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AFTERMATH OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION

Now that the Federal Election is behind us, the TASS Executive along with our national body, the Association Council of Public Sector Retirees Organisations (ACPSRO) has been assessing the outcome. We will continue our campaign against the unfair Social Services Legislation Amendment Act Bill 2015 which introduced the 10% cap legislation, and to also maintain the need for equitable treatment of our retirement entitlements.

SOCIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT ACT 2015

Following the announcement in May 2015 that the Federal Government was intending to introduce legislation imposing a 10% cap on defined benefit pensioners who are also in receipt of a Centrelink part-Age pension, the Executive organised members' forums in Hobart and Launceston with Centrelink and the RBF to provide information as to how members would be impacted under this legislation.

A members' forum was also held with Andrew Wilkie MP, Independent Member for Denison in Hobart, to seek his support in expressing our opposition to the legislation. On our behalf, Mr Wilkie wrote to the Prime Minister, the Federal Treasurer, Minister for Social Services and the Opposition Shadow Minister, to provide them with information disputing the integrity of the government's reason for the legislation. We were also supported by our national organisation (ACPSRO), based in Canberra, who continue to pursue the issue at the federal level. Consultations were held with Eric Abetz, Liberal Senator for Tasmania, Carol Brown, Labor Senator for Tasmania, and Nick McKim, Greens Senator for Tasmania.

Although the legislation was duly passed in the Federal Parliament, TASS and ACPSRO continue to lobby for either the withdrawal, or grandfathering of the Bill.

Prior to the election, the TASS Executive sent an email detailing the information that we believe has not been fully understood by the federal politicians who voted to approve the legislation (refer to the emailed article on page 5).

Since the election, the Executive has been in the process of arranging to meet with the key Tasmanian politicians who have supported us, and we are continuing to impress upon them the necessity to reconsider the legislation in the coming parliamentary year. We have requested that they assist us in gaining a review of the negative impact it has had, not only on so many TASS members, but also on defined benefit pensioners in Tasmania, and throughout Australia.

**The TASS Executive will continue to keep members informed on this issue through the pages of *Super-News*, the TASS website, by email and Facebook.
(See our Facebook contact address on page 5).**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

TASS finds itself at an interesting point in time. Prior to the Federal Election there were not too many politicians, or others, who wanted to discuss the extremely important issues that emanated from the “10% cap” legislation.

Following the election, the TASS Executive is continuing discussions with politicians who did show support for us such as; Senator Eric Abetz, Andrew Wilkie MP and Julie Collins MP. We are also in the process of arranging interviews with both the radio and print media. It is fair to say that superannuation had a dramatic impact on the voting patterns in Tasmania, and both major parties need to listen to the retired workforce. Senator Abetz, although not supported by his party, recognizes the impact that TASS and associated organizations had on the voting outcome. We are hopeful we can continue the good work with the Senator, and others who are willing to meet with us.

The inaccuracies emanating from the pre-1983 and the 2007 legislation need to be exposed, and the TASS Executive assures our members we won’t stop trying.

To date we haven’t heard anything from the Legislative Council’s review into the **Unfunded Superannuation Liability Inquiry**, but as soon as the report is released TASS will post it on the website and Facebook page.

The members of the newly created **Tasmanian Superannuation Commission** will be appointed shortly, and TASS has been invited to sit on the selection advisory panel to recommend the position of Chief Commissioner.

In regard to the issue of indexation of RBF pensions, the Treasurer Hon. Peter Gutwein has advised that in light of the impact of the loss of GST receipts in the 2016-17 Budget, and the recent bushfires and floods in Tasmania, it is not appropriate to enter into discussions at this time.

**Christopher Bevan,
President**



TASS EXECUTIVE MEETINGS – MEMBER ACTIVITIES 2016

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| September | Tuesday 20 | 1.15 PM | Members Forum / Afternoon tea | Hobart |
| October | Tuesday 18 | 1.30 PM | Executive Meeting | Hobart |
| November | Tuesday 15 | 1.30 PM | Executive Meeting | Hobart |
| November | Tuesday 29 | 11.30 AM | North/North-West Members Pre-Christmas Luncheon | Launceston |
| December | Tuesday 6 | 12 Noon | Southern Members Pre-Christmas Luncheon | Hobart |

TASMANIAN ASSOCIATION of STATE SUPERANNUANTS Inc. (TASS)

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 for 11 organisations representing retired civilian and military public sector workers from the Commonwealth, state and territory governments.

