

2019-20 State Government Budget Initial Overview for the Youth Sector

This document is intended as a summary and does not provide analysis.

The Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) attended the Budget Community Group Lock-up before the release of the 2019-2020 Liberal State Government Budget on Thursday, 23 May 2019.

This year's Budget has failed to address many of the serious issues impacting on the lives of young Tasmanians, however it does contain some welcomed investments. YNOT is pleased to see a significant investment in education and training, continued funding for Out of Home Care and a small investment to convene the Tasmanian Youth Conference.

The 2019-20 Budget contains record spending on infrastructure and an under-commitment to youth specific programs and support services that will improve health and wellbeing outcomes for young Tasmanians.

There needs to be significantly greater investment made in young Tasmanians than what was delivered today.

Below is a brief summary of the relevant Budget items for the youth sector:

Key Announcements for Young Tasmanians

- \$25,000 to YNOT for the Tasmanian Youth Conference in 2019-20 and 2021-22
- \$112,000 to the Commissioner for Children and Young People per annum over 4 years for additional resources to support strategic communication and media services
- \$320,000 over 2 years for non-government organisations to deliver educational services, including The Link Youth Health Service and Family Planning Tasmania
- \$286,000 to ReLink Australia over 2 years to deliver sport and recreation programs for people over 16 years experiencing disadvantage
- Additional \$1m for Tickets to Play Sports Voucher Program for persons 5-17 years to participate in local sport member activities

Education & Training

- \$7.1b total over four years for education and training including:
 - \$31.5m to extend regional schools to deliver schooling to year 12
 - \$2.9m allocated to TasTAFE Skilled Workforce to meet Industry Demand over 2 years
- \$540,000 in 2019-20 and \$1.5m over 4 years for Years 9-12 Education – Australian School Based Apprenticeships initiatives
- \$34m over 4 years for needs-based funding for students with disabilities

Children & Families

- Additional \$2.3m to Strong Families Safe Kids
- Additional \$6.5m to Safe Homes, Safe Families: Tasmania's Family Violence Action Plan over 2019-22
- \$16.9m in 2019-20 to meet the growth in demand and costs of Out of Home Care

Youth Justice

- Commitment to continue funding from the 2018-19 budget of \$7m over three years to the Ashley Youth Detention Centre Redevelopment

Health

- \$7.25m for mental health support over 4 years in schools to assist students impacted by trauma and those with behavioural changes
- \$1m for Tasmanian Autism Diagnostic Services in 2019-20 for people under 18 years
- \$11.7m for 120 nursing graduate positions across Tasmania
- \$90,000 for the Salvation Army Street Team to provide on the ground drug and alcohol support to young people

Disability

- \$27.5m for the National Disabilities Insurance Scheme (NDIS) over three years and for disability support services that are outside of the scope of the NDIS

Transport

- \$608,000 to Enhanced P1 Driving Assessment Service Delivery over 4 years. This will assist industry to develop the necessary training and authorisation framework and deliver the required technology changes and ultimately reduce wait time for novice drivers in accessing a licence assessment, with a focus in regional areas

Housing and Homelessness

- Continuation of the \$20,000 First Home Owner Grant until 30 June 2020
- Continued \$125m investment in to the second Affordable Housing Action Plan 2019-2023
- Extension of First Home Builder Grant and Private rentals incentives scheme expanded

Aboriginal Affairs

- \$542,000 over four years for Supporting the Reset with funding allocated to the Young Tasmanian Aboriginal Women Leader's Awards

For full details of the State Government Budget, click [here](#).

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