

JANIE FINLAY MP

LABOR MEMBER FOR BASS

December Newsletter 2021



MERRY CHRISTMAS

With the start of a New Year almost upon us, I recently reflected on the past year and my short time officially serving Bass. It is a position I look forward to continuing for many years to come.

For me, this year has been a year of learning and coming together as a community. We are fortunate to live in a region that so readily gives to others and supports one another in a time of need. It is a place that enables us to achieve our goals, unites us to fight injustices and gives us a place to feel safe and secure.

As we look towards 2022, let's put the events of the past two years behind us. We have much to be grateful for and a bright future ahead. There is plenty happening in Bass that continues to make our electorate the best in the state.

In 2022, I will be officially opening my new office at 253 Wellington Street, South Launceston. This is the space where the old Petuna fish shop once sat and I am thrilled to take over such an iconic space. I invite you all to come in and say hello.

It has been an honour to represent you in 2021. I am forever grateful for your support and your faith in me. From one family to another, I wish you a safe festive period and a Happy New Year.

- Janie

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Such a buzz to celebrate one year since the opening of the Bendigo Bank Agency in Beaconsfield hosted by the lovely Taylor, Lisa and team at Beaconsfield Hardware Nursery and Building Supplies.

BASS

The electorate of Bass covers a large area from Launceston, the West Tamar and George Town through to the Dorset community and Flinders Island. I have immensely enjoyed getting to know some of the characters in these areas, who make up the fabric of their community. Whether it be attending the Ringarooma Show, an awards presentation, visiting a Neighbourhood House or sitting down for a coffee with a chamber of commerce, I have loved hearing your stories and passion for your region.

If I haven't already met you, I would love to in 2022 and urge you contact my office to arrange an appointment on 6324 2060 or email me at janie.finlay@parliament.com.au



Great to welcome JackJumpers Simon and Scott to Launceston.



Lovely to meet the guys at the Dorset Community Garden.



Catching up with Sue at the George Town NewsXpress.



Had the best time at the Flinders Island Show.

PORTFOLIOS

SHADOW MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND WATER
SHADOW MINISTER FOR SMALL BUSINESS
SHADOW MINISTER FOR STARTUPS

It is a privilege to use my expertise under the Shadow portfolios of Small Business, Startups and Primary Industries and Water to enact positive change on your behalf. Since being elected, I have used the past six months to meet with a number of stakeholders, find out what challenges need to be overcome and the opportunities that lay ahead.



Visiting Costa Berries at Devonport with Cameron Folder.



Delighted to officially open the first ever Rhino Pizza at Legana - congrats to Kerry and Bec Luck.



Love hearing people's stories. Wonderful to meet Enable Ag Founder Ram and Mrudula.



Spent time hearing from farmer Scott Colvin about the transmission lines across his property at Nosswich.

OFFICE CLOSED

**Our office will be closed from
5pm on Wednesday, December 22, 2021
until 9am on Monday, January 10, 2022.**

**We wish you safe Christmas and New Year
and look forward to assisting you in 2022.**





Doing a media event on Parliament Lawns in Hobart advocating for small business.

IN PARLIAMENT

When I am in Hobart for Parliament, I try to contribute as much as I can. As a result, my days are varied from making contributions in Parliament House or participating in media events. I am not afraid to ask the the hard questions to keep everyone accountable. Most of all, I love meeting with stakeholders and visiting members from our local community to hear more about how they are making Tasmania the best place to live. This is just the beginning.



Loved spending time with students from the Launceston Preparatory School when they visited Parliament House.



Remembrance Day at Taroona.



It has been an honour to represent my constituents on issues important to you in the Parliamentary chamber.

BECOME A JANIE VOLUNTEER

We're on the search for volunteers to help Janie as she makes a positive impact for Bass in Parliament House.

Interested in being involved?
Email janie.finlay@parliament.tas.gov.au
to find out more.





Team Janie supporters and volunteers.

TASMANIAN LABOR

I love being part of Tasmanian Labor and part of the wider Labor family where we all contribute to a better future. Whether it be campaigning on housing, health, skills, jobs or looking after workers, we believe in a fair go for all. You can make an impact in 2022 by electing Ross Hart as your Federal member for Bass and making Anthony Albanese our next Prime Minister.



With Adrian Hinds and Federal Labor Leader Anthony Albanese.



With Tasmanian Labor Leader Rebecca White, MP.



With Bass Labor MP Michelle O'Byrne, Federal Labor candidate for Bass Ross Hart and Federal Labor Senator Helen Polley.



Both Michelle O'Byrne and I love representing our constituents in Bass.

CORONAVIRUS

We are now welcoming tourists back to the state. While this time comes with mixed feelings, it will enable us to reconnect with loved ones, many whom we have not seen since the pandemic hit. It will allow our small businesses to flourish during a busy summer trading season and for our primary producers to continue to feed the nation with our incredible produce. I urge you to support them.

I acknowledge for some that the reopening of the state's borders will be unsettling, but I want to reassure you that with our strong sense of community and our own accountability, we've got this. Below is some information that can help guide you.

VACCINATIONS

Tasmania has now reached over 90 per cent of people who have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccination. Well done Tasmania! If you have not had your first or second vaccination, I urge you to consider rolling up your sleeve and book an appointment by calling the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738.

CHECK-IN TAS CARD

Tasmanians and visitors to Tasmania are required to check in using the Check in TAS app when they visit a range of businesses. Although smartphones are the most effective way to check in, there are circumstances where an alternative is needed.

The State Government has introduced the Check in TAS Card for those who would benefit from a card they can use to check in as an alternative to using a phone.

Visit the Coronavirus website <https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au> or call the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738.

BUSINESS SUPPORT

A range of support is available for Tasmanian businesses affected by COVID-19. These range from financial assistance, mental health training and advice. For more information on what is available, visit <https://www.business.tas.gov.au>. Alternatively you can contact your representative body to find out what is available for your sector.

NEED TO VACCINATE, BOOK A COVID TEST OR WANT MORE INFORMATION?

If you need more information or you need to book a COVID Test or vaccination, contact the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738.

The best way you can protect yourself, your loved ones and the wider community is to be double vaccinated, use the Check in TAS app or Check in TAS Card when visiting the supermarket, shops or restaurants; stay at home if you are unwell and continue to practice good hand hygiene.

WELCOME ROCHELLE

In November, Rochelle Galloway joined the office as electorate officer.

Rochelle comes to the Tasmanian Labor team having worked in media for 10 years and most recently with health insurer St.LukesHealth.

In her spare time, Rochelle enjoys learning new skills, reading books, horse riding and spending time with her family and friends.

"I look forward to serving the community of Bass for many years to come and meeting constituents in the New Year," Rochelle said.



Electorate officer Rochelle Galloway.

