

Reducing inequality and looking after people

National Disability Insurance Scheme

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is one of the most critical reforms seen in this country for decades. It will make a profound difference to people in our community who live with a disability, as well as to the lives of their families and carers.

Tasmania's role as a launch site, beginning on 1 July 2013, will initially benefit 1000 eligible young Tasmanians aged between 15 and 24. The 2013-14 Budget provides an additional \$5.2 million over the next three years for the initial phase.



Following Tasmania's historic agreement with the Commonwealth to participate in the full NDIS, the Tasmanian Government's additional funding will rise to \$11.6 million in 2016-17.

By the time the scheme is fully rolled-out by July 2019, the NDIS will benefit around 10 600 Tasmanians with a disability. When that happens, the Tasmanian Government will be spending more than \$230 million per annum to help provide greater independence and dignity for some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Neighbourhood Houses

The Neighbourhood Houses Program supports 34 Community and Neighbourhood Houses around the State and delivers support programs at a local level to build the strength and resilience of individuals, families and communities.

Funding of \$4 million over two years is being provided to expand the current capital and maintenance program across the State.



Church Street Youth Accommodation

Additional funding of \$10.4 million is being provided for the Church Street Youth Accommodation project in Hobart.

Thirty independent living units will be provided for young Tasmanians who are homeless or at risk, along with 16 units for low to moderate income earners, including young Tasmanians with a disability supported by the NDIS.

Boosting electricity concessions

Over the next four years, the Government will provide an additional \$16.4 million to fund new concessions for eligible Tasmanians whose medical needs result in higher electricity bills, as well as to cover concessions previously provided by Aurora.

Preventative health

Commencing in 2013-14, additional funding of \$1 million is being provided to improve the health and wellbeing of people, communities and population groups that are considered at high risk. This includes measures to reduce smoking and to help young parents to connect with local support and initiatives that will support their health and wellbeing and that of their families.

Additional funding of \$1 million is being provided for the Trails and Bikeways program to encourage healthy, active lifestyles and better connected communities.

Rural communities will also benefit from the Government's investment in mobile breast screening across the State. Additional funding of \$1.7 million will be provided, including the establishment of a new dedicated mobile clinic for the North-West region.

The Government continues to support the ongoing treatment and campaign programs run by Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug services.

Support for social and community sector services

To enable the community sector to pay salary increases to more than 9000 staff across Tasmania, additional funding of \$16.3 million is provided over four years, building on \$30 million provided in the last Budget.

Over the next five years, the Government will provide \$58.3 million so that community sector workers, who are predominantly women, are fairly paid for the work they do to give Tasmanians in need a helping hand.

