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# SUPER-NEWS

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## TASS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday 15 March 2022

- Venue:** Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania (MYCT)  
1 Ford Parade, Lindisfarne  
(Access from East Derwent Highway, via Lincoln Street and Park Road)  
Parking is available at the MYCT or on the street
- Time:** 1:30 to 3:00pm (including afternoon tea)
- Guest Speaker:** To be confirmed.
- RSVP:** By 5:00pm Thurs 10 March 2022 to John Chalmers,  
0448 731 845, or [info@tass.org.au](mailto:info@tass.org.au)

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### AGM Agenda

- Apologies
- Minutes of the 2021 AGM
- President's Report 2021
- Financial Report
- Membership Officer's Report 2021
- Election of Office Bearers. All positions will be declared vacant
- Election of Legal Advisor
- Close of AGM

**Nominations close 5.00pm: Thursday 10 March 2022 Nomination Form included in this newsletter**

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **TASS needs volunteers to nominate to join the Executive**

If you, the members, want TASS to continue operating effectively to represent your interests, then some of you will need to step forward to help. If you are interested in nominating to join the Executive, please complete the enclosed nomination form. If you are unable to provide a Nominator and/or Secunder an Executive member will oblige.

### **Election of Office Bearers AGM 15 March 2022**

Nominations from financial members of the Tasmanian Association of State Superannuants Inc. are invited for election to the Executive for 2022 to be held at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 15 March 2022. (Nomination form enclosed).

All positions of Office Bearers are declared vacant at the AGM and nominations for the following positions are invited:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Officer
- Newsletter Editor
- Plus - up to an additional six (6) Executive members

### **Nominations close 5.00pm: Thursday 10 March 2022**

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### **Minutes of the 2021 AGM, held on 16 March 2021**

#### **Attendees & Apologies**

##### **Attendees:**

John Minchin, John Stublely (CEO Hobart City Mission), John Chalmers, Michael Walker, Charles Thomas, Stephen Graetzer, Murray Harper, Ross Brown, Jean Walker, Lindsay Jones, Tony Denne, Judy Denne, Don Dobie, Ross Butler, Warwick Robinson, Daniel Albert, Meryl Davidson, Jim Davidson, Barry Willing (via Zoom).

##### **Apologies:**

John Pauley, Jeneane Thomas, Christopher Bevan, Peter Johnson, Karen Johnson, Barbara Wesley OAM, John Lennon, Nanette Jaksic, Heather Chauncy, Judy Kemp, Max Kemp, Susan Kremer, Susan Kingston, Graeme Kingston, Angela McGowan, Margaret Wallington, Fred Westwood, Sharon Fotheringham, Josephine Carter, Maria Giudici, Terri Liebmann, Robert Ralph, Roger Hawkes, Terry Bowes, Barbara Bowes, Lorene Furmage, John Birch, Tony Coupe, David Louez.

**Minutes:**

Held on 16 March 2021 at MYCT 1 Ford Parade, Lindisfarne, and via Zoom, commencing at 1:33pm.

<b>Item heading</b>	<b>Issue / Discussion</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>1 Apologies</b>	As noted above	
<b>2 Confirmation of previous AGM minutes</b>	Minutes of 2020 AGM, dated 25 August 2020, were endorsed.	Moved: C Thomas Seconded: R Brown Carried
<b>3 President's Report</b>	John Minchin presented the 2020 President's Report (copy attached) and referred members to the Report in the March Super-News. Copies were available at the meeting.	Moved: J Minchin Seconded: D Albert Carried
<b>4 Audited Financial Report</b>	Audited Report of the Receipts and Payments for the year to 31 December 2020, was tabled and attached. (Members were also referred to the Report in the March Super-News). Copies were available at the meeting.	Report received and adopted. Moved: M Walker Seconded: R Brown
<b>5 Membership Report</b>	Membership Report for the year to 31 December 2020, was tabled and attached. (Members were referred to the Report in the March Super-News). Copies were available at the meeting.	Report received and adopted. Moved: C Thomas Seconded: J Chalmers
<b>6 TASS Special Resolutions</b>	Michael Walker explained the reasoning and the rationale for the changes. The resolutions had been circulated in Super-News and copies were available at the meeting. Three members (R Butler, S Graetzer and D Albert) spoke against, and subsequently voted against, the changes.	Moved: J Minchin Seconded: M Walker Carried
<b>7 Election of Office Bearers.</b>	All positions were declared vacant. Nominations were received for the positions of:	
	President: Nominated: John Minchin	Duly elected
	Vice-President: Nominated: John Pauley	Duly elected
	Secretary: Nominated: John Chalmers	Duly elected
	Treasurer: Nominated: Michael Walker	Duly elected
	Membership Officer: Nominated: Charles Thomas	Duly elected
	Super-News Editor: Nominated: Jeneane Thomas	Duly elected

