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SUPER-NEWS

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INTRODUCING THE SUPERANNUATION COMMISSION: For Defined Benefit members of RBF

From 1 April 2017, if you're a defined benefit member of RBF, the responsibility for the management and administration of your super or life pension will transfer from the RBF Board to the newly formed Superannuation Commission. The Superannuation Commission will be supported by the Office of the Superannuation Commission which will be a Division of the Tasmanian Department of Treasury and Finance.

The Superannuation Commission will be responsible for all the RBF defined benefit schemes and will oversee the administration of the:

- Contributory Scheme, including Contributory Scheme Life Pensions;
- State Fire Commission Superannuation Scheme;
- Tasmanian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme;
- Parliamentary Superannuation Fund; and
- Parliamentary Retiring Benefits Fund.

It will be business as usual for RBF defined benefit and Contributory Scheme Life Pension members. You'll continue to access fund information and your online account at www.rbf.com.au and you'll still be able to call the RBF Enquiry Line on **1800 622 631**.

The RBF office in Hobart will remain at 21 Kirksway Place. The RBF Launceston office will move to a new location from 27 March 2017, at Henty House, 91-97 Charles Street, Launceston.

Services will continue to be available as usual throughout 2017 and our priority is to ensure no disruption to defined benefit scheme services.

Most importantly, there are no changes to any of the design elements of the scheme or member entitlements as part of these changes – these changes are the implementation of the Tasmanian Government's wider public sector superannuation reforms, which has seen the Government retain responsibility for the defined benefit schemes.

Defined benefit members with an RBF Investment Account in the RBF Tasmanian Accumulation Scheme

Some defined benefit members also currently hold an RBF Investment Account in the RBF Tasmanian Accumulation Scheme. If that's the case for you, the accumulation part of your benefit will be managed by Tasplan, so from 1 April 2017 you will have accounts with both Tasplan and RBF.

Separate information for each of these accounts is being sent out and we encourage you to contact the RBF Enquiry Line on 1800 622 631 if you would like further information.

(Turn to page 7 to meet Kerry Adby and Adrian Christian)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well that is the end of another hectic year! The Executive hopes you all had a great Christmas and New Year and we will continue to work hard on the issues that confront us.

We will be following up with the Federal members and Senators to convince those who can influence changes, to do so. The Executive has now received the answers to the Questions on Notice asked by Senator Rachel Siewert. It is fair to say that the Federal Government continues to come up with different justification for the 10% Legislation. TASS will seek a meeting with Senator Nick McKim and will consider going to Canberra to see Senator Rachel Siewert.

The Superannuation Commission will commence its' responsibilities in April. The Executive invited the Director of the Office of the Superannuation Commission and Acting Chief Operating Officer of the RBF to the January meeting, and we are confident that the Defined Benefit pension scheme is in good hands. We will continue with the practice of regular meetings with a designated officer of the RBF.

It looks like another hard year ahead and I am confident the Executive is committed to working hard for the members of TASS.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 21 March and I encourage you to come along.

Christopher Bevan, President



TASS EXECUTIVE MEETINGS – MEMBER ACTIVITIES 2017

January	Tuesday 17	1.30 PM	Executive Meeting	Hobart
February	Tuesday 21	1.30 PM	Executive Meeting	Hobart
March	Tuesday 21	1.30 PM	AGM /Afternoon tea	Hobart
April	Tuesday 18	1.30 PM	Executive Meeting	Hobart
May	Tuesday 16	1.30 PM	Executive Meeting	Hobart
June	Tuesday 20		To be advised	Launceston
July	Tuesday 18	1.30 PM	Executive Meeting	Hobart
August	Tuesday 15	1.30 PM	Executive Meeting	Hobart
September	Tuesday 19		To be advised	Hobart
October	Tuesday 17	1.30 PM	Executive Meeting	Hobart
November	Tuesday 21	1.30 PM	Executive Meeting	Hobart
November	Tuesday 28		Pre-Christmas Luncheon	Launceston
December	Tuesday 5		Pre-Christmas Luncheon	Hobart

TASMANIAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE SUPERANNUANTS Inc.

ABN 31 638 808 031

Affiliated with the:

COUNCIL ON THE AGEING TASMANIA Inc. (COTA)

The primary organisation representing the rights of older Tasmanians.

