



YOUTH TRANSITIONS 18-25

‘A PLAN FOR ACTION’

BUDGET PRIORITIES
STATEMENT

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ABOUT US

YNOT is the peak body for young people aged 12-25 years and the non-government youth sector in Tasmania. YNOT works to ensure policies affecting young people in Tasmania are relevant, equitable and effective and that young people have a voice on issues that matter to them.

OUR VISION

A Tasmania where all young people are valued and can achieve anything.

OUR PURPOSE

To drive positive change with young people and the youth sector in Tasmania.

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All quotes used in this document were provided to YNOT during consultations with young people around Tasmania.

INTRODUCTION

There are more than 51,000 young people aged 18-25 in Tasmania – about 1 in 10 of us – who are currently in a crucial time of transition from adolescence to adulthood.¹

As these 18-25-year-olds transition from school, home and family towards independence many are doing it tough. They find themselves caught between – no longer part of the youth service system they are familiar with but not yet understanding and successfully accessing the adult service system.

For many, the adult service system is a bridge too far. It's difficult to know where to start – who to go to and how to access help with housing, employment, income support, mental and physical health, and family and intimate relationship issues. The system can be complex and unresponsive, and it often doesn't meet their needs. Many of the supports they're looking for are just not there.

As a result, young people can find themselves living precarious lives, with few or no stable housing options, significant financial insecurity from unemployment, underemployment, and low-paid, low-skilled, low-security jobs, and fragile relationships. Finding stability becomes overwhelming.

These young people are no longer fully dependent but are not yet fully independent.

This in-between stage, and particular set of experiences, is known as **Emerging Adulthood**. This defined life stage recognises that it is now a much longer and more complicated journey to full adulthood than for most previous generations. For some, taking the steps towards independence and adulthood can be a perilous journey that can have long-term impacts on their future lives and their contribution as citizens.

We have a unique opportunity to lay the foundation for a positive and successful transition to adulthood by addressing the needs of, and providing the right support to, these emerging adults. The Tasmanian Government's 2021 Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy, *It Takes a Tasmanian Village*, recognises the importance of this stage with **Priority 4: Supporting the transition stages of life for young people.**²

This Budget Priorities Statement builds from Priority 4 and seeks funding to develop a Youth Transitions 18-25: *A Plan for Action* that involves researching, consulting, collaborating and identifying the best whole-of-government approach that focuses on, and supports, 18-25-year-olds as they transition to adulthood.

TRANSITION – A CHALLENGING EXPERIENCE

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Young people find themselves overwhelmed by the responsibilities confronting them. They flounder with personal freedom, financial and accommodation issues, relationship and emotional stresses, cognitive challenges as they try to carve a career path for themselves while surviving and managing all the basics. Family support comes but in opposition to a sense of new found independence and the self-esteem issues that come with that.

Helen Middleton, Tasmanian Psychologist, November 2021

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Tasmanians aged 18-25 are eager to take the journey to independence BUT for many they...

are locked out of the rental market...

Tasmania is the least affordable capital city in which to rent a home. Median rental prices in our major cities exceed Youth Allowance by \$90 - \$145 per week and Job Seeker by \$35 - \$85 per week.³

face challenges getting a job...

Around 8,300 young Tasmanians are unemployed (13.2%) and an estimated 11,000 are underemployed.⁴

live below the poverty line...

Young people on Youth Allowance and Jobseeker payments live on less than \$45 a day – far below the poverty line and the cost of living.⁵

can't afford basic healthcare...

Tasmania has the second-worst GP bulk-billing rate in Australia, with about 50 per cent of patients facing out-of-pocket costs.⁶ The number of young people with private health cover continues to decline, placing additional pressure on an already stretched public health service system.⁷

lack affordable, appropriate and reliable transport to move around...

Young people don't have after-hours public transport access and options, especially in rural and remote areas. Many struggle to afford the costs now associated with gaining a provisional licence if they do not have a suitable mentor or vehicle.⁸

experience mental health challenges...

75% of mental health disorders develop by the age 25.⁹ Yet, demand continues to outstrip supply of youth mental health services. Young people face waiting lists upwards of six weeks to access appropriate early intervention mental health support.

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It's tough right now. I can't afford to move out and I often struggle to afford basics like food, heat and water. When Centrelink gave everyone the extra \$550, I was actually able to afford my bills and to eat healthy. We need more affordable housing and better resources around how we can buy and rent houses.