	Exec members: (6 vacancies) Nominated: Christopher Bevan, Ross Brown, Stephen Graetzer, Murray Harper, Jean Walker. Nominations from the Floor: There were no nominations from the floor for any position, nor were there any other nominations received.	Christopher, Ross, Stephen, Murray and Jean were duly elected.
<b>8 Election of Honorary Auditor</b>	The result of Item six means we do not need to have our books audited.	
<b>9 Election of Honorary Legal Advisor</b>	Legal Advisor: Mr Nathan Munting from Wallace, Webster and Wilkinson has agreed to be the TASS legal advisor for 2021. Motion that Mr Munting be endorsed as Legal Advisor for 2021.	Moved: C Thomas Seconded: M Harper Carried.
<b>10 General Business</b>	There was no General Business	
<b>AGM Closed 2:07pm</b>		
<b>Guest Speaker 2:10-2:30pm</b>	<b>Guest Speaker: Mr John Stublely, CEO, The Hobart City Mission.</b> John began with a history of the HCM. He went on to explain the roles the Mission plays in our community. He told us of the special difficulties the HCM faced during the worst part of COVID when bulk purchasing of food and general groceries was limited or even banned. He explained how the general public helped during that time. The HCM provides food, shelter and helps in other areas where it identifies deficiencies in service delivery, often because of a lack of government funding. It identifies niche needs and attempts to fill them. Critical to the successful implementation of its programs is the need for funds. As well as general fundraising, it has retail outlets (e.g. the Paul's Warehouse building). Of course, the HCM relies on volunteers in various roles. With the provision of shelter being so important, the HCM has bought the old Balmoral Motor Inn (now called Mountain View) and is looking to build units, possibly on the Eastern Shore. The HCM sees itself as a small, bespoke organisation that wants to retain its client focus rather than grow too large.	The meeting showed its appreciation to John by acclamation.
<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	The Guest Speaker joined members at afternoon tea.	
<b>Minutes Endorsed</b>	President: John Minchin	Date:

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## **TASS Annual Report 2021-22**

The TASS Executive has remained stable for the past 18 months or so, with the new office bearers consolidating their positions and supporting the operations of TASS.

Vice President John Pauley has been a great support and following his additional role representing the Australian Council of Public Sector Retiree Organisations (ACPSRO), he is now the President of ACPSRO – congratulations John.

John Chalmers has settled in to the Secretary role after many years as Treasurer, Mike Walker has overseen new reporting, new banking and insurance arrangements, and Charles Thomas as Membership Officer works tirelessly.

Jeneane Thomas makes the production of Super News seem simple – but it's not. She works to extract articles from recalcitrant Exec members (!) and liaises with TADPAC to get the production and distribution done on time. Thanks Jeneane.

And the rest of the Executive all contribute too – meetings are always productive and people put up their hands to help out and take on tasks. They are at ease with both face to face and Zoom meetings, depending on what is happening with COVID-19. We do need to get some new blood nominating for the Executive too - people with time on their hands, new ideas, and a willingness to help. So please consider nominating. Talk to an Executive member and ask what is involved.

TASS continued to respond to changes in the makeup of the Superannuation Commission, meeting with the Secretary of the Department of Treasury and Finance and the Superannuation Commissioner to discuss our concerns.

The 10% issue hasn't been forgotten, TASS continues to liaise with supportive politicians including Sen Jacquie Lambie, and Andrew Wilkie MP. There will be a federal election this year and TASS will do what it can to have our voice heard on this matter.