TASS SOUTHERN MEMBERS' FORUM

PRESENTED BY THE
PUBLIC TRUSTEE
AND
AFTERNOON TEA

**TASS MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A FORUM WITH THE
PUBLIC TRUSTEE, AND AFTERNOON TEA IN HOBART.**

DATE: TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2016

VENUE: HADLEYS ORIENT HOTEL
34 MURRAY STREET
HOBART

ARRIVAL TIME: 1.15 PM

FORUM: 1.30 PM – 3.30 PM (FOLLOWED BY AFTERNOON TEA)

PRESENTER: MR TIM LEVIS, OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE.
HE WILL PROVIDE CURRENT INFORMATION ON:
- WILLS, ENDURING POWER OF ATTORNEY AND OTHER ISSUES
OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS.

RSVP: BY FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2016

Kip Muller
Phone: 6225-3634 (If no answer - leave a message
confirming your attendance)
Email: mullerke2@gmail.com

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**PRESIDENT CHRISTOPHER BEVAN AND MEMBERS OF THE TASS
EXECUTIVE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN WITH US FOR THIS
PRESENTATION BY TIM LEVIS, REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE.**

At the presentation held at Launceston in June, TASS members were treated to a most informative and entertaining presentation by Tim. He outlined the many intricacies of Wills, and Enduring Power of Attorney during his interactive discussion with us. He gave examples of avoiding misconceptions and mysteries of this important subject, which is of specific interest to people in our age group.



Presenter Tim Levis speaking at the Public Trustee forum in Launceston

MEET OUR PRESIDENT!

Our new president Christopher Bevan has assumed leadership of TASS following former president Murray Harper, who was required to step down from the position at the expiration of his four-year term at the AGM in March. Murray has assumed the role of vice-president.

Christopher commenced work with the Public Service in 1972 as a junior clerk at the Public Works Department (PWD) in Moonah, although he had already tried his hand as an apprentice spray painter after leaving High School, but found the work was not for him. As a junior clerk rotating through the various sections of the PWD he found himself at the Engineering Branch of the Department of Main Roads at Derwent Park where he spent the next eight or so years, and thought they had forgotten about moving him. He didn't mind though as it was a great place to gain a wide range of experiences, which he believed held him in good stead for a move to Forestry Tasmania in 1982.

His first role there was looking after the accounts for all the heavy equipment and motor vehicle fleet, realizing pretty early that he couldn't do that job for the next 30 years, so he started sowing seeds for a move into Human Resources/Industrial Relations. By 1984, he was promoted to Industrial Officer, where he did a short stint with the Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU) in 1989. He really enjoyed his time with the CPSU, but it had one drawback in that it was all consuming and he didn't see a lot of his family, so he headed back to Forestry and within four years he was the manager for payroll, personnel, workers compensation and industrial relations. Unfortunately, his career was cut short as he was injured in the field and retired at the age of 47 in 2002.

Since retirement, he has spent time with his grandchildren - a boy and a girl. He is also the Chairman of Workskills Inc. - a job placement company - and he also does voluntary work with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council. He loves his garden and car, and spends a little bit on each of them every day. He misses surfing and golf so he watches them on the sports channel. He has two children; a son who is a journalist at the *Mercury*, and a daughter who is a child educator at Lady Gowrie. He met his wife Marjorie at college in 1971 and they were married in 1975 - the year the Tasman Bridge was damaged. That was a tough night as they thought they had lost their best man on the bridge as he travelled home. However, they found him later that day at a friend's place, where he had stopped, as he couldn't get over the bridge. (Oh, for a mobile phone!)

The Executive looks forward to working with Christopher as our president and the challenges that TASS continues to face in the years ahead.



