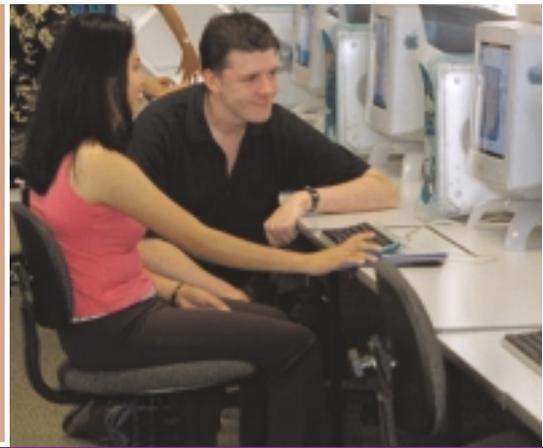


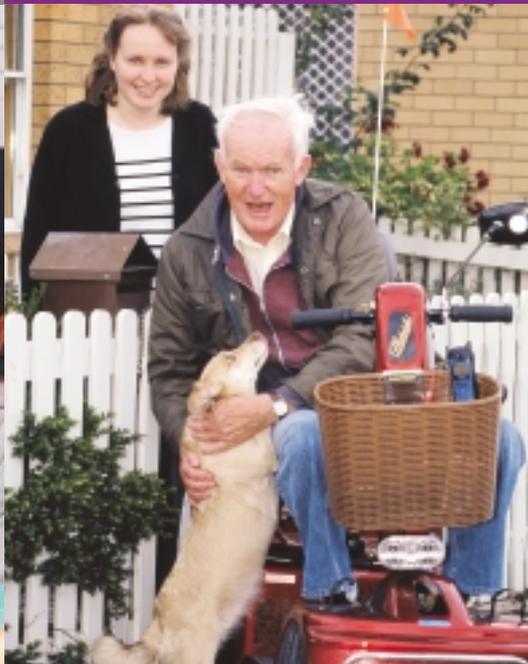
2003 - 2004
TASMANIAN
BUDGET



Sharing
— THE —
Rewards



WITH THE COMMUNITY



Better Living Standards and More Jobs

\$1.4 million Partnership to Jobs program – to identify community based enterprises capable of generating jobs suitable for disadvantaged jobseekers, and provide seed funding to turn prospects into pay packets.

\$10 million over two years looking after national parks and heritage assets.

\$2.8 million to extend electricity concessions this winter to 30,000 Tasmanians on low incomes.

\$8 million to immediately purchase homes for around 150 people over the next three to six months – \$3 million sourced from the Economic and Social Infrastructure Fund and \$5 million from the \$30 million housing Capital Investment Program.

\$320,000 to increase availability of wheelchair accessible taxis in the mainstream taxi fleet.

\$250,000 to establish a fund to help low income Tasmanians get equal access to the civil justice system in cases such as workers compensation and motor accident claims.

Our Children – Our Future

\$1.6 million to boost child protection, including \$1.1 million to more closely match services to demand and \$450,000 to improve the assessment of children at risk and speed up their entry to the protection system.

\$2.4 million for the Ashley Youth Detention Centre to bolster efforts to turn young offenders away from a life of crime.

\$4 million over two years to create more childcare places by converting surplus school space into childcare centres to be run by private operators.

\$16.7 million over four years to enhance information and communications technology in schools.

\$1.3 million to implement Labor's election commitments to two new programs – *At School, On Time, Ready For Work* and *Kids In Mind* for children whose parents suffer from mental illness.

\$1 million over two years for more library books.

Healthier and Safer Communities



\$49.5 million MORE
in recurrent funding
for Health

\$49.5 million extra for the health budget taking total health and human services spending to almost \$1 billion for the first time.

\$10.9 million to support nurses and medical specialists in the State's public hospitals, including fully funding 111 new nursing positions agreed under the new staffing model for acute care.

\$1.3 million to meet spiralling demand for renal dialysis which has risen by more than 60 per cent over the past two years.

\$1.75 million to strengthen services for Tasmanians with a disability, including \$1.2 million to meet rising demand for emergency accommodation and respite.

\$10.5 million for capital improvements in public hospitals including \$6.9 million for a new emergency department at the Royal Hobart Hospital and \$1.8 million to replace vital Intensive Care and Emergency Department monitoring equipment at the North West Regional Hospital and for new lifts at the Launceston General Hospital.

\$5.6 million to extend the Government's rural health rebuilding program, including works at Deloraine, Huonville, New Norfolk, Sorell, West Coast and Tasman.

\$2 million for dental services, particularly for people from low income families with poor oral health, delivering the second stage of the Government's commitment to the \$5.3 million Dental Action Plan over four years.

\$1.3 million as the second instalment on the Government's \$5 million commitment over four years to address elective surgery demands in public hospitals.

\$840,000 to meet the increased cost of breast cancer screening.

\$3.7 million to enhance Tasmania's ability to combat terrorist threats and recovery capabilities in the event of a terrorist attack.

\$1.2 million to help police catch criminals by providing access to the latest criminal intelligence through the national Crimtrac information system.

\$715,000 to implement national handgun law reform, significantly reducing the number of handguns in the community.



\$35.2 million MORE
in recurrent funding
for Education



\$14.3 million MORE
in recurrent funding
for Law and Order

Social Initiatives in the 2003-4 Budget

Healthier and safer communities
Better living standards and more jobs
Our children – our future

Tasmanians have worked hard with the Bacon Labor Government over the past five years to build a stronger State economy and restore hope for the future. Our population is increasing, more people have a job, and the value of most Tasmanians' biggest investment – their home – has grown substantially. This is the new Tasmania.

We now need to make sure that all Tasmanians share in the rewards. One of the things that makes this State such a great place to live is our fundamental belief in a fair go, and in our great tradition of extending a helping hand to those in need.

MORE jobs for the long-term unemployed
MORE support for people on low incomes
MORE protection for children and young people
MORE security for Tasmanian communities
MORE childcare places
MORE money for public housing
MORE money for health, education and
community support

The 2003-4 State Budget ensures that people who are doing it tough share the rewards of an improving economy. It puts real benefits in the pockets of the battlers and delivers special assistance to Tasmanians most in need. It also puts in place building blocks to a fairer, safer Tasmania in the future.

Tasmania Together

The Bacon Government is committed to working in partnership with the Tasmanian community to achieve the vision and goals outlined in *Tasmania Together*.

The 2003-04 State Budget includes significant levels of funding for initiatives that will directly contribute to the well-being of Tasmanians and help achieve *Tasmania Together* goals relating to health, justice, public safety, education and community services.

The goals set by *Tasmania Together* will continue to help shape Government policy, service delivery and Budgets into the future.