



Women's Health Tasmania

Our New Name

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

On June 15, 2016, the Minister for Health Michael Ferguson launched the Hobart Women's Health Centre's new name Women's Health Tasmania. The new name will reflect more accurately the work we now undertake across the state.

For several years we have been building our work in other regions through outreach programmes, professional development services, consultation and the state-wide Women's Health Information line. Our YWCA Encore Breast cancer programme has been offered in the South and the North for about 14 years and we have added Encore programmes in the North West in the last 4 years.

We have always tried to represent all Tasmanian women through our advocacy and advice to government and we are constantly seeking ways to capture the priorities for women in more remote areas. We have provided material to women's conferences and networks such as the CWA and Women in Agriculture. In the last 12 months alone, women from almost 70 different postcodes from all regions of Tasmania have accessed our services.

Our funding body DHHS requires us to especially work with the women most at risk of poor health and so we have developed our work to ensure we reach a wider group of women. We take our work to workplaces, the women's prison, supported houses, community houses, schools and colleges, TAFE and the University. And we work closely with appropriate partners to achieve our goals.

Obviously with limited funds there is also a limit to the range of activities we can provide and we will need to adapt the way we work to extend our reach. It is however, no longer true that we are a Hobart service, or indeed that running a centre in a fixed location, is an accurate description of our activities.

It is a big step to change a name with so much history and such loyal supporters but thankfully they have offered us their full support.