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL of PUBLIC SECTOR RETIREES ORGANISATIONS Inc. (ACPSRO)

The peak council of organisations representing retired civilian and military public sector workers from the Commonwealth, state and territory governments.

TASMANIAN ASSOCIATION of STATE SUPERANNUANTS Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

- DATE:** Tuesday 21 March 2017
- TIME:** 1.30 PM – 4.00 PM (including afternoon tea)
- VENUE:** Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania, 1 Ford Parade, Lindisfarne
- DIRECTIONS:** Take the East Derwent Highway to the traffic lights at Lincoln Street.
Turn into Lincoln Street and continue to Park Road.
Turn left into Park Road and continue to the Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania.
Parking is available at the Motor Yacht Club, or on the street.
- GUEST SPEAKER:** Mr Philip Mussared, Chief Executive Officer,
Retirement Benefits Fund (RBF)
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes of the AGM 2016
- 3 President's Report 2016
- 4 Treasurer's Report 2016
- 5 Membership Officer's Report 2016
- 6 Election of Office Bearers. All positions will be declared vacant.
Nominations for the positions of:
 - President
 - Vice-President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Membership Officer
 - Newsletter Editor; and
 - Nominations for up to six (6) additional Executive members can be made in writing on the Nomination form, or from the floor if attending the meeting.
- 7 Election of Auditor
- 8 Election of Legal Advisor
- 9 Other General Business
- 10 Close of AGM

3.30 - 4.00 PM AFTERNOON TEA

**Nominations for the TASS Executive 2017
Application form on the next page**

NOMINATIONS FOR THE TASS EXECUTIVE 2017

Nominations from financial members of the Tasmanian Association of State Superannuants Inc. are invited for election to the Executive for 2017 to be held at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 21 March 2017.

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.

Meetings of the Executive are held in Hobart on the THIRD Tuesday of the following months:

January, February, March (AGM), April, May, June (Launceston - Forum), July, August, September (Hobart – Forum), October, November.

If you are interested in joining the Executive please complete the nomination form below.

NOMINATION FOR THE TASS EXECUTIVE 2017

I,(Print) nominate for a position on the TASS Executive

Position: Nominee (Signed):

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Signed: Nominator (1)

Signed: Nominator (2)

Post this nomination to the:
Public Officer, TASS
GPO Box 1650, Hobart Tas. 7001

Nominations close 5.00pm: Friday 17 March 2017

**The AGM will be held on TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2017
at the Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania,1 Ford Parade, Lindisfarne commencing at 1.30 PM**

As women make up 55% of TASS membership, the Executive particularly welcome nominations from female members.

For further information phone the Public Officer, Charles Thomas (6248-5902)

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016

What a year! Firstly, I want to thank Murray Harper for his work and commitment to TASS over the last four years. His hard work and accepting the Vice-President's role made my transition to the position of President quite smooth. I would also like to thank Kip Muller for his role as the editor of *Super-News*. Kip will not be seeking nomination to the Executive at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. The Executive is in the process of reviewing *Super-News* and we would ask if there is a budding editor out there to get in touch with TASS as quickly as possible.

The Executive has worked very hard on a range of issues over the last year. The CPI matter has not been forgotten. We have written to the state treasurer and received responses from him that the Government cannot support any changes at the moment. We will continue to advocate on behalf of the members for a fairer method of indexation.

On the 2 May 2016 Murray and I appeared before the Legislative Council to present TASS' comments on the Defined Benefits Unfunded Liability. We were satisfied that the Council listened and appreciated our view. As members would appreciate this issue confuses the public but it must be remembered that the Treasurer, Peter Gutwein MHA, has advised TASS and the House of Assembly that the Government's component of the Defined Benefit pension is manageable within the State Budget process. It is important that TASS responds in a positive way whenever the unfunded liability is raised publicly. The Legislative Council, notwithstanding what other "interest" groups presented, did not make any recommendations to alter the DB pension scheme.

TASS' biggest issue was the 10% Cap Legislation. We became aware of the issue in mid 2015 and tried to raise awareness of the unfairness of the proposed legislation, but the Federal Government did not want to listen. The better part of 2016 was taken up with writing letters and meeting with various Federal politicians and working with our Federal body ACPSRO to show that the legislation was unfair and that it created unintentional consequences. TASS is confident that our evidence clearly demonstrated that pensioners on payments as low as \$12,000 per annum have lost substantial amounts of their **part Age Pensions**. We will continue to put as much pressure as we can on those who can effect change to this draconian piece of legislation.