TASS sought to broaden its circle of interested parties in relation to RBF Defined Benefit (DB) pensions/pensioners and hosted a successful union forum during the year.

We ran successful forums relating to living well at home and how to navigate the aged care system to get services, with speakers from Council on the Ageing (COTA), and we are planning forums about what is involved in moving into aged care homes.

As mentioned, we continue to be affected by COVID-19 in our operations, meetings, and forums. We plan to write to members to find out how they are coping and inform us about COVID-19 issues affecting them and their families. We can then seek to have those issues brought to the attention of those who can do something about them.

Unfortunately, our membership issue continues. Or should I say our declining membership issue, with numbers dropping by about eight percent over the year.

We can only keep encouraging you our current members to approach their friends and colleagues and get them to join – don't take no for an answer!

**John Minchin**  
**President**

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## TASS Income and Expenditure Statement

For the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

<b>Income:</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Member Subscriptions 2021	\$7,840.00	\$8,470.00
Donations	1952.10	2043.00
Functions	660	1350
Interest	504.43	1151.79
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$10,956.53</b>	<b>\$13,014.79</b>
<b>Less Expenditure:</b>		
Advertising	-	490.60
Affiliations	225.00	225.00
Audit & Annual Return	264.80	264.80
Functions	2775.50	2652.50
Insurance	462.00	574.23
Internet	119.20	77.25
Membership	-	224.40
Miscellaneous	31.99	81.90
Office	397.02	1928.88
Phone	842.60	836.00
Postage	1426.51	1625.31
Super-News	5833.58	7115.91
Taxation	271.43	-
Travel	250.00	250.00
Zoom	277.08	161.63
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>\$13,176.71</b>	<b>\$16,508.41</b>
<b>Deficit for year:</b>	<b>-\$2,220.18</b>	<b>-\$3,493.62</b>

## TASS Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

Accumulated Funds	2021	2020
Association Funds B/F 01/01/21	\$59,797.11	\$63,290.73
Less Deficit for Year	<b>-\$2,220.18</b>	<b>-\$3,493.62</b>
<b>Association Funds C/F 31/12/21</b>	<b>\$57,576.93</b>	<b>\$59,797.11</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash at MyState	\$10,876.88	\$11,563.07
Accrued Interest	424.60	384.04
Term Deposit at MyState	63000.00	63000.00
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>\$74,301.48</b>	<b>\$74,947.11</b>
<b>LESS LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	214.55	0
Deferred Membership Income:		
Membership Subscriptions 2022+	3105	3670
Members for Life	13405	11480
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>	<b>\$16,724.55</b>	<b>\$15,150.00</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$57,576.93</b>	<b>\$59,797.11</b>

### Committee Report:

These Financial Statements present fairly the financial position of the Tasmanian Association of State Superannuants and the results of its operations for the period ended 31 December 2021.

**Michael Walker CPA**

**Treasurer**

**Dated: 18 January 2022**

**John Minchin**

**President**

### Explanatory notes to TASS Financial Statements

**Member Subscriptions 2021:** In line with small reduction in memberships.

**Interest:** Reflects current low interest rates. Will increase in 2022.

**Phone:** \$756 of \$843 paid for White Pages subscriptions. This will be discontinued from 2022 onwards.

**Accrued Interest:** Interest earned but not received at balance date.

**Term Deposit MyState:** Matures on 6 February 2022. Will be re-invested for 12 months on that date.

**Accounts Payable:** Expenses incurred and included under Expenditure but not paid until after balance date.

**Membership Subscriptions 2022+:** Subscriptions received in 2021 for 2022 and beyond.

**Members for Life:** Subscriptions received to be allocated in ensuing years.

The financial statements will be submitted for approval at the TASS Annual General Meeting

on 15 March 2022 by the Treasurer. There will be opportunities to ask questions at this meeting.

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## Membership Officer's Report 2021

**TASS membership as at 31 December 2021 totals 888 (down 73 on last year)**

<b>The membership consists of:</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
• Couples (321 x 2)	642	702
• Single Superannuants	129	136
• Widow/Widower of a Superannuant	117	123

During the year 2021, 12 new members joined the Association.