Susannah, 21

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TOM'S STORY...

Tom, 18 (he/they) lives on their own in Beaconsfield and is a full-time student in Year 11. Tom receives youth allowance and rents a home owned by his mother, where he pays around 40% of his income on rent and utilities. Before moving out of home Tom's relationships with his family were strained.

"I am really lucky compared to my friends. My family live close by and our relationships are 10 times better because we have space and don't argue as much. Living on my own has given me space to grow up and become an adult."

SAM'S STORY...

Sam, 19 (he/they) lives in the South, identifies as queer and has experienced homelessness and mental ill-health. Sam relies on bulk-billed and free youth health services. "I had to fight to get the support I needed and even that wasn't good enough. For months at a time I am told I am on a waiting list but there is no certainty about when you will get help."

Sam does not have any close family and has had to navigate and learn how to live on their own. "It is hard trying to find the right support or service when you don't know where to start. How do you make a budget or do your taxes? How do you set up an account with Aurora or start a Centrelink claim? What kinds of questions should I ask them to make sure I get the best deal or not be taken advantage of? Even though most of it is online, you can spend hours trying to find the right piece of information you need. Many just don't bother."

MEGAN'S STORY...

Megan, 19 (she/them) grew up in foster care and lives in a share home in Devonport. Megan receives income support and is not currently working or studying. Megan plans to complete school in the future and is currently focusing on improving her mental health and wellbeing.

"How was I supposed to focus on school when my home life was a mess? My mental health is what was setting me back, but I want to focus on my future."

Megan struggles with living on a low income, relying on public transport, accessing mental health services and identifying appropriate supports or services to help her thrive. "When I moved out I had no idea what I was doing. A program or support to help me find my way as an adult would have been better than just trying to work it out myself."

IT TAKES A TASMANIAN VILLAGE

Supporting the transition stages of life for young people is Priority 4 of the Tasmanian Government's 2021 Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy, *It Takes a Tasmanian Village*. Priority 4 explicitly recognises the importance of this transition for 18 to 25-year-olds. It is described in the Strategy as follows:

There is a need to explicitly acknowledge the core life transition stage for young people aged 18-25 years, integrating research, discussion and identification of current policies in place to address and support this group across the Strategy's domains.

Programs and policies need to be developed and designed to ensure that young people sustain their engagement in education, training and work as they move through these transition points.¹¹

This Priority is one of eight requiring Strategic Policy Action that emerged from consultation for the Strategy; each Priority is identified as needing 'a longer process of research and consultation'.¹² The proposed *Action Plan* will undertake this longer process of research and consultation focusing on Priority 4 as well as address the strategic policy actions identified at Priority 3: Improving Cross-Agency and Cross Sectoral Collaboration and Integration, and Priority 6: Improving Understanding of the Range of Services Available for Children and Young People.

The *Action Plan* will ensure current policies are identified and effective design and development of future programs and policies is undertaken so that resources are optimised, and the best results are delivered for 18 to 25-year-olds across each of the six domains of the Child and Youth Wellbeing Framework (as adapted in the Strategy).

EMERGING ADULthood AND TRANSITIONS

The Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy identifies the need to investigate the best form of a whole-of-government youth transitions approach, including determining 'the appropriate age range: 12, 16 or 18 to 25'.¹³

Recent research demonstrates that age 18 to 25 is a distinct period of development that has become known as *Emerging Adulthood*.¹⁴ It is a critical, sensitive and developmentally rich period in the life course that can significantly impact adult outcomes. It is distinctly different from the stage of adolescence that precedes it and the young adult period that follows.¹⁵

WHY IS IT DIFFERENT?

The path to adulthood is now longer and more complicated than at any other time in history. In the mid to late 20th century, it was possible to set up the stable structures of adult life at about age 20. Young people moved seamlessly from school to work at a younger age, married and started a family earlier, often buying a home and settling into adult life. Now establishing these stable social structures occurs much later – as late as 30 years – and with greater challenges than ever before.

This prolonged period of emerging adulthood is the result of an array of cultural, social and economic forces including longer periods spent in post-school education; economic conditions that have contributed to stagnating wages, insecure work and underemployment, as well as spiralling house prices and rental costs; increasing mental and physical ill-health; and fragile relationships as old connections are broken and new ones aren't yet quite formed.