TASS Executive member and North-West representative Donald Wells and his wife Margaret chat with President Christopher Bevan at the Launceston forum and lunch

SOCIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DEFINED BENEFIT INCOME STREAMS) BILL 2015

Below is a copy of the email prepared by the TASS Executive Lobby/Liaison Sub-committee prior to the Federal Election, and sent to Senators Eric Abetz, Carol Brown, Nick McKim, Claire Moore, and Rachel Siewert, along with Federal MP's Julie Collins, Jenny Macklin, Andrew Wilkie, Scott Morrison Treasurer, and Christian Porter Minister for Social Services.

“Following information received from a financial analyst with the Tasmanian Retirement Benefits Fund; a former senior staff member of Treasurer Peter Costello; and the Department of Social Service’s own figures, the Tasmanian Association of State Superannuants respectfully presents the following points.


We request that you consider them carefully but urgently in a pre-election context, and undertake to work to rescind this legislation or amend it significantly in the next Parliamentary sitting.

1. The 2007 “Better Superannuation” legislation was fair, appropriate and drafted with careful deliberation. It did not contain “loopholes”, “anomalies” and “unintended consequences”.
2. The 2015 “Defined Benefit 10% Cap” legislation was therefore both unfair and inappropriate
3. The 2015 legislation was purportedly aimed at retired public service “fat cats” receiving \$120 000 or so in defined benefit superannuation. Yet it impacts 48 000 people of whom approximately 0.2% receive \$80 000 or more, while approximately 60% receive defined benefit superannuation pensions less than \$30 000.
4. Those impacted are not confined to “public servants” but include retired clergy, university staff, police, nurses, firefighters, teachers, bank clerks and others.
5. The impacts of the legislation are retrospective in the sense that retirees made investment and lifestyle decisions based on the rules applying at the time of their retirement.
6. Because of the compulsory nature and size of their contributions to their superannuation scheme they are disproportionately included in the numbers affected.

We hope you will take this information forward and attempt to achieve the greater fairness which is clearly needed. When changes are being considered, we would greatly appreciate it if our organisation and our national body, the Australian Council of Public Sector Retiree Organisations, were consulted.”

Yours sincerely
Murray Harper
Vice President,
Tasmanian Association of State Superannuants Inc.

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| Check us out for latest news and comment | |

A PARTNER'S ENTITLEMENT ON DEATH OF THE SUPERANNUANT - RBF DEFINED BENEFIT SCHEME

The following document in regard to the death of a superannuant has been prepared by TASS Executive member Stephen Graetzer, in co-operation with the Retirement Benefits Fund (RBF), for the information of TASS members.

The Payment Options for the Surviving Partner of a Superannuant are:

- a 100% life pension; or
- a 100% lump sum; or
- a part Life Pension plus a part Lump Sum.

The Member Started Contributing to the Contributory Life Pension Scheme:

Pre-1 July 1994:

- 1 In the case of a reversionary pension, two-thirds of the superannuant's pension is paid to the partner upon the superannuant's death.
- 2 The partner's pension income is guaranteed for life.
- 3 The pension is paid fortnightly.
- 4 It is indexed twice yearly in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- 5 There is no investment performance risk.

The Member Started Contributing to the Contributory Life Scheme -

1 July 1994 - 14 May 1999:

- The pension can be reversionary or non-reversionary, as elected by the superannuant at their time of retirement.
- If the pension is reversionary, the conditions are the same as in points **1 to 5 above**.
- If non-reversionary, the partner has no entitlement to a Life Pension or Lump Sum payment.

Lump Sum Payment Option:

- A Lump Sum entitlement is based on a formula that combines the superannuant's pension at death multiplied by a number that is determined by the surviving partner's age.

What should the partner do after the death of the superannuant?

- Phone the RBF Helpline on 1800 622 631.
- Provide basic information over the phone including full member details and date of death.
- The following documents will be posted to the potential surviving partner:
 - a letter including a Declaration form;
 - an EFT (bank account) instruction and TFN declaration forms.
- Complete the forms and return them to RBF with the certified documents including identification as requested in the declaration.

What happens next?

