

Organisational overview, July 2017.

Interested in seeing support for men and boys improved in Tasmania?

Men's Resources Tasmania is a community based, not-for-profit organisation that supports and promotes the wellbeing of men and boys in Tasmania. We're looking for new people with a few hours, energy and commitment to join the organisation, and to help us develop and grow towards our goals.

MRT contributes a male voice to community conversations and public sector policy development, particularly around social, health and wellbeing issues relevant to men and boys. We operate primarily through volunteer involvement, with some support from member organisations. A brochure about MRT is available on the front page of the [website](#).

Our Vision

An inclusive, healthy and thriving Tasmania

Our Mission

To improve the health and wellbeing of all Tasmanians by focusing on men and boys.

Our strategic goals

Resources

- To be a conduit of information and general resources for service providers and men and boys in the community
- To create networks and communication channels between men, boys and service providers

Advocacy

- To understand the views and concerns of men and boys regarding their health and wellbeing needs
- To effectively represent the views of Tasmanian men and boys to service providers, decision makers and community groups

Community awareness

- To increase community awareness of the role, function, purpose and intent of Men's Resources Tasmania
- To attract members, financial and in-kind support to sustain Men's Resources Tasmania

What skills and resources are we looking for?

- Policy writing skills
- Networking and lobbying skills
- Website redevelopment skills
- Fund raising/grant writing skills
- Event management skills
- The ability to represent particular groups: young people, CALD community, Tasmanian Aboriginal males would also be beneficial

Board positions and responsibilities

- Membership must be current to become a board member (do not need to be male)
- All board positions are voluntary
- Board members are responsible for the governance of the organisation as outlined in the Incorporated Associations Act and at <https://www.nfplaw.org.au/governance>
- As the organisation is unfunded, and relies on the contributions of time and effort of its members; board members are required to be active contributors to the development of the organisation
- The time commitment expected would be an average of 4-6 hours a month, with more time required when particular activities are required. MRT is looking for commitment from board members to help build the organisation as an important and respected contributor to the Tasmanian community
- MRT is registered with Centrelink to be able to provide supervision for meeting mutual obligation requirements

Board meeting details

- Election periods are currently one year
- We have President, Vice president, Treasurer, Secretary and currently three general board members
- Quorum requires four members of the board
- We are required to meet four times a year constitutionally

Activities of the last year

- Submission to Parliamentary Inquiry into Future Gaming Markets
- Submission to the Legislative Council Child and Family Centre Inquiry
- Partnered with Stop Male Suicide to host forum in Hobart
- Social media posts and Newsletters/e-news
- Occasional representation on Family Violence Community Consultative group
- Partnered with Healthy Tasmania on a stall at Flinders Island Show
- Fundraising BBQs at two Bunnings stores

Our current and future activities

- Redesign, rewrite and printing of the [Blokes Book](#)
- Planning Annual State-wide Network meeting
- Planning an event for International Men's Day (19 November)
- Present recommendations to Tasmanian political parties with recommendation for MRT to run a consultation with Tasmanian Males, and to establish an office
- Coordinate a state-wide network meeting
- Be present at stalls and events where resources allow

Our financial position

Current bank balance: \$20,465.56

Assets: \$0

Liabilities: Delivery of the Blokes Book \$18000

We re currently seeking deductible gift recipient status

Thanks for your interest in Men's Resources Tasmania. We hope you will join us either on the board, or as an active and supporting member.

For more information contact the President, Jonathan Bedloe at 0429 581 095, info@mrtasmania.org

Some useful links:

www.mrtasmania.org

www.facebook.com/mensresourcestasmania/

[Our constitution](#)