



# TASSO NEWS

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Cutting the 70th Birthday Cake. Photo L-R: Richard Pickup (Life Member), Jenny Bowie (Life Member), and Lisa Gillard (President).

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our first edition of our monthly e-newsletter, firstly I would like to welcome our new committee member Eloise (South), Ben (North) and Chris (North-West), it's fantastic to get parents who are engaged with their local schools, we also welcome back Lindie to our committee. Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> August was our Annual Conference and AGM where we saw the changing of the guard, we said goodbye to Ant Dry who had the top job for the past two years and I have now officially taken on the role of President. Congratulations to our conference subcommittee who did a wonderful job putting it all together. Steve Biddulph was our keynote speaker a very entertaining and informative session, highly recommend attending his workshops. We had a range of motions presented which will be covered further in this newsletter. We have one more round of Community Empowered School workshops which will be taking place later this month in Hobart and Launceston. We have held the first round of forums in each region on the implementation of the new Education Act, Regulation, Instructions and new constitution. TASSO are looking at holding further forums in each region so please keep an eye for those dates. With the committee I am looking forward to working on a variety of strategies on bettering communication and raising our profile. We'll continue our support for parent engagement and consultation in public education, by working closely with the DoE and other stakeholders. Please remember we are only a phone call away for advice or help with any other issues that may be happening.

-Lisa Gillard, TASSO President

## UPCOMING TASSO EVENTS

- **CES Workshop**  
The Tramsheds Function Centre  
4 Invermay Rd, Launceston  
20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 6:30pm-8:30pm  
RSVP 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2017
- **CES Workshop**  
Professional Learning Institute Hobart  
9 Timsbury Rd, Glenorchy  
18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 6:30pm-8:30pm  
RSVP 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2017

RSVP: DoE employees enrol on the PLI website  
Non-DoE people [pli@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:pli@education.tas.gov.au)



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## FAQ

Q. Where did the TASSO logo come from and how long has it been around?

A. TASSO's current logo was designed in late 2003, early 2004 and has been in place since early 2004 when it replaced the original logo from 1947. Since 2004 it has been adapted to have the name TASSO instead of Tasmanian State School P&F.



Q. What does the logo mean?

A. TASSO's logo is all about support and community that is why the logo is an image of an adult reaching out to a child (though the logo is affectionately referred to as the bat). The colour purple was chosen as it is believed to be both soothing and apolitical.

Q. What does my school need to do to prepare for and implement Education Act 2016?

A. Good news there is a checklist at the end of this newsletter. There will also be more forums hosted by TASSO on this topic before the end of the year.

All of the motions put to TASSO's AGM were carried. Information on the content of these motions can be found on our website.

<http://www.tasso.org.au/>

## FRIENDS OF TASSO EVENTS



- Perfectionism in Gifted Children
- 7<sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm
- Goulburn Street Primary School
- Presented by Sarah Muskett a psychologist with Windsor Child and Adolescent Psychology, working with adolescents and children. She has a special interest in educational psychology and is very experienced with gifted children.
- RSVP at <https://www.trybooking.com/RRDX>



- 26TEN Week: Read write, count - families together
- 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> of October
- For more information check out 26TEN's website <https://26ten.tas.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

All submissions to TASSO News to be made no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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# EDUCATION ACT 2016 AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

"Keep your eyes out for upcoming TASSO forums"

## Education Act Implementation 2016 - School Association Committee Actions

	<b>ACTIONS:</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>When</b>	✓
<b>1. General information</b>				
1.1	Read the overview document		Start of Term 3	
1.2	Make the Education Act an Agenda item at the next Committee meeting and discuss the changes and supporting information.		During Terms 3 & 4	
1.3	Move towards the new naming requirements provided in the Act 'School Name School Association' Note the need to stop using 'Inc' and beginning to include the following statement 'Name of School Association is an incorporated school association established under section 110 of the Education Act 2016 (Tas)'.		During Term 3	
<b>2. Secretary Instruction</b>				
2.1	Read the Secretary Instruction and assess where the current operations of the School Association are in contradiction to the new Secretary Instruction. <a href="https://documentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/Documents/School-Associations-Secretarys-Instruction-No-7.pdf">https://documentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/Documents/School-Associations-Secretarys-Instruction-No-7.pdf</a>		Start of Term 3	
2.2	Work towards changing practices to be in line with the requirements of the Secretary Instructions.		During Terms 3 & 4	
<b>3. Ministerial Instruction</b>				
3.1	Read the Ministerial Instruction and assess whether your School Association is undertaking restricted activities. <a href="https://documentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/Documents/School-Associations-Ministerial-Instruction-No-12.pdf">https://documentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/Documents/School-Associations-Ministerial-Instruction-No-12.pdf</a>		Start of Term 3	
3.2	If undertaking a restricted activity on 10 July 2017 apply to the Secretary for approval in accordance with the Ministerial Instructions.		During Terms 3 & 4	
3.3	From 1 January 2018, stop undertaking any existing restricted activity, if no approval has been granted by the Secretary.		1 January 2018	
3.4	If planning to undertake a new restricted activity apply to the Secretary for approval before commencing the activity.		Ongoing from 10 July 2017	
<b>4. Constitution</b>				
4.1	Read the new model constitution published on 10 July <a href="https://documentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/Documents/Model-Constitution-of-School-Associations.doc&amp;action=default">https://documentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/Documents/Model-Constitution-of-School-Associations.doc&amp;action=default</a>		During Term 3	
4.2	Consider whether any amendments are required to the model constitution to suit your school (in line with the Regulations) eg The School Association Year or increasing the Committee size from 11 up to 15		During Terms 3 & 4	

4.3	If amendments are made to the model constitution you will be required to seek feedback from Legal Services to confirm your proposed new constitution is in line with the Regulations.		During Terms 3 & 4
4.4	Provide notice and hold a general meeting of the School Association to vote (ordinary resolution – majority vote required) on the proposed new constitution		During Terms 3 & 4
4.5	Submit proposed new constitution to the Minister for approval		By end of Term 4

Thank you to these groups for supporting TASSO's Annual Conference and AGM 2017.



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