# **Housing & Community**

TASMANIAN BUDGET 2021-22

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Now more than ever it is vital that we secure Tasmania's future. That we invest in a comprehensive Tasmanian Housing Strategy, and take immediate action to meet increased demand for social and affordable housing. The 2021-22 Tasmanian Budget delivers a record \$615 million into social and affordable housing, and homelessness initiatives, and a strategy to provide sustainable housing market outcomes across to ensure access to appropriate housing for all Tasmanians.

### HOUSING

- \$315M into social and affordable housing and homelessness across the state, bringing total investment to over \$615M, building a total of 3,500 new social houses by 2027
- Record investment of \$300M through Tasmania's Affordable Housing Action Plan 1 and 2<sup>^</sup>
- Around 5,000 Tasmanian households experiencing housing stress or homelessness will be assisted through the Affordable Housing Action Plans and the Community Housing Growth Program by 30 June 2023, including around 2,350 new social housing dwellings
- \$58.4M to be invested under the CSHA Debt Waiver into a program of works through to June 2023. Including \$53.6M to support 300 new social housing dwellings
- Funding of \$24.4M in 2021-22 under the CSHA Debt Waiver Agreement is provided to support the construction of
  - 15 new Transitional Youth Units in Burnie, development of 21 social housing units at Hopkins Street, Moonah and the completion of 188 social housing units in areas of high needs across Tasmania
- \$42.15M to commence the immediate redevelopment of the Hobart Showgrounds, including a range of social and affordable rental dwellings#
- \$32.5M for Housing Tasmania's capital program
- \$6M towards the two new \$20M supported accommodation facilities for older Tasmanians in the North and North West of the State<sup>^</sup>
- \$15.3M for innovative new youth housing and homelessness initiatives, including an Under-16 Lighthouse Project, modular youth housing for 16 to 24 year olds, and a Dispersed Youth model#
- \$12M for energy efficiency measures
- \$10M towards a 'Headworks Holiday' for new residential subdivisions to unlock new land supply
- Increase in the First Home Owners Grant from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for eligible transactions from 1 April 2021 until 30 June 2022
- Increasing the property value threshold for our 50 per cent stamp duty concession for First Home Buyers and Pensioners Downsizing
- Increase housing supply with a \$2.5M new secondary dwelling incentive program

### **COMMUNITY**

- More than \$29M towards Safe Homes, Families, Communities: Tasmania's action plan for family and sexual violence 2019-2022<sup>^</sup>
- More than \$12M towards community, local government and sporting organisations statewide to improve facilities and capacity to service community needs
- \$10M in 2021-22 towards the Improving the Playing Field grants program assist sporting clubs with upgrades to change rooms, toilets and shower facilities, lighting, security, fencing, parking, scoreboards, drainage and other works#
- \$10M Solar Power Sports Club no-interest loan scheme for solar system installation including hotel water and/ or batteries, to help sporting clubs save money on their energy bills\*
- \$8.8M towards legal assistance sector support\*
- \$8M to support GP After Hours Services to allow more
   Tasmanians to access care closer to home after hours while
   also reducing hospital demand#
- \$4.5M to trial three Community Health and Wellbeing Networks to deliver community-led health and wellbeing services based on the needs of locals<sup>^</sup>
- Double the value of our successful Ticket to Play Voucher Program, providing \$200 in vouchers to help eligible children become involved in sports and activities by investing an additional \$3M#
- \$3M towards Emergency Food Relief and Food Security to help the most vulnerable, including the delivery of Tasmania's first Food Security Strategy#
- Funding of over \$2.7M to continue the increased level of peak body funding for six community peak organisations: Volunteering Tasmania; Youth Network of Tasmania; Council of the Ageing; Carers Tasmania; Tasmanian Men's Shed Association; and Multicultural Council of Tasmania#
- \$2.3M to boost community mental health services to address increase in demand^
- \$300,000 to Volunteering Tasmania over three years to build a Youth Volunteer Army, with the establishment of a trial program#
- Investing an additional \$5.7 million into our Neighbourhood House Network and community facilities

\* Over four years # Over three years ^Over two years



## **Keeping Tasmanians Safe**

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### **KEEPING TASMANIANS SAFE**