TASS has had several letters to the editor published and Greg Barns (lawyer and columnist) published an excellent piece on Defined Benefit pensions in the *Mercury*.

Christopher Bevan, President.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 2016

TASS membership as at 31/12/2016 totals 1285 (down 68 on last year)

The membership consists of:	2016	2015
• Couples (456 x 2)	912	(950)
• Single Superannuants	200	(227)
• Widow/Widower of a Superannuant	173	(176)

During the year 2016, 59 new members joined the Association, but unfortunately there was an overall decrease in numbers by 68.

The Association very much seeks your assistance in recruiting new members wherever possible and refer them to our website www.tass.org.au for an application form and also updates on current topics of interest.

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

Those members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2017 please take this opportunity to do so, as your continued support is eagerly sought.

Charles Thomas, TASS Membership Officer.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2016

ABN 31 638 808 031

Balance Sheet: Year Ended 31/12/2016

Banking: Bendigo Bank			
Opening Balance	\$8,490.17	Payments	
Bank Interest	\$0.00	Advertising and Conferences	\$1,505.85
Deposits and Credits	\$14,832.36	Affiliations	\$216.00
Withdrawals and Debits	\$16,460.97	Membership Expenses	\$2,164.14
Closing Balance	\$6,861.56	Miscellaneous	\$2,042.02
Receipts		Phone	\$751.50
Donations	\$3,265.00	Secretarial/Stationery	\$1,193.85
Miscellaneous	\$88.36	Stamps/Reply Paid	\$1,969.20
Subscriptions 2016	\$3,740.00	<i>Super-News</i> : Postage	\$1,755.57
Subscriptions 2017	\$7,339.00	<i>Super-News</i> : Preparation	\$2,626.54
Subscriptions 2018+	\$60.00	Tax	\$426.90
Transfers From Investments	\$0.00	Travel	\$350.00
Interest	\$0.00	Website	\$1,259.40
Total	\$14,492.36	Total	\$16,260.97
Investments		Miscellaneous (Major Items)	
Tas. Perpetual Trustees		Auditor's Honorarium	\$200.00
Opening Balance (Total)	\$58,802.96	Gifts, Donations	\$600.00
Fixed Term Fund	\$57,711.46	Annual Incorporation Fee	\$59.20
At Call Fund	\$1,091.50	Room Hire	\$123.01
Interest: Fixed Term Fund	\$1,859.72	Insurance	\$530.51
Interest: At Call Fund	\$19.58	Reimbursements	\$314.93
Transfers from Bendigo Bank	\$0.00		
Transfers to Bendigo Bank	\$0.00		
Fixed Term Fund	\$59,571.18		
At Call Fund	\$1,111.08		
Closing Balance (Total)	\$60,682.26		
Banking and Investments: 2016		Reconciliations: 2016	
Grand Total (31/12/15)	\$67,293.13	Bendigo Bank	-\$1,628.61
Grand Total (31/12/16)	\$67,543.82	Ledger Books	-\$1,768.61
Year-to-Year Difference	\$250.69	Tasmanian Perpetual Trustees	\$1,879.30

John Chalmers, Treasurer

Kim Darling, Auditor

INTRODUCING KERRY ADBY and ADRIAN CHRISTIAN

The Superannuation Commission will become the trustee of the Retirement Benefits Fund from 1 April 2017 and the following people have recently been appointed to key positions within the Commission:

Inaugural Chair of the Superannuation Commission

Ms Kerry Adby has extensive experience in defined benefit superannuation schemes and wide exposure to governance and board roles in the superannuation sector in Australia and internationally. She is the Managing Director of Copernican Securities Pty Ltd, a specialist consultancy providing capital markets, investment, corporate and strategic advisory services in Australia and in Asia for private and public sector clients. Ms Adby also serves as a director on the Macquarie Point Development Corporation and chairs its Audit and Risk Committee. The appointment is for three years and Ms Adby is sitting on the RBF Board during the transition period prior to the commencement of the new arrangements on 1 April 2017.

