

Hobart City Council and the Hobart Chamber of Commerce get behind Colony 47

The Hobart City Council and the newly incorporated Hobart Chamber of Commerce Ltd are working together to develop strategies to support Colony 47.

Alderman Marty Zucco said that following the announcement of the proposed closure of Colony 47's Community Central Program, the Hobart City Council moved to prepare an urgent report on how Council may be able to assist Colony 47 in the short term.

"Colony 47 is an important organisation in this City and the opportunity now exists to work with the State, businesses and other organisations to continue services to those members of our community" Alderman Zucco said.

The MOU between Council and the Hobart Chamber of Commerce was signed in December 2010 to collaborate on initiatives such as exchanging information, exploring opportunities for city marketing, building stronger links between the business community and the Council and joint advocacy initiatives.

CEO of Colony 47 Therese Taylor is welcoming the support from this partnership and said that in the week since the announcement there has been a groundswell of public support for Colony 47.

"There seems to be an unspoken consensus from the public that Hobart needs a program like Community Central for those members of our community to go to and feel supported" Ms Taylor said.

Colony 47 is part of the fabric of the Tasmanian community delivering quality, targeted services to marginalised members of our community through an integrated network of over 26 programs, employing over 170 dedicated staff.

Colony 47 has been housing Tasmanians for the last 40 years and understands the needs of our community and its people.

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