- On receipt of a valid declaration and certified documents, a surviving partner's determination is completed by the Trustee. Upon approval, the pension process and calculations commence.
- The following pension letters are sent to the surviving partner:
 - Partner's Welcome Letter - this includes payment details including dollar amounts.
 - Partner's Options Letter - this includes estimated benefits regarding elections to convert the life pension to a lump sum. Elections must be made within 3 months immediately following the surviving partner's determination.

For more information: visit the RBF Website on: www.rbf.com.au. If you wish to see an RBF consultant, please phone the RBF Helpline on 1800 622 631 and make an appointment.

DON'T BE SCAMMED!

The public is often warned through the media of the need to be aware of approaches being made of tempting offers from fraudulent operators - "scammers". The Australian Competition and Consumers Commission (ACCC) has advised that investment scammers are increasingly targeting older Australians because of the low investment rates they are receiving. They advise, "Scammers approach older people because they're more likely to have money. Older people also are more likely to be on a landline telephone, be listed, and be at home during the daytime."

- In particular the Australian Taxation office (ATO) has warned taxpayers about the rise in the number of reports from people being contacted by email or phishing scams attempting to elicit financial information from them by advising of bogus taxation refunds. The same applies to bogus callers claiming to be from your bank advising that there is a problem with your account. In this case hang up and call your bank, or contact them in person.
- There is also concern with callers using the names of well-known charities soliciting for donations from the public. If you are contacted for a donation, don't give out your credit card or banking details. If it is a reputable charity, there will be other ways to donate.
- The perennial scam is the bogus Microsoft Windows phone call that tells you something is wrong with your computer and you should immediately turn it on and they will help you to "fix" it. Tell them "Goodbye!" and hang up.

There will be others, but you should always be on guard for these fraudsters. They can be very believable and will often address you by name, and even quote your personal information such as phone number, address or date of birth to convince you that they are authentic.

If they have your personal information they can undertake illegal activities such as; access your bank account, take out loans in your name, lodge false tax returns, or claim Centrelink benefits.

More information is available at: www.scamwatch.gov.au

DO NOT CALL

You can install a DO NOT CALL service on your phone to assist in avoiding unwanted calls. It is similar to a sticker on your mailbox that advises deliverers you do not want advertising, or other unwanted material placed in your mailbox.

To install this service simply call the DO NOT CALL number 1300-792-958 and it will be installed automatically on the phone from which you are calling.

It will not stop all unwanted calls, as some may be from sources outside of Australia, or some charitable organisations which are exempt, but it may prevent you from receiving many unwanted calls. You need to re-install the service every 3 years.

CREDIT CARD SKIMMING

Be aware that your credit card information can also be accessed illegally by people who have access to "skimmers" – a device that can read credit card details from within a distance of five metres of the credit card. (The same can also apply to passports) Your credit card may not be safe unless it is protected from these skimming devices.

You can purchase a small credit card (or passport) holder designed especially for this purpose that fits easily into a wallet or purse. They are available at travel goods shops e.g. Strandbags, or outdoor equipment stores.

TASS PEOPLE

We thank our members who avail themselves of the opportunity to attend the activities that we arrange on your behalf. It is a pleasure to meet up with familiar faces, and also members attending for the first time. These functions have been organised in response to a survey distributed to members by the TASS Executive in 2012, to ascertain what activities you would like us to provide for you.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the forum to be presented by the Public Trustee at Hadleys Hotel, Hobart on Tuesday 20 September.



Graeme and Ellen Marston of Youngtown at the Public Trustee forum, Colonial Hotel in Launceston

TOO LATE!

Why do our relatives and friends think us perfect when they hear of our death? A lonely lady died last week and her funeral was well-attended by people who had not visited, or written to her for years. Many-a-time I have called on her and the poor old lady was sitting in her garden alone. Often, she would say, "My poor flowers – I haven't the strength to keep them nice now."

Yet, when she died, flowers came in profusion. Kind words were spoken about her and many kind deeds were recalled. How sweet such words would have been to her ears while she lived. If anyone has an old mother, father or friend, lavish your affections on them while they live.

One kind word spoken before it is too late is worth a hundred after death has claimed them.

Thank you to Launceston member Mrs Pat Gray for this contribution

WISE WORDS!

