

Southern Foster Carers Association of Tasmania



NEWSLETTER

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MEETING ROOMS

KENNERLEY

FOR KIDS

9 Timsbury Road

Glenorchy

First Friday of each month

10.30 start

Childcare available

(Booking essential)

0428 547 547

Morning tea

provided



Morning Tea's

Free Coffee Morning's

For all carers, Foster, Kinship and cottage.

Departmental and non government.

Open door to all !!!

Tuesday's at Chigwell

Contact Corrie 10—12am

6249 7194

1st Wednesday of each month in Snug 10.30am

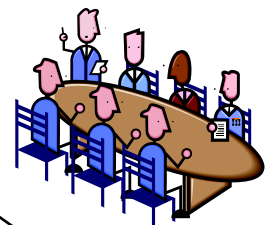
Contact Sheila

6267 9012

3rd Tuesday of each month in Margate 10.30am

Contact June

6267 1232



AGM

Southern Foster Carers Ass

Friday 1st of July

10.30am

All welcome

(details above)

OUT OF HOME CARE FORUM

Out of Home care would like to work with you as YOU care for the foster children of southern Tasmania.

Children that you care for are lovable and challenging. Their lives have been changed by the impact of not been kept safe from harm.

Who will be there?

Child Health and Parenting Service (CHAPS): who will be talking about the ages and stages of children (particularly children under 5).

Australia Childhood Foundation: who will be looking at the impact of trauma on the development of children who we care for and strategies that can assist us.

Discussion about vicarious trauma; 'Vicarious trauma is the process of change that happens because you care about other people who have been hurt, and feel committed or responsible to help them. Over time this process can lead to changes in your psychological, physical, and spiritual well-being.' (Headington Insitute, Care for Caregivers worldwide)

It would be fantastic if you could attend this Forum. There will be a catered morning tea

MONDAY 27 JUNE 2011

This forum is an opportunity to meet together and learn (or recap) on the affects of complex trauma on the development of each child. As carers for these children, we can continue to gather more information that can equip us to care for these children with the hope of better outcomes for each child as they develop and grow.



RSVP

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meg.dickson@dhhs.tas.gov.au

**KENNERLY FOR KIDS, TIMSBURY ROAD,
MONTROSE
BEGINS 9:30AM FINISHES 12:30AM**

What's on in July 2011

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Morning tea's each Tuesday @ Chigwell			1 Southern Foster carers monthly meeting AGM	2	3
4	5	6 Morning tea at Sheila's 10.30am	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Morning tea at June's 10.30am	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 National Tree Day

June has been "GIVE ME FIVE FOR KIDS" month, thanks to Kim and Dave from Heart FM. All money raised goes to the children's ward at the Royal Hobart Hospital.

http://www.australianexplorer.com/hobart_events.htm

Festival of Voices (Event)
06 July 2011 - 10 July 2011

Julius Caesar - Hobart (Event)
06 July 2011 - 09 July 2011

Piano Showcase (Event)
09 July 2011 - 09 July 20

Don Quixote - Hobart (Event)
12 July 2011 - 13 July 2011 11

Soweto Gospel Choir (Event)
12 July 2011 - 12 July 2011

An Aussie's Guide to the Orchestra (Event)
13 July 2011 - 13 July 2011

Piers Lane and Friends (Event)
22 July 2011 - 22 July 2011

The Man Saw Saw (Event)
22 July 2011 - 23 July 2011



STATE CONFERENCE TALERACE CENTER LAUNCESTON

19TH ..-21ST. AUGUST 2011

Registration form



Surname _____ Firstname _____

Surname _____ Firstname _____

Address _____

Suburb _____ postcode _____

Contact No: () _____ Email: _____

Accommodation Type: Twin share Double Queen Fam. room ltd please tick appropriate box

Children will be at the expense of the Carer and usual cost is approx. \$15 extra per child in a room...double and Queen rooms also have single beds in room. Is child Care required please attach. Info if child has special needs.

Conference Weekend Package **Carers only**

Single \$90.00 Couple \$170.00 this includes Registration fee, Accommodation, Saturday Evening Meal. Please tick appropriate box; No. children Payment to be completed prior to conference...

Day Sessions Only

Saturday \$45.00 includes morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea/

Saturday \$75.00 this will also include Sat Dinner please tick appropriate box.