Adrian Christian, Director, Office of the Superannuation Commission

Mr Adrian Christian has taken on the role of the Director, Office of the Superannuation Commission after completing an almost three-year secondment as the Tasmanian Treasurer's Chief of Staff. Adrian has a long background in Treasury and public finance, and has previously held Director roles in Intergovernmental and Financial Policy, Superannuation, Taxation, Gaming and Licensing and Commercialisation and Financing. He has also worked in the private sector as the Business Development Manager for GHD in Tasmania. From Adrian's perspective, a key priority in establishing the Office of the Superannuation Commission and building the team that will support the new Superannuation Commission will be ensuring that members see a continuity of service and accessibility.

What happens next?

A letter or an email is being sent from RBF confirming the information above and providing any additional details you might require. Again, we want to reassure RBF defined benefit members and pensioners that your entitlements and pension payments will not be impacted by these changes. If you have any questions, please call the RBF Enquiry Line on 1800 622 631.

(The front page item and the above profiles have been reprinted from the 'RBF Member News' January 2017 edition with the permission of RBF)

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VALE LANCE BROWN

Long-serving TASS life member Lance Brown passed away on 11 December 2016. Lance's time on the Executive is closely connected with the very survival of TASS. In 1994, the TASS newsletter (one A4 page) contained a motion to dissolve the organisation due to lack of interest. Membership was about 320 at that time. At that meeting Lance agreed to be treasurer - until 2009 - and also newsletter editor to 1999. Due in no small part to *Super-News*, membership grew to 1500 and our financial situation improved greatly. In recognition of his significant contribution to TASS he was granted Life Membership in 2000. Lance died after a long illness and his funeral was attended by a number of TASS members.

TASS PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCHEONS, 2016

The annual TASS pre-Christmas luncheons were held at both Launceston. The Launceston lunch was held at the Country Club Tasmania on 29 November, where members enjoyed the popular buffet in the 'Links Restaurant'. Executive members from Hobart were also in attendance.

Prior to the lunch Vice-president Murray Harper provided a summary of the issues which have affected those people who receive a Centrelink part-Age pension. He outlined the efforts that the TASS Executive has made in lobbying politicians, both at a federal ministerial level and the Tasmanian federal representatives, to bring to their attention the negative affect this legislation has had on many TASS members.

Special thanks to our northern Executive member June Hazzlewood for representing our northern members and assisting with arrangements for the luncheon.



President Christopher Bevan at the Hobart lunch with member Jean Walker

The Hobart luncheon was held at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania on 8 December, attended by 40 members who enjoyed a buffet-style roast carvery.

President Christopher Bevan addressed the gathering prior to the lunch, outlining action taken by the TASS Executive during the year to challenge the imposition of the "10% cap" legislation. He also advised members that the Executive will be continuing our campaign during 2017.

Retired TASS life members Rob van Schie, Tony Robinson and Tony Haig were welcome attendees, although long-time life member, Eileen Harrison was unable to join us.

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TASS is now on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/TASSTasmania

**Check us out for latest news and
comment**

ELDER ABUSE IN TASMANIA

Media advertising has drawn attention to the rise in the number of instances of elder abuse that are being received on the Elder Abuse Helpline in Tasmania, averaging over 5 calls a week in the current financial year. Advocacy Tasmania Inc. provides the following information defining what constitutes elder abuse.

Abuse of older people can include physical, psychological/emotional, financial, sexual and social abuse as well as intentional or unintentional neglect.

Physical abuse is where pain, injury and or physical force are inflicted upon another person. It may include hitting, slapping, pushing, burning, pinching, kicking, strangling, physical restraint, or even the misuse of medication.

Psychological or emotional abuse results in an older person experiencing feelings of shame, humiliation and powerlessness. Fear is often a large factor and can be inflicted through physical and or verbal intimidation and or threats of violence, even threats of “being put in a home”. The withholding of affection or contact with family and friends, or the threat to do so, along with acts of continued harassment also constitutes abuse.

Financial and material abuse is where someone else misappropriates or takes control of an older person’s finances, valuables/or property, usually in a manner that benefits someone other than the older person. The older person may be forced to change their will, grant a Power of Attorney, sign over personal funds or real estate, or surrender their pension.

Sexual abuse covers arrange of unwanted sexual acts, including sexual contact, rape, language or exploitive behaviour, where the older person’s consent was not obtained or the content was obtained through coercion.