The Association very much seeks your assistance in recruiting new members where possible to ensure that our numbers maintain a level sufficient to be a strong and viable Association. The website [www.tass.org.au](http://www.tass.org.au) for the application form and also provides updates on recent topics of interest to our members.

The cost of membership is minimal, \$15.00 pa for a Superannuant (or Couple) and \$10.00 pa for a Widow/Widower of a Superannuant.

The Association during 2019 introduced a Membership for Life, a one-off payment of \$120.00 for a Superannuant (or Couple) and \$80.00 for a Widow/Widower of a Superannuant. The number of members that have taken up this option now totals 145.

*Those members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2022 please take this opportunity to do so, as your continued support is eagerly sought. Refer to the above website for an application form.*

**Charles Thomas**  
**Membership Officer**

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## **New Director Appointed to the Office of the Tasmanian Superannuation Commission**

As members would be well aware Adrian Christian left his position as Director of the Office of the Tasmanian Superannuation Commission late in 2021.

We were very pleased to receive an email on 2 February 2022 from Jenny Cosgrove who has now been appointed to the Director position. Jenny has advised us that once she has settled into her new role at the Office of the Tasmanian Superannuation Commission she is looking forward to meeting with the TASS executive and continuing the working relationship which has been built up over many years. She also provided us with a brief background in her email.

Jenny has advised TASS that she has significant global investment experience and expertise in regulated entities, particularly electricity and financial markets. She has previously held senior executive positions with a number of investment banks including HSBC in Hong Kong. She is a Chartered Financial Analyst, with a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment and a Bachelor of Economics with Honours.

Jenny has also advised TASS that she will soon be providing us with a direct email address for the sole Commissioner so that TASS may contact her directly where that is required, rather than having to have all communications go through the Director's office.

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## **Meeting with Secretary of Dept of Treasury and Finance and the Superannuation Commissioner**

Late in 2021 TASS sought a meeting with Tony Ferrall, the Secretary of the Department of Treasury and Finance, to discuss a range of issues associated with the Government's decision to replace the three person Tasmanian Superannuation Commission with a sole Commissioner. It was arranged that we would meet on 15 December. However, events intervened and the meeting was delayed until 31 January when John Minchin and myself met with Tony and Evelyn Horton using Microsoft Teams.

During this meeting we discussed 11 issues which we had previously provided to Tony. What follows is a summary of the queries we raised, a summary of the response provided, in italics, and our remaining concerns which we will seek to resolve in subsequent meetings with Evelyn and Jenny Cosgrove, the new Director of the Office of the Tasmanian Superannuation Commission.

### **Why a single Commissioner?**

Query 1: During debate of the formation of the Tasmanian Superannuation Commission the Government committed to the initial appointment of three Commissioners for three years, with a six month extension. The Government then moved, without any consultation with members of the Fund to a sole Commissioner from 1 October 2020. TASS sought to understand why this change was implemented, and particularly why there was no consultation with members on this change.

*Tony indicated that it was always intended that there only be a sole Commissioner and that the decision to have three Commissioners was taken to ensure there was sufficient capability at the Commissioner level during the initial phase of the Commission's implementation. He*

*indicated that now that processes had been bedded in it, the Government considered it was appropriate to move to its preferred situation of a sole Commissioner.*

TASS still has concerns that there is only a sole Commissioner and notes that in other jurisdictions the organisations operating the public sector defined benefit superannuation funds have governance arrangements which include more than one Director/Commissioner.

### **Public Sector Superannuation Schemes Heads of Government Agreement (HOGA)**

Query 2: At present TASS perceives that the principles of the HOGA are now being watered down in a number of areas and we sought to understand the currency of the HOGA in respect of current decision making relating to the make-up and operation of the Commission.

