

> New Residential Rehabilitation and Recovery service in the North

Anglicare's range of mental health support services has grown by 50 per cent during the past financial year.

Our reputation for providing excellent services to Tasmanians with mental illness and their carers is also steadily growing.

During November Minister for Health, Lara Giddings announced in Parliament that Anglicare Tasmania was the successful provider of the new Rocherlea Residential Rehabilitation and Recovery Service in Launceston.

“Anglicare is pleased to be able provide residential rehabilitation and recovery support in Rocherlea for 10 people with mental illness who have intensive and complex support needs,” said Manager of Anglicare’s Mental Health Services, Jane Carlson.

“And we will be able to provide an additional five short term places for people requiring intense support but not requiring admission to inpatient services, or for people leaving inpatient services who are making the transition back to living in the community with support.

“The length of time people will stay with the service will vary depending on their recovery goals and support needs. The maximum stay will be 24 months.”

Ms Carlson said, “Anglicare and Mental Health Services will be delivering this service in partnership, with the Adult Community Health Team providing on site clinical intervention and support and Anglicare providing psychosocial rehabilitation.”

“We are looking forward to commencing this service in February 2009.”

▲ *Just Another Manic Monday*

Community services organisations in Tasmania respond to a wide range of needs including homelessness, mental health problems, disability, access to employment, financial and relationship counselling and family support.

Anglicare Tasmania's latest research report "*Just Another Manic Monday*": *The challenge of working with clients with alcohol and other drug issues in community service organisations* looks at the experiences of workers within Anglicare working with clients with alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) problems.

"Given the extent of problematic alcohol and drug use in Tasmania, its impact on individuals, families and communities and the limitations of the ATOD sector in Tasmania, addressing these matters effectively is an urgent priority," said Anglicare CEO, Dr. Chris Jones.

"The experience and expertise of community service organisations in engaging with disadvantaged people means that they have a unique role to play in working with problematic drug and alcohol use, particularly with those not ready or willing to access specialist services."

Social Action and Research Centre Policy Officer, Teresa Hinton said, "Anglicare is recommending the development of a comprehensive workforce development strategy applicable to all community service organisations which are not funded specifically to work with clients with problematic ATOD use. This should include a state-wide survey of these non-specialist workers' training needs specific to ATOD use and investment in supporting community service organisations to access appropriate training and skill development.

"We also recommend a mechanism for providing consultation services including specialist advice, guidance and on-call support for non-specialist community service organisations working with clients with [these](#) issues, and the development of a model of consumer advocacy for people with alcohol and drug issues so that their experiences are routinely taken into account when planning services."

< Christmas Appeal 2008

Anglicare has launched its 2008 Christmas appeal.

"The global financial crisis has many Tasmanians tightening their belts this Christmas," said Anglicare CEO, Dr. Chris Jones.

"Tasmanians of all backgrounds are worrying about their financial futures; from young people concerned about managing their debts to retirees worried about their long-term futures.

"I welcome the recent drop in petrol costs and the falling interest rates and I know these reductions have provided relief to people struggling to pay their mortgages, but spare a thought for Tasmanians on low incomes paying rent in this current market."

Dr Jones said, “The cost of basic food, rental costs and electricity have all risen this year making running a household in Tasmania that much harder for people on low incomes.

“Anglicare’s Financial Counsellors are seeing more families on low incomes who, after paying their rent, transport and electricity costs, have as little as \$5 left to feed their families.

“In this current financial climate Tasmanians may be faced with tough times ahead. It is now vital that we ask the Tasmanian community to donate money so that Anglicare can continue to provide emergency relief and financial assistance.

“Even in tough times Tasmanians are generous to their community.”

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