelly
President
Tasdeaf

Open Day Photos

Tasdeaf had an Open Day on the 28th February 2009. Thanks to Talisa, Vicki and Melanie for organising this.

Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Tasdeaf wishes to express their thanks to the Bakers Delight in Newtown and Rosny, Jacobsons Meats and McDonalds for their generous donations. Also to Jimbo Clown to for entertaining us.

See below for photos.



**Grant Roberts
Manager**



**Phil Harper talked
about Video Relay**



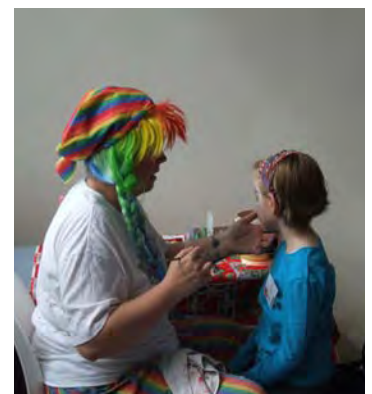
**Jimbo the
Clown**



**Grant being
interviewed by ABC**



**Stephen Miller— MC and
introduce to Lin Thorp and
Tasdeaf Patron Brain Miller**



Face Painting



Mark Donnelly
President of Tasdeaf



The Minister for Human
Service Ms Lin Thorp and
Interpreter, John.



Ms Lin Thorp & Brain Miller
cut the ribbon for opening
the new office.



David Closs presenting about
NRS with Joyce interpreting



Mark Donnelly, Ms
Lin Thorp &
Brain Miller with our
Plaque



Constitution Workshop

Grant Roberts and Stephen Miller of Tasdeaf will be coming to your town to talk about our Constitution (Rules of Tasmanian Deaf Society).

Burnie

When?

Friday 15th May

Time?

6pm till 8pm

Where?

Burnie Health Community
Centre, 11 Jones St,
Burnie

Launceston

When?

Saturday 16th May

Time?

2pm till 4pm

Where?

Tasdeaf Office
Shop 2
Quadrant Plaza
Launceston

Hobart

When?

Sunday 17th May

Time?

2pm till 4pm

Where?

Tasdeaf Office
Ground Floor, 334 Elizabeth St
North Hobart

MUST RSVP by
8th May 2009 to
Melanie by SMS
0417142785

**Supper & Drinks
provided....**

Schedule of Forums

Grant Roberts (Manager) and one of Tasdeaf's Board members are coming into your town to give a talk about how to work with interpreters and what kind of services we provide. Service providers and Deaf community are welcome.

Date	Time	Where?
Monday 15th June	2.00pm till 4.00pm	Health West Community Services 60-64 Orr Street Queenstown
Tuesday 16th June	2.00pm till 4.00pm OR 5.30pm till 7.30pm	Burnie Health Community Centre 11 Jones Street, Burnie
Wednesday 17th June	2.00pm till 4.00pm OR 5.30pm till 7.30pm	Tasdeaf Office Shop 2, Quadrant Plaza Launceston
Thursday 18th June	1.00pm till 3.00pm	St Helens Neighbourhood House 25 Sir Circassian St Helens
Friday 19th June	3.00pm till 5.00pm OR 5.30pm till 7.30pm	Tasdeaf Office 334 Elizabeth Street Hobart

RSVP: 8TH JUNE 2009

EMAIL: TRAINING@TASDEAF.ORG.AU OR RING

03 6231 6501/SMS: 0417142785

Launceston Events

7th to
9th May
2009



Tasdeaf will have a stall at Agfest. Come along and see us at

Site 504 on Fifth Avenue.

How much for Agfest entry?

\$12.00 Adults

\$3.00 Children (5 to 15 Years)

Free for under 5 years.

Anyone is welcome



27th June
2009

Come along and have lunch at ETC, (Elizabeth Town Bakery Café) with NW Deaf Club from 12pm till 3pm. Menus provided on Tables and Board.

25th July
2009



Do you want to go out for dinner and catch up?
Come and join us for dinner at Prickly Cactus Restaurant
(Mexican) on Corner of George and Patterson Sts
Launceston at 5.30pm

Launceston Events (cont)

Royal on George

Every 2nd Friday of the month

*Feel like winding down after a long hard week?
Or just want to have a drink and some fun with friends?
Well come along to the royal on George Bar!!*



When: Every 2nd Friday
of the month
(8th May, 12th June & 10th July)

Time: 8pm onwards

Where: Royal on George Bar,
90 George Street
Launceston

Auslan Chit Chat @ Cafe

Where?

SA SA SO

107-109 St John Street, Launceston (next door to Post Office)

When?

Every last Thursday of the month from 11am till 2pm
28th May, 25th June and 30th July 2009.

What for?

For Deaf people to get together for a coffee/chat while you are
in town!

Launceston Events (cont)

Launceston Deaf SCC

SCC (Senior Citizen Club for the Deaf) are having their gathering at Tasdeaf office in Launceston every last Friday of the month.

When??

29th May & 26th June 2009.

Time?

10am till 12 noon

Donation for coffee/tea

Support Worker visits your town!!

Jeanette is the support worker and is available to assist you with issues such as Centrelink letters, support making phone calls via NRS, referrals to services such as counseling. Also, you can come in to have a coffee and chat. To book an appointment, please sms to Jeanette on 0438 008 739, email: north@tasdeaf.org.au or fax on 03 6333 0985.

Burnie

- Monday 4th May
- Monday 1st June
- Monday 13th July

Times 10am till 2pm

Where?

Burnie Community Health Centre, 11 Jones St, Burnie

Devonport

- Monday 18th May
- Monday 15th June
- Monday 27th July

Times 10am till 2pm

Where?

