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1. PRISM 17 - Exhibitor Applications Closing Date Extended

Click here for the [Exhibitor Expression of Interest application form](#) for further details.



Open to those aged 16 and over who identify as being on the autism spectrum.
Contact Autism Tasmania on **1300 288 476** or visit autismtas.org.au

There will also be a school aged section, details to be released soon.

2. NDIS Peer Support Groups - February 2017

Our NDIS Peer Support Groups are back for 2017. Dates and venues are:

NDIS Platform Group

When: 12:00 - 2:00pm - Wednesday 15 February

Where: Autism Tasmania meeting room, NCN Building, 59D Amy Road, Newstead (up Waterworth Lane)

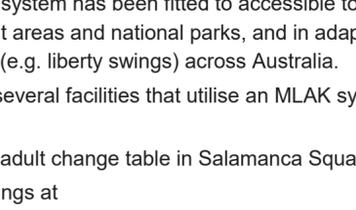
Southern NDIS Peers

When: Tuesday 21 February 6:00pm start

Where: Autism Tasmania, 21 Goulburn Street, Hobart

3. Positive Partnerships - Free workshop for Parents/Carers

If you are a parent/carer of school aged children on the autism spectrum, this workshop is designed to help you foster productive school, family and community relationships to provide the best kind of



support for your child.

When: Tuesday 28 February 2017

Where: Tasmanian Racing Club - Glenorchy

Cost: Free

To Register: [Follow this link for details](#)

4. Access to public facilities in Hobart for people with a disability

What is a MLAK?

The Master Locksmiths Access Key (MLAK) provides access to specific public facilities that have been provided to support people with a disability.



The MLAK system has been fitted to accessible toilets in local government areas and national parks, and in adaptive playground equipment (e.g. liberty swings) across Australia.

There are several facilities that utilise an MLAK system. Hobart facilities include:

- hoist and adult change table in Salamanca Square Toilets
- liberty swings at
 - Long Beach Reserve, Long Point Road, Sandy Bay.
 - Montrose Foreshore Park, Montrose.
 - Simmons Park, Lindisfarne.
 - Dru Point Bicentennial Park, Margate.

More facilities will be included with an MLAK system over time.

How to get an MLAK key in Hobart

Free MLAK keys are provided to Hobart residents to keep and can be loaned to visitors and tourists.

You can obtain your MLAK key from the City of Hobart Customer Service Centre – corner Elizabeth and Davey streets.

For more information contact the Community Development Division at Hobart Town Hall on 03 6238 2100.

5. Tascare Sibling Support Program

The program aims to support families by recognising the need of siblings to have regular time for them which is not impacted by their brother or sister's additional needs. The sibling support program aims to achieve this by providing regular social and recreational activities specifically for the siblings of children and young people with developmental disabilities.



Participation is open to the siblings of children and young people with developmental disabilities.

Activities will generally be available to children between the age of 6—16 years (unless specified otherwise for each activity. Eg. Surf School is for children over 8).

Please register siblings for this ongoing program by contacting Tascare on 6272 8265 or emailing admin@tascare.org.au. You will then be notified directly of future activities and programs. They welcome any ideas and suggestions that your child/ren would be interested in participating in

6. The Chameleons: Women with Autism - The Feed SBS

Created and broadcast by SBS Viceland in May 2015, the program The Feed looks at three different generations of women on the autism spectrum. [Video link.](#)

7. News: Autism Diagnosis spike linked to change in understanding of spectrum, study finds - ABC The World Today 24 January 2017

Professor Andrew Whitehouse, lead author of the study, explains the increase in autism diagnostic rates in recent decades is due to



recognition of the full spectrum of autism rather than an actual increase in its occurrence. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

8. Fenced Playgrounds in Hobart



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- Seymour St Playground - Brighton*
- Cornelian Bay Playground - Cornelian Bay*
- The Boat Park - Dodges Ferry*
- Apex Park - Huonville*
- Simmons Park - Lindisfarne*
- Dru Point Reserve - Margate*
- Soudy Park - North Hobart*
- Long Beach Playgroud - Sandy Bay*
- Pioneers Park - Sorell*
- The Train Park - West Hobart*

- Roseneath Park - Austins Ferry*
- Cameron Park - Berridale*
- Waterworks Reserve - Dynnyrne*
- Risdon Brook Dam - Risdon*
- Long Beach Playground - Sandy Bay*
- Pioneers Park - Snug*
- Bachelor Way Playground - South Hobart*

And many more! Check out the Playgrounds in Hobart Facebook Page!

