



## Tasmanian Home Education Advisory Council

### Letter from the Chair

One of the joys of serving on the Tasmanian Home Education Advisory Council (THEAC) is that I do get to have a look at some of the HESPs (Home Education Summary and Program) that are submitted. It is wonderful to see the richness and variety of the home education programs that are being implemented right now throughout the state. There are some of you out there who are so imaginative in the way you are creating new learning opportunities for your children, sometimes not in the easiest of circumstances, that I find really inspiring and humbling. There are others of you that have been home educating for many years; your commitment and stamina, your ability to be flexible in adapting to the changing needs of your children as they grow and develop, is admirable.

Change is something that THEAC has had to grapple with over the last couple of years as our role has shifted from primarily functioning as a regulatory body to an advisory body. Our main function is to utilise our experience and understanding of home education to advise the Office of the Education Registrar (OER), especially in relation to all new families wishing to home educate, and offer any specific advice that the Registrar might need. I am really pleased to say that the current Registrar and the OER staff are very positive in their outlook, trying to help and support families who choose this option.

I would urge you to keep an open mind, thinking ahead to how you one day might be able to contribute your expertise. Keep a look out for opportunities to serve on the Council yourselves, maybe, ensuring the culture of home education within THEAC remains vitally fresh and relevant, continuing to deliver expert advice into the future.

THEAC and the OER are hosting three forums around the state at the end of June, details of which you will have already received. The primary focus of these are to present ideas to help in HESP writing; but as usual they will be good opportunities for you to come along, to ask your questions and meet us face to face.

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THEAC (Chair)

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