



New Funding for Carers Tasmania

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The Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to support all Tasmanians, especially those who are vulnerable.

With the Budget back on track, we can now afford to reinvest more in support and services to those who need it most.

The 2016-17 budget provides new funding of \$50,000 per annum for three years to Carers Tasmania. This funding will allow Carers Tasmania to continue to support hardworking Tasmanian carers, including its role supporting the work of the Carers Advisory Council.

This Advisory Council was established to support the implementation of the *Tasmanian Carer Policy 2013* and *Tasmanian Action Plan 2013-2018*, with the Action Plan aimed at improving the quality of life for carers by working in partnership with Government agencies, GBEs and State-owned companies.

The funding commitment will help ensure that Tasmania's carers continue to be supported and the important work of the Carers Advisory Council continues.

Approximately 74,000 Tasmanians provide care and support to family members and friends who have a disability, mental or terminal illness, chronic condition, substance abuse issue or who are frail or aged.

People can take on caring roles at any time of life. Tasmania's carers come from a multitude of backgrounds, with people from varied age brackets, income levels and professional backgrounds.

Tasmania has more carers per capita than any Australian state or territory and the Tasmanian Government acknowledges and thanks these dedicated individuals for their self-sacrificing and community-building service.