Sunday \$35.00 includes morning tea/lunch please tick appropriate box.

Special Diet: details: _____

Registration forms to be forwarded to Treasurer P.O. Box 610, Wynyard, 7325 email treasurer@fcatas.org.au

secretary@fcatas.org.au no later than 05/08/2011



Coming Up at CREATE

Here at CREATE we strive to connect kids in care to each other and their community at our club CREATE events and programs. We then work with young people to empower them to help us improve the care system through advocacy, training and policy advice.

Young Consultants Training

Young Consultants Training is a two day training course for young people in care or with a care experience, aged 14 – 25. The modules include public speaking, advocacy, media interaction, workings of the Child Protection system and personal stories.

This training is all about providing young people with the skills they need to advocate on behalf of all young people in care and ensure their voices are heard. By doing this training, young people will be called on by CREATE to attend conferences, sector meetings, consultations, forums, events and provide training support.

Young Consultant training is coming up shortly (Dates to be advised).

Youth Advisory Groups

The Youth Advisory Group is a program that brings young people aged 12 and above together to discuss care issues and explore solutions. Youth Advisory groups are in each state and territory and provide feedback which activates change for the better. The Youth Advisory Group also tells CREATE how best to represent the opinions of children and young people in care. In Tasmania, Youth Advisory Groups are run every month and are co-facilitated by an experienced Young Consultant.

If you are interested in either of these programs please contact the CREATE Team on:

Phone: 0362237749

Email: tenielle.moore@create.org.au



FCAT MEETINGS

Effective meetings can be achieved if all individuals are committed to some simple ground rules for behaviour before and during meetings

Mobile phones- As carers we are just a phone call away from our kids, So if your phone rings during the meeting Please leave the room to take your call.

Baby sitting- Provided free of charge, by trained staff in the child care room attached to the training room.

Code of conduct-

- act appropriately and treat people and organisations with respect; never being derogatory in their speech or manner
- act in the public interest, and not seek to gain any advantage for themselves, their family or friends;
- act in a way that is fair and unbiased;
- allow everyone to take part without interruption or intimidation and treat everyone equally;
- be open and honest about their actions and decisions, and give reasons for them
- be clear and honest about whether they are giving their personal view or the views of their organisation;
- declare any private interests or interests of their organisation relevant to their involvement with fcata and seek to resolve any conflict in the public interest

Any member who does not comply with the Code of Conduct will be asked to leave the meeting by the Chairperson

We're on the web
www.fcata.org.au

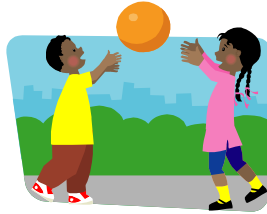
From the President;

There have been many calls to the department in relation to the TV add campaign so we hope to see these people become carers in the not to distant future.

Food bank is having a lull in its supply in the warehouse and as such our ability to supply hampers is being effected., it will pick back up as more product arrives into the warehouse.

Elections for FCAT committee members are drawing close so its time to think about what you maybe able to offer the association. Nomination forms have been posted and a copy is attached with this email.

Regards Lesley Buckland



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

South West and South East regions are now operating as one.

As of the 6/05/11 these two regions became the

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the contact in this region is current President Lesley Buckland.

What this means for you? All carers in the south will be provided with the same information, newsletters, invites etc. regardless of where you live. OoHC falls solely on the portfolio of South West Area Director Andrea Sturges, and is not split with South East Area Director Deb Leisser. Meg Dickson is the Acting Team Leader of OoHC.

We have new offices in Cambridge, this will be closer for some and further for others, there is loads of free parking at the door, no more long walks to McDougall Building. The offices have just been moved into and we are ironing out the bumps, We look forward to seeing carers there in the future, the office will be staffed Tuesday, Wed and Thursdays 10.30—1.30. once we settle in!

Carers will be able to come in for a cuppa, pick up food hampers and access the clothing pool.

Watch this space.....opening of new offices morning tea to be held soon!

FOSTER CARERS HELP LINE 24/7

Carers helping Carers

Run by carers They are there to help, You may need someone who understands the challenges of foster



to talk to care.

Need some helpful hints to deal with a problem in your home, or in the middle of an after hours crisis.

All calls are confidential.

0428 531 531 call us and we will ring you back !