*Tony responded to this query by pointing out that the HOGA had been hard wired into the original legislation for the Commission and that this was resulting in the Commission having to undertake activities which added no real value to the Commission's operation. He said that applying some of the principles rigidly would produce nonsensical outcomes. He indicated that amendments were being introduced which would permit more flexibility in how the HOGA principles were being adopted and implemented. He indicated that the guidance provided by the HOGA principles were still being followed and that the principles were not being ignored by the Commission.*

For those who wish to see the document agreed by Governments in relation to public sector defined benefit superannuation schemes, such as the one we belong to, they can be found here: [https://treasury.nt.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/490370/I-HOGA-001.pdf](https://treasury.nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/490370/I-HOGA-001.pdf)

### **Governance, Prudential Management and Decision Making**

Query 3: In particular we sought to understand how a sole Commissioner is able to understand and ensure compliance with the breadth of issues required to ensure the standard of prudential management required of a fund of in excess of \$2 billion in members' funds. We also sought to understand how discussions and considerations of the Commission are to be recorded and if formal meetings of the Commission will be held and minuted to ensure a record of the Commission's operations are maintained, as would be needed with a multi-Commissioner entity.

*Evelyn responded to this query that her prudential obligations covered not only the management of members' funds held by the Commission, but also the management of the contingent liability facing the Government due to the fact that the Fund was never fully funded by past governments. She further pointed out that she has access to a wide range of advice and can choose who she seeks advice from. She also pointed out that she has very productive meetings with staff who support the operations of the Commission and that they had a high level of understanding in relation to the operation of the superannuation scheme of which we are members.*

*In terms of the large financial responsibility born by the Sole Commissioner, support and overview is provided by an external funds manager, the head of Treasury, and reports are made to the Treasurer.*

While not explicitly saying so we can presume that the advice Evelyn receives, together with the brief created for that advice are securely stored by the Commission and the discussions held between the sole Commissioner and staff supporting the Commission are minuted and held as a record for future reference. Our primary concern in relation to this query now

relates not to the provision of information for decision making, but with the development of questions by the Commission. As we all know, when seeking advice it is critical to ask the right question and we continue to hold the view that governance arrangements where there are a number of minds exercising the nature of a query are preferred to arrangements where there is just a single person with responsibility.

Query 4: We also sought to understand what decision making arrangements are in place to ensure appropriate prudential management of the fund by the Commission. In this regard we note that where there are a number of Commissioners there will be an inter-play of views and perspectives around the table and these views and perspectives would be recorded as part of the decision process and available to the Commission when decisions are made at a future time.

*Evelyn clearly responded to this query that her skills and experience in the field of superannuation law and administration were more than adequate to the task.*

Again, we presume that courses of actions which are decided upon by Evelyn are accurately recorded and minuted by the Commission.

Query 5: We also sought to understand how many other Government bodies, particularly those bodies couched with managing significant assets or members' funds, are supervised by either a sole Commissioner or a sole Director, and why if the Superannuation Commission is one of the few with a sole Commissioner or sole Director it was considered appropriate where the principles of sound corporate governance indicate a broader range of views and experience than a sole Commissioner could ever provide.

*Tony sought to reply to this query by pointing out that bodies such as the Tasmanian Economic Regulator were sole persons, supported by experienced staff within an attached Office. He also pointed out that he had been involved with a number of boards over the years where a dominant Chair had rendered the operation of a Board ineffective and where the input of other Directors was not fully considered.*

However, when queried further we were not comfortable that a sole Commissioner provides the contemporary governance arrangements required for a fund the size of that being managed by the Commission. We also note there are no moves by Government to run any of its Business Enterprises with a single person Board and in all instances, it seeks to put in place a Board with a balance of skills, experience and gender. We still believe that such a range of skills and experience are required on the Commission itself and that reliance upon advisors and the Office are only partly sufficient.

### **Member representation**

Query 6: In light of the HOGA's position on member representation how is Tasmania justifying the changes to the Commission in respect to this principle.

*Tony pointed out that a member representative on the Commission would be conflicted in many ways and that they would find it hard to divorce their being a member of the fund from decisions relating to the oversight and operation of the fund. Evelyn stated that representing the members was her sole job.*

However, we note that nearly all public sector superannuation funds have member representatives on their governing bodies, that industry superfunds require member representation and that one of the key HOGA principles relates to member representation.

