Tasmanian Men's Celebration Night Saturday, March 22nd 2025



Background and Overview

Over recent years there has been a growing use of the term "toxic masculinity", and understandably, for some good reasons. However, there is a greater voice that needs to drown out that toxicity with "healthy masculinity", both in language and in action.

We're pleased to say there have been and continue to be many men's groups around Tasmania that have been active in identifying, encouraging and promoting what healthy masculinity looks like, and we applaud those endeavours.

The Plan

It's time now to gather as a collective group of organisations and men across the state in one place at one time to do 3 things...honour, encourage and promote, both the work and the workers, whose shoulders we now stand on.

We need to ...

- 1. Honour the men who have served in the trenches for decades, pioneering some of the necessary work amongst our men, and laying a strong foundation for others to build on.
- 2. Encourage and resource our younger men with tools and wisdom and our practical life experience to affirm them in living out healthy and wholesome lives, and leading others to do the same.
- 3. Promote the various groups that men can tap into to access the much-needed help and hope that will turn this country around and help heal our broken men. Groups that have remained "under the radar" can now be accessed for support.

We'll gather representatives from the political arena, various churches, sporting bodies, health and wellness organisations, prison fellowship and the business sector, both corporate and private, to stand as one in unity to be more effective in reaching the men who need our help.

The need for men's support has become paramount in turning the tide across our nation to allow men to be themselves, the fathers, husbands, sons and workers they are mandated to be, and our responsibility is to do all we can to encourage that outcome. It's a shared role and responsibility between all represented on the night.

The Night

The suggested format will be

- 6pm 6.30 Gather, connect, share
- 6.30 7.00 Pizza and soft drinks/juice served
- 7.00 8.15 Seated presentation with interviews and keynote speakers
- 8.15 8.30 Questions
- 8.30 9pm Supper/informal conversations and catch ups/ trade tables



The conversations had, relationships established, resources offered and understanding gained will be invaluable in continuing this important work of building strong men in our communities.

This is strictly a catered for, registration only event and seats are limited, so unfortunately, we won't be able to cater for unregistered guests. Please register at https://directionstas.com.au/event-registration-form/ or scan the QR code and go to the Events/Rego Forms page to secure your seat, pay your \$30 rego fees, and we look forward to hosting you on the night.

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