

# JANIE FINLAY MP

Christmas Newsletter 2022



## Giving back when it matters most

I am always amazed at the talented people that live and contribute to our communities. As 2022 comes to a close, I have spent the past couple of weeks attending End-of-Year Assemblies at our schools where I have been star struck by the singing, dancing and performances of our future generation. It is such a joy to watch.

Indeed, 2022 has been a fantastic year and I am incredibly proud of the work that the Labor team has done to better Tasmania.

In my portfolio areas of Primary Industry and Water, Small Business and Startups - and most importantly - as your representative in Bass - my team and I have worked hard to ensure that your voices have been heard and where possible a solution found. Most notably, I am proud of the work we did with rock lobster fishers, who raised concerns about the 60-pot rule and that I could work with small businesses to highlight their challenges with securing workers, accommodation and rising energy prices.

It was also great to welcome a number of Federal Labor colleagues to the state this year and spend time with Senator Murray Watt back in October, where he met with a number of stakeholders under the primary industries portfolio.

Most recently, I want to thank those members and stakeholders who attended the Bass Labor Christmas Party. Between us, we managed to raise more than \$500 for the Examiner's Empty Stocking Appeal. What a generous bunch we are!



# Festive spirit alive and well in Bass

Thank you to all our wonderful Labor members and supporters who attended the Bass Labor Christmas Party on December 9.

It was great to spend some quality time with you all before the busy Christmas and New Year period.

How fantastic was it to have the involvement of the Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul, The Benevolent Society and Country Women's Association at the event! A big thank you also to musician Alan for entertaining us on the night.

Thank you to those who supported our Christmas raffle - together we raised \$509 for The Examiner's Empty Stocking Appeal



# 'Wallaby Wings' spread support for Flinders Island business

Flinders Island meat is back on the menu with the resurrection of the island's abattoir.

Reconnecting with the Davis family while visiting for the Flinders Island Show, I was delighted to see how much Game Meats of Tasmania has expanded since earlier this year.

The Davis family packed up their life at Beaconsfield and relocated to Flinders Island to reopen the abattoir. Since then, they have expanded to have seven people working in the business with a pool of casual workers.

Establishing a small business is not easy and the Davis family has been blown away by the support of the community while they are getting up and running.

It was great to see Game Meats of Tasmania's 'Wallaby Wings' on the menu at the local tavern.



Not only are they providing great products and services to the island community, they are providing quality products off the island too.

It is wonderful to witness the growth of this small business and I know the owners are determined to make Game Meats of Tasmania a success for the island and for their family.

For more information, visit Game Meats of Tasmania on Facebook or email [gamemeatstas@outlook.com](mailto:gamemeatstas@outlook.com)



**The office of Janie Finlay MP will be closed from 12pm, Wednesday, December 21 until Monday, January 9, 2023.**

**Wishing you all a safe and festive Christmas and New Year.**



## Event raises thousands for MND research

More than \$175,000 was raised - \$100,000 of that before the event doors were even opened - in honour of Launceston building Surveyor Greg Green.

Greg, who has spent years sharing his experiences in the building and construction industry was diagnosed with MND about six months ago.

Industry colleagues rallied around Greg after his diagnosis and suggested dinner to honour his generosity over the years. What Greg thought would be a few quiet beers at



the pub turned into a sell-out event - the Green Gala - at Country Club Tasmania.

As MC of the event, I was blown away by the extraordinary emotion, bravery and sense of community felt on the night.

The room heard from Launceston's Dr Rosie Clarke, who shared findings from her MND research, as well as Greg who spoke of his gratitude and experience with the disease.

It is time to fight back against this disease. If you would like to donate to Fight MND and raise funds to help find a cure, visit [www.fightmnd.org.au](http://www.fightmnd.org.au)



## TASMANIANS SHOULD PAY TASMANIAN PRICES FOR TASMANIAN POWER

Sign the petition at my office or visit [taslabor.com/stop-the-power-bill-shock](http://taslabor.com/stop-the-power-bill-shock)

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# Friends of RAW to make difference

Launched at the end of November this year, the Friends of RAW program engages frontline community members to be part of a community-driven suicide prevention program.

In consultation with key industry stakeholders, the program was created to address an unmet need from frontline workers experiencing individuals sharing the harsh impacts of situational stressors and mental health challenges.

The program is designed to empower individuals to bridge the gap and connect people into RAW's support services.

RAW, known as Rural Alive and Well, assists to build healthy and resilient rural communities



as a way to reduce the prevalence of suicides through low-cost, low-stigma mental health and suicide prevention programs that are person-centred and non-clinical in care.

Friends of RAW is currently looking for individuals who work along rural, remote and primary industry workers to join its program.

- **For more information, contact Leanne Landherr at [lhandherr@rawtas.com.au](mailto:lhandherr@rawtas.com.au) or call 0477 003 779.**

# Rock Lobster fishers heard in government changes

Congratulations to Tasmania's small rock lobster fishers for standing up and having their voices heard.

Earlier this year, the Liberal Government consulted with the rock lobster industry regarding the fisheries existing rules, which expired in November this year.

While most of the proposed rule and policy changes were welcomed, the proposal to expand the 60-pot area across the entire state was contentious.

After relentless community campaigning and advocating on behalf of these fishers in Parliament, the Primary Industries and Water Minister finally backed in our small regional communities and fishers.



This process had caused immense stress to those fishers, regional communities and businesses reliant on our rock lobster fishers.

Again, congratulations to our fishers and rock lobsters groups for being brave enough to stand up and voice their concerns.

# We Need You!

Ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes in a political office?

Janie's door is always open and she welcomes people who would like to volunteer their skills and expertise to creating a better Bass and a better Tasmania.

For more information, contact Janie's office.



# STOP THE STADIUM

The Government has its priorities wrong

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