- Boost police numbers with an additional 50 police officers over 5 years to bolster frontline services and deliver a greater focus on criminal investigation capability
- \$2.5M towards more support for Police by employing State Service employees in specialised roles such as prosecution, cybercrime and digital evidence analysis#
- \$10.6M in funding to ensure that whenever police officers from rural and remote police stations are on leave, communities will continue to be policed\*
- \$4M in grants funding to local communities for the purpose of installing CCTV\*
- \$7M towards the Kentish & Latrobe Flood Mitigation Projects<sup>#</sup>
- \$3.6M for a standalone Special Operations Group facility in the south of the State^
- An additional \$3M towards the construction of a purposebuilt Emergency Services Operations Centre for crisis coordination and emergency management in Tasmania
- \$2.5M towards the Red Hot Tips Program to support farmers and large landholders to conduct private burn-offs\*
- \$2.5M towards the Fuel Reduction Program to support mechanical clearing\*
- \$1.5M towards the roll-out of enhanced standard equipment for volunteer brigades and units\*
- \$1M towards the Fire and Emergency Service Volunteer Grants Program<sup>^</sup>
- \$900,000 towards a permanent multi-hazard intelligence team in the State Operations Centre#
- \$250,000 towards new-generation defibrillators for volunteer fire trucks
- \$100,000 to Crime Stoppers to undertake additional community engagement and to adopt anti-theft measures such as the Bikelinc Program in Tasmania\*

#### **CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE SYSTEM**

- \$25M in additional funding to deliver a new \$40M contemporary, multidisciplinary court complex for Burnie at Mooreville Road<sup>^</sup>
- \$16M towards addressing demand pressures for the Tasmanian Prison Service\*
- More than \$13m to deliver a prisoner transport and court security model to remove Tasmania Police from court security duties in the Burnie Supreme Court\*
- More than \$9.5M towards the estimated costs and expenses of the conduct of the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's responses to child sexual abuse in institutional settings<sup>^</sup>
- More than \$9M towards upgrading and replacing equipment and critical infrastructure maintenance at the Tasmanian Prison Service\*
- \$8.8M in additional funding to the Legal Assistance Sector to continue to provide free or low-cost legal services to Tasmanians who need the extra help\*
- Funding of more than \$3.9M towards a major redesign and upgrade to the Ashley Youth Detention Facility
- More than \$3.8M for the appointment of an additional Magistrate to address existing demand pressure\*
- More than \$2.5M towards the re-appointment of three acting judges within the Supreme Court<sup>^</sup>
- \$2.4M to continue Tasmania's electronic monitoring of highrisk family violence perpetrators<sup>^</sup>
- More than \$1.4M towards programs to reduce re-offending#
- \$1.3M towards the introduction of body scanning technology in the Hobart and Launceston Reception Prison, and Risdon Prison as well as Ashley Youth Detention Centre
- \$1M towards increasing the number of therapeutic employees within the prison^
- \$320,000 to provide children and young people in the North and North West access to legal representations when appearing in courts after-hours\*

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

- \$40.8M to recruit additional paramedics\*
- \$6M towards the \$12.5M upgrade of the Bridgewater Police Station#
- \$9M to upgrade Ambulance Tasmania's vehicle fleet, and to provide contemporary equipment#
- \$3M towards building a new \$7.5M St Helens Police Station#
- \$6M in additional funding to the Emergency Services
   Personnel and Volunteers Health and Wellbeing Program\*
- Funding of \$5.1M to pilot an Emergency Mental Health Co-response model in Southern Tasmania<sup>^</sup>
- Additional funding of \$4.3M towards construction costs for a new Burnie Ambulance Station

- Additional funding of \$4.3M towards the construction costs for a new Glenorchy Ambulance Station
- Additional funding of \$2.8M to enable the procurement of a fit for purpose offshore police patrol vessel to replace PV

  Van Diemen
- \$300,000 towards a new helipad at the St Helens
   District Hospital to increase aeromedical support to the
   East Coast Regions
- \$300,000 towards a new Helipad at the Esperance Multi-Purpose Centre in Dover