

You are invited to attend an important community event to discuss issues regarding changes in today's educational and mental health environments to support improvements in Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) in our communities.

The AsPac 2010 and Discussion Forum 2010 identified a growing concern that children may need more support to achieve SEWB with the acceleration of technology and its infiltration into contemporary culture.

Forum objectives are to create a dialogue into:

- promotion of SEWB as a policy goal for governments;
- increasing SEWB through positive parenting;
- increasing SEWB in early learning, schools and the community;
- promoting SEWB through positive and early interventions;
- developing evidence, research and advocacy for SEWB; and
- developing, communicating and co-ordinating SEWB support services.

Dr Frank Madill, Tasmanian doctor, retired politician, community worker and author, will facilitate the forum, which will feature lead speakers, panel discussions and group sessions for your input.

The Forum will commence at 9.00am on 4 October 2013, with lunch at 12.30pm, and will conclude at 4.30pm.

Location

**Punchbowl Convention Centre
Punchbowl Road, Launceston**

There is no cost to attend the forum.

Richmond Fellowship Tasmania (RFT), as one of Tasmania's leading providers of mental health support services, is convening the forum.

To register your attendance, please contact:

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by Friday 27 September

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DISCUSSION FORUM

4 October 2013

**Driving Change for Wellbeing:
Schools and Communities
Working Together**



Resulting from The Richmond Fellowship Asia Pacific International Mental Health Conference and Discussion Forum (AsPac 2010)

Lead speakers

Elizabeth Daly

Elizabeth is currently the Acting Children's Commissioner with responsibility for community oversight of issues that relate to the health and wellbeing of children in our communities.

Elizabeth is an educator with an extensive range of experience as a teacher and also as a senior manager within the education sector in Tasmania.

Danny Sutton

Danny is the Chief Executive of Richmond Fellowship Tasmania and brings an economic perspective to improving the management of the health and education systems to achieve wellbeing in our communities.

Danny has had extensive experience in executive management roles in the public and private sectors and is currently a Board member for Flourish the mental health consumer's representative organisation.

Session 1: Wellbeing in Our Community

A panel discussion on the key areas of youth justice, mental health, education and parenting involving by Magistrate Michael Hill, Susan Crave from the Tasmanian Health Organisation (Northern Region), Colin Pettit the Secretary of the Department of Education and Ian Dalton from the Australian Parents Council.

The objective of the panel is to describe and discuss wellbeing from a range of key perspectives and to provide information and ideas on the why this is an important area of focus for our communities.

Session 2: Wellbeing Programs in Our Community

A panel discussion involving a range of leaders of community programs that support wellbeing including Sharon Dutton from Anglicare, Cindy De Jong on empowering parents, Lorraine McNamara on the Flinders Island transition program, Sue Jacobs on offshoot partnerships and Avoca Primary programs.

The objective of the panel is to provide a practical perspective on the programs that are making a difference in our communities and the insights and advice of practitioners on our focus for the future.

Session 3: Planning for Wellbeing

Discussion groups for participants to have their input on the community, technology, education and government level priority actions that are required to support wellbeing in our community.

The objectives for these groups is to look at what practical steps can be taken in terms of future practical programs, the use of technology as a positive tool for reform, education system needs and the role of governments in terms of policy, programs and future planning for community wellbeing.

Driving Change for Wellbeing: Schools & Communities Working Together

DATE	Fri 4 October 2013
VENUE	Punchbowl Convention Centre
KEYNOTE	Elizabeth Daly , Acting Tasmania's Commissioner for Children
PROGRAM	
9.00 - 9.10	Opening – Ian Munday, President Richmond Fellowship
9.10 - 9.45	Keynote – Elizabeth Daly
9.45 - 10.30	Wellbeing in Our Communities Youth Justice – Michael Hill Mental Health – Susan Crave Education Department – Colin Pettit Australian Parents Council – Ian Dalton
10.30 - 11.00	MORNING TEA
11.00 - 12.00	Wellbeing Programs in Our Community Anglicare – Sharon Dutton Empowering Parents Program – Cindy de Jong and Alicia Fischer Flinders Island Transition program – Lorraine McNamara Off-shoots partnership – Sue Jacobs and Janette Kenyon Avoca Primary – Mrs Nicole Edgar
12.00 - 12.30	Prevention Strategies Make Economic Sense – Danny Sutton Chief Executive RFT
12.30- 1.00	LUNCH
1.00 – 3.30	Planning for Wellbeing (Group Sessions) Wellbeing in the Community Wellbeing in the Virtual Community Wellbeing in Education Wellbeing Goals for Government Plenary Session
3.45	CLOSE