### **Conflict of Interest**

Query 7: TASS sought to understand what provisions have been put in place to handle conflict of interest. Our concerns in this regard have been heightened by our understanding that the staff supporting the Commission are not employees of the Commission, but employees of Treasury.

*Tony confirmed that staff of the Office are not employees of the Commission, but employees of Treasury as we had thought.*

Neither Tony or Evelyn were able to clearly outline how conflicts of interest were to be dealt with given there was now a sole Commissioner.

Query 8: Related to this issue is the issue of what happens to the operations of the Commission should the sole Commissioner become indisposed for some unexpected reason.

*Tony indicated that arrangements were in place to handle such a situation and that while there may be a short hiatus the on-going operation of the Commission would only be minorly affected. He also indicated that when the sole Commissioner's term came to an end there would be an overlap with the appointment of a new sole Commissioner to ensure effective transfer of knowledge.*

### **Corporate Knowledge**

Query 9: How is it envisaged that corporate knowledge will be maintained and enhanced with the move to a sole Commissioner and what policies, procedures and practices have been implemented to ensure there is effective collation of corporate knowledge.

*Both Tony and Evelyn indicated that the operational processes of the Commission were such that corporate knowledge would be retained. They both understood the importance of corporate knowledge relating to the defined benefit scheme in Tasmania and that the age profile of staff of the Office was such that it placed high priority on ensuring the corporate knowledge was recorded and well maintained.*

### **Risk Management**

Query 10: What arrangements are in place to ensure that risk management by the Commission is being undertaken in accordance with contemporary risk management principles and also what provisions are in place to perhaps challenge a decision by the sole Commissioner, as would perhaps happen during discussion between Commissioners prior to a decision being made.

This issue was not really discussed during the meeting and it is something TASS will be following up in future meetings with Evelyn and/or Jenny. However, we need to remember that our scheme is underwritten by the Tasmanian Government and our pensions guaranteed.

### **Oversight of the Commission**

Query 11: Finally, with a sole Commissioner in place what additional oversight provisions have been implemented to ensure the Commission's compliance with all the requirements placed upon it.

*Tony assured us that Treasury has strong oversight of the operation of the Commission and its compliance with the relevant Tasmanian and national legislation.*

In conclusion we found that the meeting went well, and that even though we still have a range of concerns relating to the Commission having only a sole Commissioner, there are

processes in place to manage many of the issues we have raised. TASS does, however, feel that effective communication between itself and the Commission, and between the Commission and members of the Fund are increasingly critical.

To this end we will be seeking from both Evelyn and Jenny what processes are to be put in place to provide for improved and regular communication between members of the fund, both those on defined benefit pensions and those still contributing to the fund or with preserved entitlements. Presently, the main communication is by looking for information on the website of the Commission, the regular statements members receive in relation to their entitlements and the annual budget statement on the position of the Government in relation to its superannuation liability and expense. Members can also gain further insight by reading the legislation relating to the fund or seeking a response to their personal concerns.

However, TASS would like to see the Commission develop a more regular communication with members, either via its own newsletter or via contributions to SuperNews, or via member forums similar to those offered by RBF and the Commission in the past.

**John Pauley**  
**Vice President**

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## **Meet TASS' Legal Advisor, Nathan Munting**

### **Main Areas of Practice:**

- Insurance Litigation
- Workers Compensation
- Personal Injury
- Commercial Litigation
- Estate Litigation
- Debt Recovery
- Motor Accident Claims

Nathan commenced practice in a Hobart firm in 2006 and was appointed a Senior Associate in 2011. Nathan joined Wallace Wilkinson & Webster in 2011 and was made a Partner in July 2018.

Nathan appears as Counsel in the Supreme Court of Tasmania, Magistrates Court, Workers Rehabilitation & Compensation Tribunal, Federal Court of Australia, Federal Circuit Court and other State and Federal Tribunals and judicial bodies.

Nathan acts for both Plaintiffs and Defendants, corporate clients, employees, and employers. Nathan is a panel solicitor for several insurance companies and the Motor Accidents Insurance Board. He has advised Tasmanian Councils on the Local Government Act 1993 and assisted them with general advice, prosecutions, enforcement, debt recovery and appeal work.

