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Noel Mundy – New President of TasCOSS

TasCOSS today announced that Noel Mundy has been elected its new President.

“I am thrilled to be elected to fulfil the important role of President of TasCOSS,” said Noel Mundy.

“Community service organisations in Tasmania face a number of critical challenges that I want to work to address in the coming years.”

“The reality is that government funding arrangements do not cover the full cost of providing services. We need a new approach to funding community service organisations so that they are strong, sustainable and professional organisations that provide high quality support to vulnerable Tasmanians”.

“The government needs to place a much higher value on the work of community service organisations and start investing in it as it does other industries”.

“I am a strong believer in organisations working together to build a stronger Tasmania and I will continue to ensure that TasCOSS has strong relations with its members, other community service organisations, local, state and federal government, the business sector and consumers.”

“In the coming six months I will be working hard with the excellent staff and Board of TasCOSS to advocate for a new fairness agenda in Tasmania in the lead up to the State election”.

“With too many Tasmanians living below the poverty line we need to see Tasmanian political parties make firm commitments to tackle the big cause of social exclusion.”

“I will be working with Tom Muller, our CEO, to lobby for a comprehensive approach to social inclusion that:

- Puts social housing on a viable and sustainable footing to house more vulnerable Tasmanians,
- Prioritises additional funding for schools from disadvantaged areas to lift education outcomes where it matters most,
- Reforms the concession system for water and sewerage and electricity, including providing support for people not on reticulated water,
- Funds a health promotion strategy for Tasmania to address Tasmania’s poor health outcomes, and
- Appropriately funds community service organisations to deliver high quality services.”

Noel Mundy, biographical information:

“I am very proud to have lived all my life in Tasmania and I am passionate in using any opportunity to see all Tasmanians reach their full potential.

“I am the State Director for Mission Australia in Tasmania and greatly enjoy spending time with staff on their various service delivery roles as they impact on the lives of their clients.”

“Prior to joining Mission Australia in 2000 I worked in numerous roles within the Commonwealth Employment Service.”

“I am also the proud father of 3 daughters and one of my motivations is to ensure I work towards providing a fairer Tasmania for them to grow and develop.”

“I have been involved in a number of Boards and committees including the Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Council (ATDC), State Government and sector working parties and have been Chair of the Kingston Primary School Association since the establishment of that group 5 years ago.”

“I look forward to working in partnership with all TasCOSS members, funding agencies and the broader Tasmanian community to be a voice for Tasmanians affected by poverty and inequality.”

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