



## Women's Health Tasmania

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### ***Women's Health Tasmania. Inc - Reflecting the reality of our work***

**At 1.15 pm on 15<sup>th</sup> June Minister for Health Michael Ferguson will launch the new name *Women's Health Tasmania* (until now known as Hobart Women's Health Centre) at 25 Lefroy Street North Hobart.**

"After 28 years of operations based in North Hobart it is time to embrace the breadth of our work by renaming the organisation," Glynis Flower Executive Officer said today.

Although based in the South the health promotion charity has offered a range of services throughout the State from its inception. These have included direct service delivery, systems advocacy and health information. Health promotion activities of various kinds at the Centre have always been a feature.

16 years ago the YWCA Encore program for women recovering from breast cancer began under the Centre auspices in the South and 10 years ago another programme was initiated in the North of the State. With the help of the Cancer Council Tas., a much needed Encore service was introduced in the North West.

Over 7 years ago the Centre took over the management of the State Government's Women's Health Information Line providing telephone and electronic support and information about women's health issues and appropriate services. Given the Centre's commitment to a social view of health, the information covers wide range of topics such as housing, education, work, family, and community options.

"In recent years there has been a significant increase in outreach work which involves professional development for community and health workers, as well small group work with specific groups of women.

In difficult financial times, major adjustments have been made in order to work more strategically. Our partnerships and funding sources have widened and a great deal of planning has enabled these changes and we are always open to new opportunities.

We will not be able to replicate the Centre in other regions but we aim to service different parts of the State in different ways and this is reflected in the new name Women's Health Tasmania. We are very grateful for the ongoing support of successive State Governments for their funding support."

Glynis Flower Executive Officer

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