Nathan was an active member of the Law Society of Tasmania Litigation Committee between 2014 and 2019. He is a member of the Law Council of Australia Federal Litigation and Dispute Resolution Section, a member of the Australian Insurance Law Association, and is the Legal Officer for the Tasmanian Association of State Superannuants Inc.

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## Active Ageing Community Consultation

Council of The Ageing (COTA) Tasmania is undertaking community consultation activities to support the development of the next Strategy for Older Tasmanians.

We want to H.E.A.R how you stay Healthy, Engaged and Resilient as you age. As part of this we have developed a short survey to reach as many Tasmanians as possible, alongside holding in person events and activities with community partners across the state.

Whether you are 40, 75 or 105 years of age (or any age in between!) what are your experiences of ageing in Tasmania?

- What does ageing mean to you?
- Can you access the services and supports you need?
- What do you think Tasmanian's need to age well?

### How can I get involved?

**Organisations** – email 1-2 pages about your views on the current [Active Ageing plan](#) and the things your organisation feel should be considered in developing the 2023-2029 plan to [brigidw@cotatas.org.au](mailto:brigidw@cotatas.org.au). Please include full contact details of your organisation within this submission.

**Individuals** - you can contribute in the following ways:

- Completing our [survey](#) – whether you have 2 minutes or 10 minutes to spare we'd love to hear your views (please share survey links as widely as you can)
  - Phone or email COTA to have a hard copy of the survey posted to you; 62 313 265 / [admin@cotatas.org.au](mailto:admin@cotatas.org.au)
  - Order some postcards to distribute in your workplace, local community group or local businesses - [brigidw@cotatas.org.au](mailto:brigidw@cotatas.org.au)
  - Text your thoughts of what healthy ageing means to you to **0477 011 112**
  - Join in an online community discussion (APRIL and MAY dates TBC)
  - Download and print a [COTA HEAR A3 Poster](#) to pop at your local club, work office, shop, or community centre so others are aware of the consultation.
- COTA staff are collaborating with community organisations, neighbourhood houses and Councils to arrange in person events and activities in COVID safe environments. If you'd like to support us to reach Tasmanians in your area to hold a community conversation, please contact Brigid on [brigidw@cotatas.org.au](mailto:brigidw@cotatas.org.au) or 62 313 265.

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## Australian Cricket Society Tasmania

The Tasmania branch of the Aust Cricket Society has some 250 members across the State.

The Society conducts regular functions at Blundstone Arena, often with interstate or overseas speakers, during first class matches. There is also an annual dinner and golf day for members and friends.

Those still of the persuasion can play with the *Last Over XI* or our associate's team, the *Thylacines XI*.

Our monthly *Break o' Day* newsletter provides articles about current cricket and past glories.

The Society is a significant supporter of and manages the Tasmanian Cricket Museum and Library at Blundstone Arena.

In 2003 the Society donated a painting celebrating the One Day International, Australia v England, played at Bellerive Oval. More recently the Society has sponsored the Ricky Ponting Corner in the Museum, Cricket Tasmania's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary painting as well as the pre Shield Tasmanian Cricketers display in the Cricket Tasmania Members forecourt. In 2018 the Society commissioned an oil painting of George Bailey. An annual Emerging Young Tasmanian Cricketer award is part of the Society's link with the development of the State's cricket youth programmes.

**The Annual Membership Fee is \$30 which includes family members.**

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Via TASS

### ACS TASMANIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023)

Surname: .....Given name(s).....

Family member names:  
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Phone: .....Email: .....

Signature: ..... Date: ...../...../.....

**EFT or direct deposit** to ACS Tasmania – CBA; BSB 067000; Account No 0091 4525.

**Or** send with payment to the Treasurer, Ms Vicki Harrison, 16/33A Clydesdale Ave., Glenorchy 7010.

**Or** leave at the Cricket Tasmania Office, Blundstone Arena – Attention: Mike Gandy.

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All enquiries 1800-622-631  
Website [www.rbf.com.au](http://www.rbf.com.au)

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Personal taxation information 13 28 61  
Website [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au)

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(Access Centrelink and Medicare services)  
Older Australians and Financial Information Services 132 300  
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