

THE PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA - HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ADJOURNMENT SPEECH - VOLUNTEERING TASMANIA POP UP REFERRAL

Mr Deputy Speaker, I also want to speak and pay a tribute to Volunteering Tasmania and to promote a new pop-up referral service that I had the privilege of launching last Thursday at the Sorell Community Health Centre.

The service acknowledges the importance of volunteers in the local community. The Hodgman Liberal Government is a very strong supporter of volunteering and provides funding support of \$310 000 a year to Volunteering Tasmania to aid its role as a peak body for the volunteer sector, and to support, encourage and to help to manage volunteers.

The pop-up referral service launch was a wonderful day because so many community groups, service organisations, church groups came along to support it. The pop-up service will be available from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on the third Monday of every month at the Sorell Community Health Centre. I want to give it a plug and encourage people from the Sorell Community, Midway Point and the Tasman Peninsula to make use of it.