

## Tasmanian Pathways

# Network News – September (2) 2018

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## Pathways Events...

Our **Programs for Men** information session was very well attended, with Relationships Australia, CatholicCare, and Anglicare giving presentations and taking questions about their different programs for men. If anyone would like further information about any of the programs discussed, or if you would like to share your program with us in a similar forum, please contact me at [taspathwaysofficer@reltas.com.au](mailto:taspathwaysofficer@reltas.com.au).

**Child Safety Services** – information sessions in Hobart, Launceston and Devonport.

On October 3 we will be holding the first of these sessions at Jackman and McRoss in Victoria St, Hobart. The presentation is an update for community and professional services that work with children and may be required to make mandatory reports to Child Safety/Child Protection. The presentation will include an update on the current practice frameworks and principals that Child Safety use to inform our work with families and information on the new Children's Advice and Referral Service (CARS) which will replace our intake services towards the end of 2018. The session will include how the new CARS model will be different for people who make mandated reports. To book, follow this [LINK](#).

**Please keep a look out for emails from me with details of our northern sessions, we are hoping to bring them to you on the 12<sup>th</sup> (Launceston) and 13<sup>th</sup> (Devonport) November so please save the date.**



## Sector Issues

### **MAGNOLIA PLACE, LAUNCESTON WOMEN'S SHELTER BOARD MEMBERSHIP – CHAIR, VICE CHAIR and TREASURER**

Magnolia Place, Launceston Women's Shelter are seeking expressions of interest from women who are interested in joining our voluntary Board in the Executive roles of Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer.

We are particularly interested in enthusiastic, committed women who have skills in general management and leadership, financial management (accountancy) and human resources. Prior board experience is beneficial however not necessary.

The Board provides support and governance to the Manager of the organisation who manages a team of committed women working with women and children who are homeless, many of whom are escaping family violence.

The Board meets on the fourth Thursday of the month from 5.30pm. If you are successful in securing Board membership we ask for a minimum commitment of two years.

If you are interested in submitting an expression of interest or would like further information please phone or email on the contact details listed.

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## **Board Vacancies 2018**

This year the Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 22nd October 2018 (more information will be forthcoming regarding the time and location of this meeting).

The MHCT's Board is advertising for new members. Applicants need to commit to only five meetings a year, although it is hoped that members would also contribute to executive functions or participate as a member of a sub-committee. Meetings are held on a Tuesday from 5.30pm to 7.30pm and telephone conference facilities are available. Each position is voluntary and there is no remuneration but reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

The key attribute of a Board member is an understanding of and commitment to carers. Carers play an important, unpaid and often unacknowledged role in supporting people with mental illness and carers are best placed to understand these challenges. For this reason, the MHCTas Constitution provides that at least half of Board members should be carers.

If you believe that you can make a contribution to MHCTas – apply to become a board member. If you require any further information, please contact me on 0409 871 037. Expressions of Interest close on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September

# Media

**Divorce legacy lingers in older age** – for many older Australians, the financial effect of divorce is evident many years later. To access full article by AIFS, follow this [LINK](#) . For women, things can become far more serious. Studies have repeatedly found that single, and divorced women are at greater risk of falling on financial hardship, as well as the grim prospect of becoming homeless as they enter late middle age. [Access this link](#) for more.



**Dowry Deaths** - It's the day many families in India spend their lives dreaming of and saving for: their daughter's wedding. But behind the veil of the big Indian wedding lurks a hidden menace - dowry deaths. Now we are seeing an increase of the problem in Australia. This [VIDEO](#) talks about the very real risk some women face, and that Australian services and authorities may lack awareness of the seriousness of the problem.



This [article](#) on the **Backlash Against Women's Rights** brings up some interesting points for discussion. The fact that the push against women's rights is being led by 18-36 year old men is disturbing; but more so, a societal about-turn that sees women being pushed into more traditional "female roles" across a broad spectrum in Australian society. There is an almost patriarchal narrative drifting into the conversation around whether women should be putting themselves in danger by going out late at night; or by taking on jobs in traditionally male dominated areas. As a woman of a certain age, I feel as though we have "been there, done that". The article asks if this trend is in fact backsliding; or is it a backlash. Is it because millennial men have been left out of the conversation, and in doing this, have we made them fearful of the whole concept of gender equality?



No-one will have been able to avoid hearing about the latest deaths in Western Australia of three women, their mother, and grandmother allegedly at the hands of the father of the children. And then there was the horrendous mass murder/suicide in Margaret River where a man killed his whole family. This [article](#) highlights the horror **Family Violence** statistics from WA this year.

And this.....

[Article](#) says it is 'A men's issue': White Ribbon boss urges action after Perth deaths.



Positive Solutions has rebranded and launched their new website – check it out [HERE](#)

## The Pathways Services Directory

**Update your details** – if any of your contact details have changed in the past 12 months, could you please send updated details to the Pathways Officer [email](#) so that we can update our database.

If you have colleagues or know of newcomers to your workplace who are not members of the Family Law Pathways network, please direct them to our [Website](#) for free membership sign-up

**Judgments on Family Court website** have been updated **August 2018**

First Instance Judgments at the following link:

<http://www.familycourt.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/fcoaweb/judgments/fi-judgments/>

**Full Court (Appeals) Judgments** have been updated **August, 2018** at the following link:

<http://www.familycourt.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/fcoaweb/judgments/full-court-judgments>

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