



# TASMANIA'S HEALTH PLAN ACTION Issue 22 February 2010

## Stage I of Launceston Integrated Care Centre Opens



John Kirwan, CEO Northern Area Health Service, and Health Minister, Lara Giddings at the renal unit opening.

Health Minister Lara Giddings and Federal Member for Bass Jodie Campbell recently opened the \$1 million redevelopment of the Kings Meadows campus of the Launceston Community Health Centre, incorporating the new Launceston Renal Satellite Unit.

The Renal Unit – the first stage of the \$22.5 million Launceston Integrated Care Centre (ICC) - is part of the biggest boom in health service development in the North in the past 30 years.

Ms Giddings said the new 16-chair Renal Satellite Unit represented a new and exciting direction in the delivery of the North's health services.

"For the first time healthy renal patients will be able to

have their renal dialysis in a more relaxed community setting rather than in a hospital alongside acutely sick patients.

*The new ICC will break down old boundaries and bring primary and acute services and public and non-government providers together under one roof.*

"It's the way of the future when it comes to health services."

Ms Giddings said the refurbished Community Health Centre, incorporating the first stage of the ICC would offer people needing non-urgent care:

- Coordinated care for people with more than one medical condition, who need treatment from a range of health professionals and services;
- Improved access to health services, especially as the centres will focus on non-emergency services;
- Better management of chronic conditions, such as diabetes, arthritis, heart disease and kidney disease, and
- Information about the importance of healthy lifestyles and treating illness as early as possible to reduce the risk of long-term chronic illness."

Ms Giddings said there were also exciting plans for the future.

"The Northern Area Health Service is planning to establish a Community Advisory Group, with consumers, community representatives, staff and NGO representation, to guide the development of the community health centre." THP

### Future Foundations



John Kirwan, CEO Northern Area Health Service, and Health Minister, Lara Giddings help lay foundations for the future in Launceston.

Health Minister Lara Giddings was also on hand to help start up the bulk excavation works housing the third linear accelerator for the Launceston General Hospital, the second stage of the new Launceston ICC and the new hospital car park. THP

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## Launch of *Working in Health Promoting Ways*



Health Minister, Lara Giddings at the launch of the strategic framework.

Minister Giddings launched the *Working in Health Promoting Ways: A Health Promotion Strategic Framework for DHHS* at the Clarence Plains Community Health Centre.

Designed specifically for the staff of the Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services *Working in Health Promoting Ways* comprises seven priority areas and eight principles essential for effective health promotion practice.

The Framework

- establishes the Department of Health and Human Services' commitment to promoting safe, healthy individuals and communities;
- recognises that we need to rethink the way we look after the health of our communities into the future;
- places the emphasis on prevention and establishes a

common focus and language for health promotion;

- sees collaboration across government; community and non-government organisations as essential for success; and
- will provide tools, resources and mechanisms that can increase workforce health promotion capacity and skills.

For more information contact [healthpromotionframework@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:healthpromotionframework@dhhs.tas.gov.au) THP

## Chronic Disease Clinical Network Update



Health Minister, Lara Giddings and Director of Public Health, Dr Roscoe Taylor

You may remember that late last year the DHHS called for expressions of interest in leadership positions within a new Chronic Disease Clinical Network.

We are delighted that some 35 people from a range of backgrounds and experiences have expressed an interest.

These and other key people have been invited to join an Interim Leadership Group to oversee the establishment of the Network.

This group will come together on 2 March to work out the priorities for the Network's annual work plan

and to decide the best way the group can work together to support this.

In the meantime, we are asking all members and potential members of the Chronic Disease Clinical Network to tell us how you think the Network should work by completing a short survey.

The survey is available by visiting <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G2KVL6X> and should only take a few minutes to complete. Results will be used to inform the development of the annual work plan.

We are also looking for some more consumers to join the Chronic Disease Clinical Network and are particularly keen to involve them in the upcoming planning day.

If you are a person living with a chronic condition who would like to be involved (or know of someone who might) please let us know by contacting Amanda Daly on 6236 5622 or emailing [amanda.daly@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:amanda.daly@dhhs.tas.gov.au)

## Tasmania's Health Plan Progress Report available now

The latest quarterly progress report on all projects under Tasmania's Health Plan may be found on our website at [http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/future\\_health/tasmanias\\_health\\_plan/what\\_has\\_happened\\_so\\_far](http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/future_health/tasmanias_health_plan/what_has_happened_so_far)

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