TasCOSS

Annual Report 2025/26

Stronger community services, better community outcomes



President's message

In 2025/26, TasCOSS worked alongside our members, partners and government to strengthen community services and improve outcomes for Tasmanians.

Our members' knowledge and experience remained at the heart of this work. Relationships built by our CEO, leadership team and staff helped turn shared priorities into practical action, connecting people and organisations across the state.

The TasCOSS Conference brought more than 190 change agents together in Launceston to explore how we can shape a fairer, more inclusive Tasmania. The Changemakers Community Leaders Program strengthened emerging leaders' confidence, skills and networks, while *Tasmania's State of Housing Dashboard* made evidence more accessible to those working for housing reform.

We also led the re-establishment of the Tasmanian Coalition of Community Service Peaks, bringing 18 peak bodies together around shared industry challenges. Workforce shortages, funding pressures and rising demand require coordinated responses.

Extensive consultation with members, partners, stakeholders, staff and the TasCOSS Board informed our new five year TasCOSS Strategic Plan (2026-31). It sets a clear direction for strengthening advocacy, growing industry capability and improving outcomes for Tasmanians.

I thank the TasCOSS team for their dedication and commitment and my fellow Directors for their leadership and service. I also extend our sincere thanks to outgoing CEO Adrienne Picone for her leadership and significant contribution to TasCOSS and the community services industry, and warmly welcome Paula Wriedt as our new CEO.

Together, guided by our new Strategic Plan, we will continue working towards our vision of a thriving Tasmania, supported by a strong community services industry.



Georgie Ibbott
President, TasCOSS

Our year in review

TasCOSS Conference 2025

Shaping our future together

More than 190 change agents gathered in Launceston to explore a fairer, more inclusive Tasmania. Keynotes from George Megalogenis, Dr Lisa Denny and Dr Katherine Trebeck examined policy, systems change and the wellbeing economy, connecting people to tackle shared industry challenges.



TasCOSS Changemakers Community Leaders Program

Eighteen emerging leaders graduated in October 2025, building confidence, skills and networks to lead social change. An expanded 2026 program had 22 participants underway by June 2026. The new Masterclass series proved a success with 65 industry workers and leaders attending workshops to build skills and strengthen capability.



Tasmania's State of Housing Dashboard

Uncovering the facts, monitoring performance

Our Dashboard makes housing affordability, supply and homelessness evidence accessible to community services, advocates and policy-makers. It supported advocacy contributing to an earlier *Residential Tenancy Act* review and improved reporting by Homes Tasmania. New topics and partnerships strengthen transparency and public accountability.



29
Policy submissions

60
Industry events, training and workshops

255
Media appearances

891
FindHelpTAS listings

Tasmanian Coalition of Community Service Peaks

Prioritise all Tasmanians

TasCOSS used lived experience case studies to deliver an industry-focussed campaign ahead of the 2025 Tasmanian Election. The campaign called on parties and candidates to build a strong partnership with community services so no Tasmanian misses out on essential support. Digital content, traditional media and a series of videos amplified the industry's shared priorities. All three major parties supported expedited five year funding agreements and a Partnership Agreement with the industry. The re-elected Tasmanian Government has since been formalising arrangements with the Tasmanian Coalition of Community Service Peaks to improve lines of communication and enhance services and outcomes for Tasmanians living on low and inadequate incomes.



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