



# Having Your Say Newsletter



## South East Area

(Brighton, Central Highlands, Clarence, Derwent Valley, Glamorgan-Spring Bay, Sorell, Southern Midlands, Tasman)

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### Newsletter from Advocacy Tasmania and Speak Out

There are lots of changes happening in Disability Services. This newsletter is to give you information about the Area Advisory Groups and keep you in touch with the latest news about Disability Reform in Tasmania. In this first issue, we will tell you about the new Gateway services.

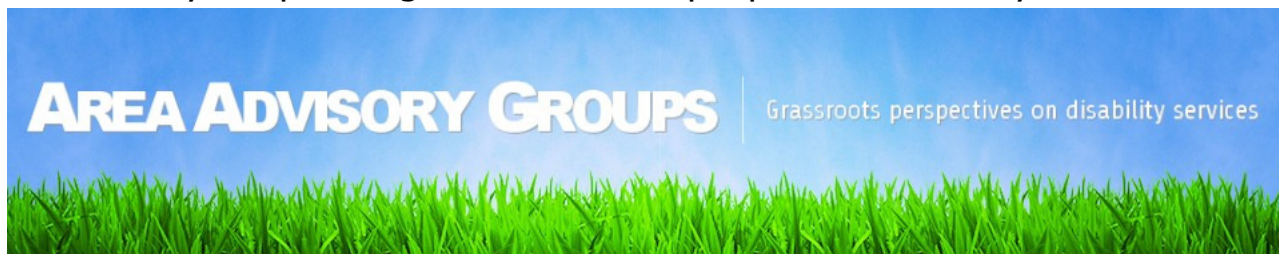
Speak Out and Advocacy Tasmania are helping to work out how people with disability can have a say at the Area Advisory Groups



Julie Butler & Mary Mallett from Speak Out  
Chrissy Jamieson & Ken Hardaker from Advocacy Tasmania

There is a **survey** you can do to let us know if you want to be involved with the planning in your area. You can ring Speak Out or Advocacy Tasmania and ask us for the survey or you can look at it on the [www.yoursayaag.org.au](http://www.yoursayaag.org.au) **website**.

On the website, you can leave comments about things you think are important and that you would like the Area Advisory Group in your area to think about when they are planning for services for people with disability.



## **What is an Area Advisory Group?**

The Area Advisory Groups are a group of people from service providers and government who meet together every month or two. Their main purpose is to plan services and improve the quality of services to people living with disabilities, families and children. At the moment, the AAGs are working on an **area plan**.

The people who run the meetings are called Convenors. Here is the Convenor from your area and the Co-Chair who helps the Convenor.

### *Convenor*

Ms Deb Leisser  
South East Area Director  
Disability, Child, Youth and Family Services  
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### *Co-Chair*

Donna Evans (State Manager – Good Beginnings Australia)

### *Secretariat*

South East Community Partnership Team ([partnershipse@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:partnershipse@dhhs.tas.gov.au))

If you want to take part in the Area Advisory Group in your area, you can ring the Convenor. Let them know if you need support to take part.

The South East AAG meets at the:

**Brighton Civic Centre, Greenpoint Rd. Bridgewater.**

The next meeting will be:

**Friday September 17<sup>th</sup>; 10.00 am to 1.00 pm**

# News about Disability in Tasmania

## The new Gateway Service



1800 171 233

### What is the Gateway?

The Gateway is the new service you will ring when you need some support or services to help you.

### What will the Gateway do?

The Gateway will work with you to find out what services you need and then link you in to the right service or support.

### How do I contact the Gateway?

You can ring the Gateway on **1800 171 233**. You will get through to the Gateway in your area.

### Where is the Gateway office in the South West?

Mission Australia, 10 Bayfield St, Rosny Park



## What's important to you?

It is important that people who get help from services are able to say what are the things that they think are important.

You can contact us on the website [www.yoursayaaq.org.au](http://www.yoursayaaq.org.au) ,or



Speak Out 6231 2344



Advocacy Tasmania 1800 005 131

or tell the Area Advisory Group Convenors

Please pass this newsletter on to other people who might be interested. You can ring if you want more copies of the newsletter. It is also on the website.

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On this page, there is a list of issues. Please put a tick next to the ones you think are important and send it back to us if you can.

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Name (Optional).....

- Transport**
- Individual Funding**
- Housing**
- Attitudes (how people with disability are treated by other people in the community)**
- Jobs**
- Community Access (Day support)**
- Respite**
- Social activities and sport**
- Other.....**