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vibrant future.

Tasmanian Budget  
07-08

## Culture and Community

### Future direction

The 2007-08 Budget continues to support strong communities by investing in the things that make Tasmania special – things like our museums and art galleries, our community sports events and facilities, our vibrant and creative arts sector, and our safe and connected communities supporting the Tasmanian lifestyle.

Tasmania has a thriving arts sector that makes a strong contribution to our community. The 2007-08 Budget delivers a major boost in funding for the arts and a new vision for the arts in Tasmania will be developed in consultation with the community.

The Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery is home to the most significant collection of colonial art, furniture and heritage buildings on the one site in Australia. In the 2007-08 Budget funding continues for its \$30 million redevelopment, preserving our unique history and culture for future generations.

This budget also continues to encourage all Tasmanians to participate in physical activity.

Sport and leisure is a part of our great lifestyle and people who face physical, financial, social or cultural challenges to participating in sport and recreation will now have a greater ability to enjoy our great lifestyle.

From the local PCYC to world class sporting facilities, the Government provides support for a wide range of activities.

Safe communities are strong communities and Tasmania is one of the safest places in Australia. This year's budget continues the work of the Government in making Tasmania an even safer place for our people and our families.

Tasmania's police will be better able to support Tasmania's most at risk families and a new road safety strategy will be implemented to reduce the number of serious injuries and fatalities. The Tasmanian Government is investing now to support and protect all Tasmanians.

The State Government will establish a new high-level taskforce of community stakeholders to assess barriers to social inclusion. It will identify strategies for a stronger Tasmania that assist Tasmanians to engage fully in our vibrant communities.

Tasmania leads the country with its commitment to reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The State Government has made a history-making \$5 million fund available to compensate members of the Stolen Generation. Although it is recognised that we cannot right the wrongs of the past, the State Government has shown it has the courage to take steps toward doing what it can to further the cause of reconciliation.

Tasmania has a very strong and dynamic culture and community and the State Government is committed to securing it for generations to come.

### Delivering for Tasmanians

- The fourth *Ten Days on the Island* festival held in March 2007 attracted audiences of more than 165,000 across Tasmania.
- This year, for the first time, *Ten Days on the Island* took events to over 50 locations reaching every local government area.
- A total of 19,588 people visited the Ashes exhibition at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery in four days, including 5,671 on the final day, more than double the single-day attendance record in any other Australian city.
- The Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery continues to be one of the State's most visited attractions, with over 319,000 visitors in 2005-06.
- The Tasmanian Government's commitment to the redevelopment of the Tasmanian Hockey Centre is helping create what our hockey star Matthew Wells says will be the best facility in Australia, if not the world.
- Netball is the highest women's participation sport in Tasmania and continues to grow with a \$600,000 commitment from the Government over three years to develop, promote and administer the sport.
- \$1.7 million is also being spent on improving the Aurora Stadium Netball Centre, providing first-class facilities to help participants reach their full potential.
- The State Government is helping build soccer in Tasmania with an \$800,000 package over four years for grassroots development as well as an elite program through the Tasmanian Institute of Sport.

## What this budget delivers for Tasmanians

Initiative	Benefit
<b>\$1.5 million</b> additional funding for the arts each year	Develop a new vision for the arts and provide a funding boost for Tasmania's arts and artists.
<b>\$400,000</b> for acoustics in the Federation Concert Hall	Support the TSO, one of the world's great small orchestras.
<b>\$500,000</b> for the Theatre Royal	Refurbish seats for Australia's oldest, continually operating theatre.
<b>\$8.67 million</b> for TMAG redevelopment	Part of the Government's \$30 million redevelopment commitment to the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.
<b>\$750,000</b> for the Huon PCYC as part of a \$1.5 million upgrade	The second instalment of a \$1.5 million total commitment to a new PCYC at Huonville.
<b>\$1.75 million</b> additional funding for the Tasmanian Hockey Centre in 2006-07	The Government's total commitment increases to \$6.25 million for a world-class hockey facility.
<b>\$690,000</b> additional funding for Aurora Stadium Netball Centre in 2006-07	Makes a total commitment of \$1.69 million to maintain the premier netball venue in southern Tasmania.
<b>\$1.9 million</b> to upgrade facilities at the Clarence and Moonah Sports Centres in 2006-07	Recognising the vital contribution of community sports centres to the health and wellbeing of Tasmanians.
<b>\$2 million</b> additional funding for the Main Street Makeover Program over two years	Rejuvenating our towns.
<b>\$1 million</b> in additional funding every year for community recreation grants	Upgrading facilities and promoting participation in sport for an active Tasmania.
<b>\$2.4 million</b> in 2007-08 to secure AFL games for Aurora Stadium and for sponsorship of Hawthorn Football Club	Provide significant economic benefits to northern Tasmania, and the opportunity for Tasmanians to enjoy AFL football at the highest level.
<b>\$5 million</b> for the <i>Stolen Generations of Aboriginal Children Act 2006</i>	Ex-gratia payments for members of the Stolen Generations in Tasmania.
<b>\$2.8 million</b> for the implementation of the recommendations of the Review of Core Passenger Transport Services	A better connected, fairer and safer bus system including more targeted routes, the potential for new bus connections and increased off-peak services for urban fringe communities.
An additional <b>\$18.8 million</b> over the next four years for transport subsidies	To meet increased demand in providing transport subsidies and concessions to pensioners and students.
<b>\$1.85 million</b> for Tasmanian police vessels in 2006-07	A new state-of-the-art, frontline police vessel and upgrade of outboard motors of other vessels in the Tasmania Police fleet.
<b>\$1.29 million</b> to improve the forensic operations of the Tasmania Police service in 2006-07	Replacement and upgrade of specialist equipment for Tasmania Police forensic services to greatly advance our capacity to process evidence and improve crime-solving outcomes.
Ongoing funding for <b>12 new police officers</b>	Funding for police officers that specifically supports 'at risk' families.
<b>\$42.5 million</b> over five years to implement the Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy	Improved safety on Tasmania's roads by reducing deaths and serious injuries.

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