

Positive Ageing Strategy

Kingborough Council has initiated a community consultation on Positive Ageing leading to policy and strategy development for the Municipality. The Consultation as did the Youth Policy Consultation will provide an opportunity for the Kingborough/Huon COPP Community Liaison Committee to actively identify current and future impacts, opportunities and challenges that an ageing sexually and gender diverse community presents.

Dr Stephen Edwards (Kingborough/Huon) and Roy Mc Donald (Greater Launceston) on behalf of COPP are working towards using this opportunity to establish a GLBTI forum group that can examine and develop positive ageing opportunities for our community. The other regional Community Liaison Committees will have an opportunity to participate/follow through with the project.

GLBT volunteers are called for to participate in a search process regarding positive ageing policy and service opportunities.

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More information at: <http://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=286>

State-Wide Consultation into Suicide Prevention

The Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Steering Committee (TSPSC) was established approximately ten years ago to provide a coordinated and strategic approach to suicide prevention in the state.

Suicide prevention covers a wide range of activities from programs designed to improve people's or groups quality of life and well-being to programs that assist people in crisis to programs that help support friends and family who have lost someone to suicide.

The consultation is designed to find out what is happening at the 'grass-root' level in Tasmania's communities; share this information, help to promote and facilitate community action and build stronger communication links between the community and the government around suicide prevention activities. The information gathered will provide input into the next operational plan for the Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Steering committee.

COPP State Steering Committee has made a submission to the state-wide consultation into suicide prevention. Community Liaison Committees have an opportunity to participate in the consultation using the COPP Submission. There are varying ways for participation, including:

- [On-line survey](#)
- COPP Committees can support and attend the upcoming community forums, which will be promoted in local press and here under forum details. The community forums will be occurring around the state between July and December 2007.

Committees requiring further information can contact:

<http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/agency/pro/suicideprevention/consultation.php>

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