While many young people will transition successfully despite the challenges, these last steps to independence create an insurmountable barrier for some. **They need help to transition from the youth service system to successful navigation of the adult system.**

YOUTH TRANSITIONS – A PLAN FOR ACTION

This Budget Priorities Statement seeks funding and in-kind support to develop an Action Plan that addresses and supports transition from adolescence to adulthood in a life stage now known as **Emerging Adulthood – young people aged 18-25**.

The Plan will address Priorities 3, 4 and 6 of the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy, *It takes a Tasmanian Village*. It will:

- > Provide necessary insight into the needs and life experiences of Tasmanians aged 18-25 years.
- > Explicitly address the six domains of the Child and Youth Wellbeing Framework.
- > Encourage cross-agency and cross-sector collaboration and whole-of-government decision-making.
- > Recognise Government action by mapping current policies and programs and identify ways to improve individual and sector understanding of these.
- > Identify and support the development and design of new programs and policies.
- > Keep 18-25-year-olds in clear view of policy and program makers and provide practical advice on the most effective action based on evidence..

KEY ACTIONS FOR THE PLAN

<p>STEP 1: LITERATURE REVIEW</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identify and review research and evidence including Tasmanian information where available to build greater understanding and increased clarity about the challenges and experiences of young Tasmanians aged 18-25 years. ➤ This research will clarify the transition points to be applied to the mapping of current policies and programs at Step 3.
<p>STEP 2: CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Engage with young people aged 18-25 years. While this is a difficult group to engage, innovative and creative ways will be explored to ensure the voices of emerging adults are heard. ➤ YNOT will deploy a portion of its project funding to support this engagement process. ➤ Engage and consult with Government and Community Sector on transition points for young Tasmanians aged 18-25 years.
<p>STEP 3: MAP CURRENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Undertake comprehensive mapping of current policies and programs; liaise with and include mapping activity already underway across Government (e.g. Jobs Tasmania, Housing Tasmania activity). ➤ Map policies and programs to the transition points for 18-25-year-olds as defined at Step 1; identify State or Federal responsibilities. ➤ Identify gaps in program and policy delivery. ➤ Examine options for increasing information and awareness of programs available for individuals and service providers to support delivery of Priority 6: Improving Understanding of the Range of Services Available for Children and Young People.
<p>STEP 4: INFORMATION SHARING AND EXCHANGE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Develop a Discussion Paper based on findings from the literature, engagement and mapping – Steps 1 – 3. ➤ Engage with Government and the Sector to clarify and interpret the findings and seek feedback.
<p>STEP 5: DRAFT WHOLE-OF- GOVERNMENT PLAN FOR ACTION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Draft Action Plan with priorities identified against the six domains of the Child and Youth Wellbeing Framework and test with Government agencies and the Sector through statewide engagement in a series of roundtables. ➤ The first phase of the Action Plan will focus on Priority 3: Improving Cross-Agency and Cross-Sectoral Collaboration and Integration.
<p>STEP 6: ENGAGEMENT, REVIEW AND FINALISATION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Final Action Plan completed and communicated to Government and Sector.

YOUR INVESTMENT

Two funding models are presented below for delivery of this important project.

- Full direct funding for YNOT with in kind support.
- Partial direct funding plus Government and YNOT contributions. Government contributions include short secondments of a Graduate and a Project Officer.

The latter will see a multidisciplinary approach in delivering this Plan for Action. This approach blends the strengths and leadership of YNOT, including knowledge and expertise of the community youth service sector, with the knowledge and expertise of Government and the University of Tasmania (UTAS).

