

## Tasmanian Pathways Network News

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### Announcement

I am delighted to announce that Alona Hunter has joined us as the new Pathways Officer. Alona has commenced as is in the process of Induction to Pathways.

Alona is based in Hobart however the position still covers all of the state and includes working with both the Greater Hobart and Launceston & Northern Tasmania Family Law Pathways Networks.

Alona holds qualifications in Behavioral Science and has recently completed a graduate Diploma of Counselling. Alona has a vast amount of experience in organising and coordinating events for larger organisations, including website management and publication of newsletters and promotional material.

Alona can be reached at; [taspathwaysofficer@reitas.com.au](mailto:taspathwaysofficer@reitas.com.au)  
or 1300 364 277

Simon Reeve - Manager

## Message from Alona

Hi everyone, and thanks for the warm welcome I have received from everyone I have met so far.

I am looking forward to taking the network forward with new ideas, sharing information and networking events.

On this note I would like to put a call out to anyone with ideas or opportunities for information sharing to contact me to discuss what we can do with them.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with people in your network, and encourage them to [join the Family Law Pathways Network](#) via this link and complete the [online membership application form](#)  
<https://www.tasfamilylawpathways.com.au//index.php>

## What's On

### Informal Meet and Greet

Pathways Tasmania invites you to join us in welcoming Alona to the role of Pathways Officer. Drinks and nibbles will be provided from 3.30 to 4.30pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February in the Positive Solutions board room. RSVP to [taspathwaysofficer@reltas.com.au](mailto:taspathwaysofficer@reltas.com.au) by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### Pathways on Tour

Our first 'Pathways on tour' events for 2018 will be to visit the Children's Contact Services in Hobart, Launceston and Devonport as suggested by members in the online survey last year.

The **Children's Contact Services (CCS)** staff & managers have offered to host an information session and afternoon tea to provide an opportunity to see the venues, hear about how the CCS works and answer your questions. Feel free to share this information with others in your networks who may be interested to join us for a visit to the CCS.

#### **Dates and Times**

Launceston – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30 – 11.30am at 6 Paterson Street, Launceston

Devonport – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 1 – 2pm at 70 North Fenton Street, Devonport

Hobart – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 11am to 12 noon at 18 Clare St, New Town.

This session will include a talk from the **Parenting Separately Program**.

Please contact me (Alona) to express your interest in attending any of these sessions [taspathwaysofficer@reltas.com.au](mailto:taspathwaysofficer@reltas.com.au)

## Hobart Wellness Expo

Princes Wharf 1 March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 FREE entry – for more info, follow the link [View](#)

## Network Updates

### Family Law Reform

Federal Attorney General, George Brandis announced last July the first comprehensive review of the Family Law System since the mid 1970s – although there have been many not-so-comprehensive reviews in the meantime. Submissions for consultation have now closed so we will keep you updated with progress as information comes to hand.

### National Information Sharing – Child Protection

The Department of Social Security has flagged steps forward in the setting up of systems that could mean (almost) real time information sharing between states of matters concerning child protection. For the full article, follow the link [View](#)

### To Track or not to Track

An interesting article from the ABC about the new wave of tracking devices for children's whereabouts – some arguments for and against, with the precautionary warnings from psychologists about trust, risk and resilience. Whilst it may give parents some level of peace of mind, there may also be negative implications if a parent wanted to use the tracking devices to gather information about the other parent where there are family violence and APVO issues.

[View](#)

### Adah Sachs coming to Australia

The West Australian Family Law Pathways Network are holding their annual conference in late May this year, and have invited Adah Sachs (a leading researcher and authority on Attachment) from the Bowlby Centre in the UK to talk about her work.

They have put out a call for anyone interested in engaging Adah while she is in Australia to contact Jane Azzopardi at [Jane.Azzopardi@RelationshipsWA.org.au](mailto:Jane.Azzopardi@RelationshipsWA.org.au)

# The Pathways Services Directory

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

First Instance Judgments at the following link:

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

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

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

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