Social abuse includes the forced isolation of older people, which may hide abuse from others or stop contact with others.

Neglect can be intentional or unintentional and occurs where the basis of life are not provided by those responsible for the care of an older person. Neglect includes the inadequate or delayed provision of housing, bedding, food, clothing, hygiene, medical or dental attention as well as the inappropriate use of medication such as under or over medication.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare defines “older” as from 65 years of age and this age is adopted for Tasmania’s elder abuse prevention policy.

The Elder Abuse Helpline can:

- **provide information on actions that older people can take to help prevent or respond to elder abuse.**
- **support older people in making informed decisions.**
- **provide appropriate referrals to services.**

FREECALL 1800 44 11 69
9.00 AM – 4.00 PM Monday – Friday
(Closed public holidays)

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TASS HEALTH

- The Heart Foundation has provided this article for the information of TASS members

MANAGING HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

(This is an abridged version of the Heart Foundation brochure, *Managing High Blood Pressure*)

What is high blood pressure?

High blood pressure is one of the most common disorders affecting the heart and blood vessels. Blood pressure is the pressure of the blood in your heart and arteries (the blood vessels that carry oxygen and nutrients to the body) as it is pumped around the body by the heart. As the heart pumps, blood is pushed against the artery walls. Blood pressure peaks when the heart pumps - called systole - and falls when the heart relaxes - called diastole. Blood pressure depends on two main things: the amount of blood pumped by the heart and how easily the blood can flow through the arteries. Your blood pressure will go up and down throughout the day, depending on the time of day and what you are doing. However, high blood pressure is a condition where your blood pressure is consistently high, potentially causing damage to your heart, brain and other important organs. The medical term for persistently high blood pressure is hypertension. It is not nervous tension, which is a different medical condition.

How do I know if I have high blood pressure?

To find out if you have high blood pressure it is important to have your blood pressure measured regularly. The serious effects of high blood pressure usually develop only after it has been high for some years. In the meantime, there are often no symptoms to warn you.

What is normal blood pressure?

There is no 'normal' or 'ideal' blood pressure reading. It depends on your general health, your heart health and other risk factors such as smoking, being overweight or being older, having diabetes or kidney problems, or having a family history of heart disease. A blood pressure reading under 120/80mmHg is considered optimal. Readings over 120/80mmHg and up to 139/89mmHg are in the normal to high normal range, however your GP will work out your ideal blood pressure based on your circumstances.

What causes high blood pressure?

The exact cause of high blood pressure is often not clear. Normally, your blood vessels detect temporary changes in your blood pressure and send messages to your brain to keep the pressure within healthy limits. If your blood pressure stays high for long enough, your system adjusts to a higher level. Your family history, eating patterns, alcohol intake, weight and level of physical activity have a strong influence on blood pressure. In some people, medicines, including the oral contraceptive pill, contraceptive 'depot' injections, steroids (cortisone-like medicines) and arthritis medicines, and even some cough and cold medications can also raise blood pressure.

Why is it important to manage high blood pressure?

It is important to manage your blood pressure because having high blood pressure is one of the main risk factors for heart, stroke and blood vessel disease. Others include: smoking, having high cholesterol, being physically inactive, having diabetes, being overweight, having depression, and being socially isolated. Increasing age, being male and having a family history of early death from coronary disease (i.e. in a first-degree relative less than 60 years old) also increase the risk of developing heart disease. For women, the risk of developing heart disease increases post menopause.

What harm does high blood pressure do?

If it is not managed, high blood pressure can overload the heart and blood vessels and speed up the artery-clogging process known as atherosclerosis. This can lead to problems such as heart attack and stroke.

How can I manage high blood pressure?

Many people need medicine to manage their high blood pressure, but other people can manage it just by making some healthy lifestyle changes.

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To help lower your blood pressure, it is important that you maintain a healthy body weight, be physically active, limit your alcohol intake, quit smoking, decrease your salt/sodium intake, and increase your potassium intake.

Even if you take medicine to manage your blood pressure, it is still important that you make changes to your lifestyle to help you to manage your blood pressure and improve your health.

Lifestyle changes

Some people can lower their blood pressure to normal levels by making the following lifestyle changes. If you try these things, you will still need your doctor's ongoing help to manage your blood pressure.