MODEL #1 – FULL DIRECT FUNDING FOR YNOT WITH IN KIND SUPPORT

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS	DIRECT GOVERNMENT FUNDING	YNOT CONTRIBUTION	KEY RESPONSIBILITIES
Project Manager	\$111,636.00 (SCHADS Level 7 1.0 FTE for 12 months) \$2,500.00 Computer hardware - laptop, monitor	YNOT CEO in-kind contribution Mobile phone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lead & oversee project. ▪ Conduct literature review with UTAS. ▪ Co-facilitate state-wide Youth Consultations. ▪ Lead regional consultations with Government & Community Sector. ▪ Analyse all consultation data & produce report (in person and online). ▪ Lead development of Discussion Paper & with YNOT CEO engage with Government & Sector. ▪ Lead development of Action Plan & with YNOT CEO engage with Government & Sector. ▪ Complete Action Plan & with YNOT CEO communicate to Government & Sector.
Regional Consultations	\$5,000.00 Government/Community Sector Consultations	\$40,500 value Youth Consultations (Subject to Project Funding delivered in 2022-23 budget)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-design consultation model with 18-25-year-olds. ▪ Deliver agreed consultation model and regional Government & Community Sector consultation forums.
Project Officer	\$31,662.00 (SCHADS Level 6 0.6 FTE for 6 months)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Map State & Federal Government programs. ▪ Support development of Discussion Paper. ▪ Support development of Action Plan. ▪ Support completion of Action Plan.
YNOT Project Administration Fee @ 17% of direct funding	\$25,636		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General office and utilities. ▪ CEO project oversight, reporting. ▪ Staff supervision. ▪ Financial administration. ▪ IT support and software.
TOTAL	\$176,434.00		

MODEL #2 - PARTIAL DIRECT FUNDING PLUS GOVERNMENT AND YNOT CONTRIBUTIONS

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS	DIRECT GOVERNMENT FUNDING	YNOT & GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	KEY RESPONSIBILITIES
Project Manager	<p>\$66,520.00 (SCHADS Level 7 0.6 FTE for 12 months)</p> <p>\$2,500.00 Computer hardware - laptop, monitor</p>	<p>YNOT CEO in-kind contribution</p> <p>Mobile phone</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lead & oversee project. ▪ Supervise Graduate & Project Officer. ▪ Oversee development of consultation model with 18-25-year-olds and delivery of agreed model. ▪ Lead regional consultations with Government & Community Sector. ▪ Lead development of Discussion Paper & with YNOT CEO engage with Government & Sector. ▪ Lead development of Action Plan & with YNOT CEO engage with Government & Sector. ▪ Complete Action Plan & with YNOT CEO communicate to Government & Sector.
Graduate Placement		Six-month graduate placement as in-kind contribution from Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conduct literature review with UTAS. ▪ Support delivery of agreed Youth Consultation model & Regional Consultations with Government & Community Sector (in person and online). ▪ Analyse all consultation data & produce report.
Regional Consultations	\$5,000.00 Government/Community Sector consultations	\$40,500 value Youth Consultations (Subject to Project Funding delivered in 2022-23 budget)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-design consultation model with 18-25-year-olds. ▪ Deliver agreed consultation model and regional Government & Community Sector consultation forums.
Project Officer		Six-month secondment of project officer as in-kind contribution from Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Map State & Federal Government. ▪ Support the development of Discussion Paper. ▪ Support development of Action Plan. ▪ Support Completion of Action Plan.
YNOT Project Administration Fee @ 17% of direct funding	\$12,583.00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General office and utilities. ▪ CEO project oversight, reporting. ▪ Staff supervision. ▪ Financial administration. ▪ IT support and software.
TOTAL	\$86,603.00		

CONCLUSION

The evidence demonstrates that age 18 to 25 is a crucial period of development with high levels of both opportunity and risk. The pathways from dependence to independence are disjointed, not just for the disadvantaged and vulnerable, but for the whole generation of Tasmanians coming through from adolescence to young adulthood. Simple lineal development has been displaced by complexity and unpredictability, sometimes referred to as 'yo-yo transitions'.¹⁶

Young Tasmanians are attempting to negotiate the complexities and uncertainties of Emerging Adulthood at a time when they are losing the supports and structures offered by institutions such as schools, families and other youth and adolescent services. They must increasingly rely on their own resources when the human brain is still developing, they are experiencing significant role and developmental challenges, and when there is higher risk-taking behaviour particularly among young men.

A whole-of-government, supported transition is called for so this generation, and those who come after, can not only participate as stable and productive members of society, but can also be part of the 'wellbeing economy' where economic growth is intrinsically linked with the wellbeing of Tasmanians.¹⁷ The Action Plan will build on current policies that address and support this group, expand individual and service provider knowledge, and provide a mechanism for the design and development of future, cost-effective integrated measures that prevent lifelong impacts of precarious transitions.

YOUTH NETWORK OF TASMANIA

The Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) is the peak body for young Tasmanians aged 12-25 years and the Tasmanian Youth Services Sector.