Why do they begin the nightly news with "Good Evening." Then proceed to tell us that it isn't. When I was a child I thought "nap time" was a punishment. Now, as a senior citizen, it feels like a wonderful vacation.

The biggest lie I tell myself is... "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

CARERS TASMANIA

This information has been provided to TASS for the information of members by Carers Tasmania.

Are you caring for a family member or friend?

A “Carer” is a person who provides, or who has provided, unpaid care and support to family members or friends who are living with a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or terminal illness, or who are frail or aged. Tasmania has 73,800 carers, which is nearly 15 percent of the population. These individuals provide unpaid care and support to family members, neighbours or friends.

Who is Carers Tasmania?

Carers Tasmania is a non-profit, community based organisation and registered charity, dedicated to improving the quality of life of Carers in Tasmania. Carers Tasmania is the only organisation completely dedicated to supporting the needs of, and representing the views of Carers throughout the state. With offices in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie, Carers Tasmania provides a range of services.

What services and supports are available to carers?

A free-call service provides Carers with advice, information and referral for services for themselves and their family. This can be extremely helpful to Carers who can become overwhelmed and confused by the complex system of services available. A Deakin University study found that 56% of family Carers suffer from high levels of stress, depression and anxiety. For this reason, Carers Tasmania provides Carer Support and Wellbeing Checks. This provides Carers with the opportunity to talk one on one with a staff member, to discuss and identify their individual needs.

Carers Tasmania also has an emotional support service provided by trained counsellors. Carers are provided with encouragement and support, along with ideas and techniques for coping and bringing about change. This service is provided at each office, and can also be provided over the telephone for those carers unable to attend in person. These services are provided free to Carers. Counselling staff also run therapeutic groups and workshops, including Mindfulness, Effective Boundaries and Communication, Managing Carer Stress and Fatigue, and Beyond Frustration and Anger. There are also opportunities to get together with other carers by participating in health and wellbeing activities, or in one of the peer led social support groups. A range of peer led social support groups operate throughout the state

There is also an advice, information and referral program specifically for Young Carers.

Want to know more?

For more information about Carers Tasmania:

Call 1800 242 636, or go to www.carerstas.org

Also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CarersTasmania>

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TASMANIAN FLOOD APPEAL

On behalf of TASS members, the Executive has made a donation of \$500 to the Tasmanian Flood Appeal. We also express our concern for any TASS members, or their families, who may have been affected by the floods in June.

TASS HEALTH

- Arthritis Australia has provided a series of articles for the information of TASS members



RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

This sheet has been written for people affected by rheumatoid arthritis. It provides general information to help you understand how you may be affected and why early treatment is important. It also covers what you can do to manage rheumatoid arthritis and where to go for further information.

What is rheumatoid arthritis?

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is an autoimmune disease that causes pain and swelling of the joints. The normal role of your body's immune system is to fight off infections to keep you healthy. In an autoimmune disease, your immune system starts attacking your own healthy tissues. In RA, the immune system targets the lining of the joints, causing inflammation and joint damage. RA usually affects smaller joints, such as the joints in the hands and feet. However larger joints such as the hips and knees can also be affected.

What are the symptoms?

The symptoms of RA vary from person to person.

The most common symptoms are:

- joint pain, swelling, and tenderness to touch
- stiffness in the joints, especially in the morning
- symmetrical (the same joints on both sides of the body are affected).

What causes it?

It is not known what causes RA. It is more common in people who smoke and/or have a family history of RA.

How is it diagnosed?

Your doctor will diagnose RA from your symptoms, a physical examination and various tests. These can include:

- blood tests for inflammation
- blood tests for antibodies (proteins made by the body's immune system). Testing for anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide (anti-CCP) and rheumatoid factor can help diagnose RA, although not all people with RA will test positive for these antibodies.
- x-rays to see if your joints are being damaged by the disease. X-ray changes are rare in the early stages of RA.

It can be difficult, and often takes time, to diagnose RA as the symptoms can be similar to other types of arthritis. If your doctor suspects you have RA you should be referred to a rheumatologist, a doctor who specialises in arthritis.