- **Enjoy healthy eating:** Healthy eating is particularly important in managing high blood pressure and reducing your risk of heart disease. Enjoying a variety of foods from the different food groups is the key to healthy eating; such as vegetables, wholegrain cereals, moderate amounts of lean unprocessed meats, skinless poultry, reduced dairy products, 150 g of oily fish in two to three meals every week, and use of lower saturated fat dairy spreads.
- **Maintain a healthy weight:** To achieve a healthy body weight, balance the kilojoules coming into your body through food and drinks with the kilojoules being used by your body through regular physical activity. To lose weight, you need to use up more energy (kilojoules) than you are taking in. This means that you need to look at how you can reduce your energy (kilojoule) intake and increase your energy (kilojoule) output. That all comes down to the food and drinks you consume – what types and how much – and the type and amount of physical activity you do.
- **Limit your alcohol intake:** Drinking too much alcohol can increase your blood pressure. Healthy men and women should drink no more than 2 standard drinks per day.
- **Be active every day:** Try to do at least 30 minutes or more of moderate physical exercise, such as brisk walking on all or most days of the week.
- **Be smoke-free:** Once you stop smoking, the extra risk is reduced quickly. Avoid exposure to other people's smoke, because second hand smoke is also dangerous to your health.

Blood pressure-lowering medicines

Many people will also need to take blood pressure –lowering medicine to reduce their blood pressure to safe, managed levels. There are a large variety of medicines available to lower and manage high blood pressure. Discuss this with your doctor.

FOR HEART HEALTH INFORMATION:

Tel: 1300 36 27 87

Website: www.heartfoundation.org.au

'FUNNIES'

I asked my son, "Will you marry the girl I choose for you." He said, "No." I told him, "She is Bill Gates daughter." He said, "Yes." I called Bill Gates and said, "I want your daughter to marry my son," Bill Gates said, "No." I told Bill Gates, "My son is the CEO of the World Bank." Bill Gates said, "Okay". I called the president of World Bank and asked him to make my son the CEO. He said, "No". I told him, "My son is Bill Gates son-in-law" He said, "Okay". It's called politics!

It was Sarah's' first time going on jury duty and she was a little apprehensive. She said to the judge. "I would just like you to know that I feel very strongly that capital punishment is morally unjust and incorrect." "That's Okay," said the judge "Capital punishment is not a possibility in this case so it's perfectly fine for you to serve on this jury." "What's the case about?" asked Sarah. "Well, Mrs. Smith is filing for divorce against her husband for gambling away the money she had saved, for having affairs with other women and his continual drunkenness", replied the judge. "Alright" replied Sarah "I'll serve on this one, but I may have been wrong about the capital punishment thing.

An acquaintance informed me that she was getting engaged. Trying to help, I told her that before my marriage, I went for premarital counselling and found it very helpful. "Oh, we don't need counselling," she quickly assured me. "We've both been married several times before!"

USEFUL CONTACTS FOR TASS MEMBERS

(Revised January 2017)

Retirement Benefits Fund (RBF) :

All enquiries 1800-622-631
Website www.rbf.com.au

Australian Taxation Office (ATO):

Personal taxation information 13 28 61
Personal tax automated self-help 13 28 65
Superannuation information line 13 10 20
Website www.ato.gov.au

Centrelink: (Department of Human Services)

Provides Centrelink and Medicare services:

Older Australians and
Financial Information Services 132 300
Disability, Sickness and Carers 132 717
Families and Parents 136 150
International Services 131 673
Website www.humanservices.gov.au

TASS EXECUTIVE - ADMINISTRATION

CONTACTS FOR THE TASS EXECUTIVE – ADMINISTRATION

President:	Chris Bevan	Tel: 6243-7336
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Secretary:	John Minchin	N/A
Treasurer:	John Chalmers	Tel: 6249-1240
Public Officer / Membership Officer:	Charles Thomas	Tel: 6248-5902
Super-News Editor / Member Activities:	Kip Muller	Tel: 6225-3634
Northern Tasmania Representative:	June Hazzlewood	Tel: 6327-2562
North-West Tasmania Representative:	Donald Wells	Tel: 6432-3641

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**SHOULD YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS PLEASE ADVISE THE
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER, CHARLES THOMAS SO THAT HE CAN UPDATE OUR RECORDS**

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