Devonport Community Health Centre, 23 Steele St
Devonport

North West Events

Cancer Council Awareness Workshop

Northwest Deaf Community recently organised a Cancer Council Awareness workshop through funding received from the Burnie City Council on Friday 20th February.

Guy Carey who is the Regional Services Officer in the Devonport office, spoke to 13 people who attended about Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer.

Some of the interesting facts about prostate cancer discussed on the night were:

- each year, around 310 Tasmanian men are diagnosed with Prostate Cancer (11,200 Australian wide)
- each year, around 95 Tasmanian men die from Prostate cancer (2,700 Australia-wide)
- the Cancer council recommends that men who experience problem passing urine talk to their doctor

Guy spoke about how to be breast aware. This means knowing what is normal for you, so that if any unusual changes occur, you will recognise it. The sooner you notice a change the better, because if cancer is found early, treatment is more likely to be successful. Get into the habit of looking at and feeling your breasts.

- Early diagnosis is the key to surviving breast cancer.
- BreastScreen mammogram are free for women over 40.

Australian women have a 1 in 8 chance of developing breast cancer in their lifetime.

Whilst the Tasmanian Cancer Council do not pay for Interpreters for those wishing to attend Cancer Support Groups, Tasdeaf is trying to educate the Cancer Council about their responsibilities in providing a service for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community. If you know someone who would like an interpreter for a Cancer Information session or someone who is in hospital but not getting an interpreter, please contact Grant or Jeanette to discuss this matter.



North West Events

North West Deaf Club

Do you want to catch up with Deafies at the Deaf Club? Please do feel free to come along and join in the fun.

Where?

Burnie Community Health Centre,
11 Jones St, Burnie

When?

30th May, 25th July and 29th August

Time?

11am till 4pm



27th June
2009

Come along and have lunch at ETC, (Elizabeth Town Bakery Café) with NW Deaf Club from 12pm till 3pm. Menus provided on Tables and Board.

Hobart

At The Paint Shop

- we'll give you expert advice and the right solutions
- a wide range of products at competitive prices
- and the personal service you deserve

... and we stand by this!

The Paint Shop donates to TasDeaf through its Gold Card membership. The Gold Card is a discount card for customers. It provides an ongoing discount on all products, including items already on sale. There is a small once only joining fee.

We sell paints that perform...GUARANTEED!



The Paint Shop

210 Murray Street Hobart Phone 6231 9900

Hobart Events



Ausmas @ Casino

When?

Saturday 13th June

**Time?**

8pm

(can stay late and eat as much as you like)

Where?Coffee Lounge (Buffet) @ Wrest Point Casino
Hobart**How much??****Dinner Buffet** \$31.50, Federal Rewards Club \$27.50, Child \$17.50

★ **MUST RSVP by 5th June so I know how many people to** ★
book a table for dinner. SMS Mel on 0417142785

Ten Pin Bowling—Hobart

When?

Saturday 11th July

Time?

5pm

Where?Moonah, Ten Pin Bowling Centre
Afterwards, go out for dinner @ Pizza Hut**How much?****One game:** Adult: \$14.50, Junior (6 to 14 yrs old) \$13.00, Children (under 6)
\$10.00, Students \$13.50 & Seniors (over 60 years) \$13.00

**MUST RSVP: Friday 3rd July for me to book a
lane and dinner. SMS to Mel 0417142785**

Hobart Events

Wine & Cheese Night

Are you interested in a Wine and Cheese tasting night?

When? Friday 31st July

Time? 6pm

Where? Tasdeaf (Community Centre)
334 Elizabeth Street, North Hobart

How much?

Approx \$20 (price will be lower if more people attend) to cover the Admission, Cheese & Wine.

This is a MAYBE! I need to know how many people are interested so I can book the event with the wine company. Need to be more than 10 people.

MUST RSVP by: Friday 26th June to Melanie on training@tasdeaf.org.au or sms 0417142785

Hobart Events

Captioned Movies at Village

(Please note that you need to check Mercury Newspaper for times)

Date	What Movie?	Picture
Fri 8th May	Fast and Furious	
Sun 10th May	Fast and Furious	
Wed 13th May	Fast and Furious	
Fri 15th May	X-Men Origins Wolverine	
Sun 17th May	X-Men Origins Wolverine	
Wed 20th May	X-Men Origins Wolverine	
Fri 22nd May	Star Trek II	
Sun 24th May	Star Trek II	
Wed 27th May	Star Trek II	
Fri 29th May	The Ghosts of Girlfriends Past	
Sun 31st May	The Ghosts of Girlfriends Past	
Wed 3rd June	The Ghosts of Girlfriends Past	
Fri 5th June	Angels & Demons	
Sun 7th June	Angels & Demons	
Wed 10th June	Angels & Demons	
Fri 12th June	Night at the Museum II: Escape from the Smithsonian	
Sun 14th June	Night at the Museum II: Escape from the Smithsonian	
Wed 17th June	Night at the Museum II: Escape from the Smithsonian	

Hobart Events

The Quarry Bar

Let's meet up with "Deafies" at "The Quarry Bar" every last Friday of the month!!!

Come along and join in the fun and YES! hearing people are welcome to join in the fun and polish up their Auslan by meeting Deafies.

When? Last Friday of the month
e.g. 24th April, 29th May & 26th June 2009.

Time: 8pm onwards

Where? 27 Salamanca Place, Hobart

SCC Events

When	Time	Where?
Tues 5th May (for Mother's Day Lunch)	12pm	Horseshoe Inn Cambridge
Tues 21st July (Ausmas)	11.30am for 12pm	Casino

Many thanks!!

Carol Webb wishes to express her heartfelt thanks to her friends from the Deaf community for their kind words and support during Lionel's illness and after he passed away. Special thanks to Joyce for her great job as an interpreter.



Office Hours 9 to 5pm



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