This Budget Priority Submission is an initiative of YNOT supported by:



ENDNOTES

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7th December 2021

Support Letter for the Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) 2022-23 Budget Priority Statement:

'Youth Transitions 18-25 'A Plan for Action'

To whom this may concern,

City Mission is pleased to support the Youth Network of Tasmania's (YNOT) request for investment in the development of a whole of government youth transitions approach for young Tasmanians aged 18-25 years.

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Whilst these young people are no longer considered dependent, they are also not yet fully independent. Young people 18-25 years require support to navigate the complexities and uncertainties before them; at a time when they are losing the supports and structures offered by institutions including schools, families and youth and adolescent services.

City Mission has worked with YNOT in various capacities on a range of initiatives (ie the Youth Employment Alliance, 2021 Tasmanian Youth Sector Symposium and the Tasmanian Youth Forum).

YNOT's leadership, established networks and expertise in the community youth services sector ensure that they are well placed to lead this important piece of work.

We wish YNOT all the best in securing funding for this initiative.

Please contact me on 0439671925 should you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,



Ray Green

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Dear Tania,

**Support Letter for the Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) 2022-23 Budget
Priority Statement;**

'Youth Transitions 18-25 'A Plan for Action'

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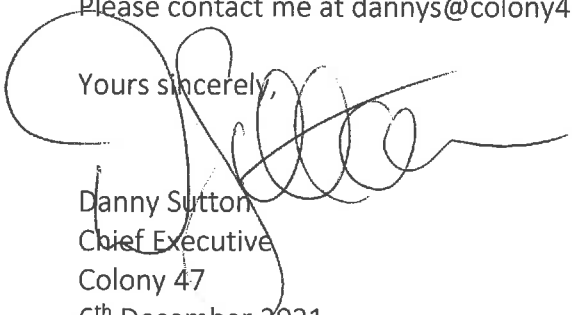
Colony 47 has long term member of YNOT and have worked with them in various capacities on a range of initiatives such as the Youth Employment Alliance, Youth Navigators and the 2021 Tasmanian Youth Sector Symposium.

YNOT's leadership, established networks and expertise in the community youth services sector ensure that they are well placed to lead this important piece of work.

Colony 47 wish YNOT all the best in securing funding for this initiative.

Please contact me at dannys@colony47.com.au should you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny Sutton", written over the typed name and title.

Danny Sutton
Chief Executive
Colony 47
6th December 2021

**Support Letter for the Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) 2022-23 Budget Priority Statement:
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Workskills together with its community arm Impact Communities is pleased to support the Youth Network of Tasmania's (YNOT) request for investment in the development of a whole of government youth transitions approach for young Tasmanians aged 18-25 years.

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Workskills/ Impact Communities has worked with YNOT in various capacities on a range of initiatives (i.e. the Youth Employment Alliance, 2021 Tasmanian Youth Sector Symposium and the Tasmanian Youth Forum).

YNOT's leadership, established networks and expertise in the community youth services sector ensure that they are well placed to lead this important piece of work.

Workskills/Impact Communities wish YNOT all the best in securing funding for this initiative.

Please contact me on (email and phone) should you wish to discuss further.

Yours Sincerely,



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3rd December 2021

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**Support Letter for the Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) 2022-23 Budget
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The Link Youth Health Service Inc (The Link) is pleased to support the Youth Network of Tasmania's (YNOT) request for investment in the development of a whole of government youth transitions approach for young Tasmanians aged 18-25 years.

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The Link has worked with YNOT in various capacities on a range of initiatives (ie the *Youth Employment Alliance*, *2021 Tasmanian Youth Sector Symposium* and the *Tasmanian Youth Forum*).

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The Link wish YNOT all the best in securing funding for this initiative.

Please contact me on should you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,



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Supporting Youth, Families and Communities Towards a Better Future

1 December 2021

**Support Letter for the Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) 2022-23 Budget Priority Statement:
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Youth, Family and Community Connections Inc. (YFCC) is pleased to support the Youth Network of Tasmania's (YNOT) request for investment in the development of a whole of government youth transitions approach for young Tasmanians aged 18-25 years.

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YFCC has partnered with YNOT in various capacities on a range of initiatives (ie the *Youth Employment Alliance*, *2021 Tasmanian Youth Sector Symposium* and the *Tasmanian Youth Forum*). YNOT's leadership, established networks and expertise in the community youth services sector ensure that they are well placed to lead this important piece of work.

YFCC wishes YNOT all the best in securing funding for this initiative.

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,

Ros Atkinson
Chief Executive Officer