What will happen to me?

With early diagnosis and the right treatment, most people with RA can lead full and active lives. However the course of RA varies and no two cases are exactly the same. Many people with RA experience 'flares', periods when joints become more inflamed and painful. These can happen with no obvious cause. 'Flares' are commonly followed by months or even years when there is little inflammation. RA can cause permanent joint damage and deformity, especially in the first years of the disease. The good news is that early diagnosis and treatment is shown to limit this type of joint damage.

Is there a cure for RA?

Currently there is no cure for RA. However treatment has improved dramatically over the past 20 years, with new medicines now extremely helpful for people in the early stages of RA. Be wary of any products or therapies that claim to cure RA.

What treatments are there for RA?

Your rheumatologist will tailor your treatment to your symptoms and the severity of your condition. There is no way of predicting exactly which treatment will work best for you. Your doctor may need to trial several different treatments before finding the one that is right for you and may include:

- medicines, such as
 - non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)
 - corticosteroid medicines or injections
 - disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs)
 - biological DMARDs.

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- exercise, to keep the joints flexible and the muscles strong.

What can I do?

See a rheumatologist as early as possible.

A rheumatologist can diagnose RA and make sure you get the right treatment. If you have RA and have not seen a rheumatologist, ask your doctor about a referral.

Learn about RA and play an active role in your treatment.

Not all information you read or hear about is trustworthy so always talk to your doctor or healthcare team about treatments you are thinking about trying. Reliable sources of further information are listed in the section below.

Self management courses aim to help you develop skills to be actively involved in your healthcare. Contact Arthritis Tasmania for details of these courses and information sheets:

Learn ways to manage pain

- *Dealing with pain*

Live a healthy life.

Stay physically active, eat a healthy diet, stop smoking and reduce stress to help your overall health and wellbeing.

- *Exercise and RA and Healthy eating*

Learn how to protect your joints and cope with tiredness.

- *Saving energy*

Acknowledge your feelings and seek support.

As there is currently no cure for RA and it can affect many parts of your life, it is natural to feel, scared, frustrated, sad and sometimes angry. Be aware of these feelings and get help if they start affecting your daily life.

- *Arthritis and emotions.*

Learn about RA and your treatment options. See a rheumatologist as early as possible.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ARTHRITIS OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION SHEETS ON ARTHRITIS

**Helpline 1800 011 041 or contact
ARTHRTIS TASMANIA
19A Main Road, Moonah TAS. 7009
Tel: (03) 6228-4824
Fax: (03) 6228-3486
Web: www.arthritistas.org.au**

In Super-News 4/16 November 2016: Gout

'FUNNIES'

As grandpa was on his deathbed the family were taking turns spending time with him. While speaking with his young granddaughter, he suddenly smelled the familiar aroma of his favourite – apple pie! His wife must have been baking it for him to enjoy this one last time. “My dear, would you please go and ask grandma for a slice of that apple pie? It smells so delicious!” His granddaughter ran off to fulfill her dying grandfather’s last wish. A moment later, she returned empty handed. “Where’s my pie?” said grandpa. “Grandma said it’s not for now” she replied, “It’s for after the funeral.”

As the coffin was being lowered into the ground at a parking meter attendant's funeral, a voice from inside screamed: "I'm not dead, I'm not dead. Let me out!" The officiating clergyman gave a wry smile, leant forward to the coffin and said quietly, "You're too late. The paperwork's already been done!"

A little boy was visiting a cemetery with his mother. “Mummy” the boy asked, “Why do they bury two people in the same grave?” “But they don’t, dear.” replied his mother. “Why would you think that?” “Well, the tombstone back there said, “Here lies a lawyer and an honest man.”

On the way home from church a young boy said to his father, “I want to be a Minister when I grow up.” “Why is that?” asked the father. “Well, if I have to go to church on Sundays anyway, it would be more fun to stand up front and yell at everyone than to just sit there and listen.

USEFUL CONTACTS FOR TASS MEMBERS

(Revised January 2016)

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

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**SHOULD YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS PLEASE ADVISE THE
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SO THAT HE CAN UPDATE OUR RECORDS**

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