

# OCTOBER UPDATE

## From Families and Children Tasmania (FACT)

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### Save the Date:

◆ **November 13th @ 3pm**  
**in Hobart**

◆ **November 20th @**  
**2.30pm in Launceston**

*Facilitated by Sonya Enkelmann,  
Release of Discussion Paper: A  
Future Program for Family Based  
Care and Outcomes Framework for  
Children and Young People in  
Out of Home Care*

◆ **December 13th @ 5pm**

*FACT Christmas Party in Hobart.*

**Remember the Date**  
**Budget submissions due**  
**Friday 7th December**

### Suggested Viewing:

◆ **Insight: Children of Prisoners**  
<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/insight/tvepisode/children-prisoners>

◆ **7.30 Report: The incredible reality for young carers.**  
<https://www.abc.net.au/7.30/the-incredible-reality-for-young-carers/10453462>



Catching up with FACT Members at the Woolstore in Hobart.  
Holly Masonwhite of SASS, Alina Thomas of Engender Equality, Geraldine Ellis-Maguire of FACT, Liz Crane of CHAT.

## Out and About

Greetings from your Peak Body for Families and Children in Tasmania. The month of October, was host to anti-poverty week and it was a pleasure for FACT to be in attendance at the excellent presentation hosted at UTAS, titled Ending the Cycle of Poverty—if we want things to change, we have to do things differently. The presentation reminded us that 15% of Tasmanian children are on the waiting list to experience a good life. It is a reflection that as our state becomes more prosperous, the gap widens between those that have access to the critical things that create wellbeing, versus those that don't.



Tim Gourlay, Mark Jessop, and Minister Roger Jaensch, planting a tree to commemorate the opening of a new home in Claremont built collaboratively by CatholicCare and Nexus.

October was also host to National Children's Week, and it was during this week that FACT had the opportunity to meet with the Interim Children's Commissioner David Clements to discuss our submission "Being Healthy" in relation to out-of-home care. A copy of our submission is available to any interested FACT members. Children's week also coincided with FACT attending the "Every Child Succeeds Conference" which was brilliantly organized, well attended and featured a number of great guest speakers. A key take home message was the reminder that a community is an asset to work with rather than a problem to solve. This is certainly well aligned to the FACT led initiative of creating a "Child Friendly Island", which focuses on the community participating in and demonstrating that we value and care for children and young people. A huge thank you to Tim Henry from Australian Childhood Foundation, Trista Cocker from NAPCAN, Jane French from ChildWise and Caroline Brown from Key Assets for their ongoing contribution and enthusiasm for this project.

FACT continues to be actively involved as a Champion for the Our Voice Our Future Conference. Thank you to all of the FACT Members that have expressed an interest to be involved in the conference either through attending the one day forum or being part of the three day forum. The NGO Executives invitation list will be confirmed in the next few days following a meeting with Celia Bray from the Department of Communities.

In October, it was a pleasure to see so many FACT Members attend the FACT CARS Workshop that was facilitated so capably by Celia Bray and Noel Fittock. The Workshop provided an excellent opportunity for our members to work through scenarios and to identify the opportunities and challenges that will present themselves when more than one provider is working with a family, and the need for co-ordination of services and feedback between providers will be paramount.

Finally with the growth of FACT we are pleased to announce that we have welcomed three new Board Members. Congratulations to Justin Cooper from The Salvation Army, Caroline Brown from Key Assets, and Chris Demeyer from Baptcare. This means that FACT now has seven Board Members with 3 Board Members located in the North of the state, and 4 Board Members in the south.

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