

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We love the enthusiasm of our team and what's possible when we come together. When each person brings their gifts, skills and passions to faithfully serving the community, mountains are moved.

Already this year, we've worked together to hold our most successful Fundraising Garden Party ever, harvested our first 200 kilograms of potatoes from the Food Relief Veggie Garden, and helped hundreds of young people see more of their potential on the Ropes Courses.

Fiona is one of our valuable team members, volunteering her time in the Food Relief Veggie Garden. Here she shares what it's meant for her and invites you to find your place too.

*"Consider joining the family of volunteers - because when Fusion Southern Tasmania says **Together There's Life**, there is not a truer statement. Under the cover of a great cause, there is a group of people who improve the lives of those who set foot on Forest Glen, not just those who are given fresh vegetables. Self-worth is improved, acceptance of quirks is a given, laughter surrounds you and inexplicably, joy in life can be rediscovered.*

If you think you can't help because you don't know plants, or vegetables, or how to make jam, or your mobility and energy isn't great, know that these things are just not considered. Every single person brings at least one piece of wisdom which adds to the group. There is information freely given without judgment and you quickly learn that this is just a group of people of all ages figuring it out together.

Join us. Thank you Fusion Southern Tasmania for giving me back my joy in life." - Fiona

Thank you to Fiona and every other person who has found their place with us.

We are reminded every day that together we are the body of Christ in this place.

"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they make one body. So it is with Christ...God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be."

1 Corinthians 12:12, 18

As we each find our place and freely bring our skills, values and commitment, we enrich each other and bring the kingdom to this place.

Will you join us?

David and Susan Rowe

Team Leaders, Fusion Southern Tasmania

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Above: Picking our first potatoes at Forest Glen

Discovery is the Adventure

It has been an incredibly busy term on the Adventure Based Learning Facility, with hundreds of students visiting Forest Glen from schools, colleges and other groups.

In February, St Mary's College in Hobart brought their Year 7 students to experience all that the program has to offer. In small groups, the girls took on the challenges of working together on the Low Ropes elements, before stepping up to face their own fears and doubts on the High Ropes.



“After more than 40 years in education in and around Hobart, I did not know what to expect. I was very much impressed by the staff attending.

The Low Ropes activities were so successful in promoting achievement, which was very well reinforced by the facilitators, and in uniting groups that were previously more disparate.

Following lunch, the High Ropes were a complete success for nearly all the girls. One student who refused to climb twice, then agreed on the third element. After climbing up, she came down the tree again, with her achievement cheered by her peers.

This was one of the very best student activities I have been involved with in my 45 years in education in Tasmania.” - Ken, Attending Staff Member, St Mary's College Hobart

It's encouraging to hear such positive feedback, and to know that the skills and values of the Fusion team are reflected in the quality of what young people are experiencing weekly at Forest Glen.

If you are looking to build teamwork skills, awareness or self-belief with groups from your school, workplace or church, visit <https://discoveradventure.fusion.org.au>. Explore the options for your group and book online or email for more information.

Listening to Young Voices

It was a pleasure to welcome Federal Shadow Minister for The Environment and for Youth, Angie Bell to Forest Glen in January. Angie joined with local young people and our Fusion staff, sharing her story of finding her place and listening to the needs of young people in Tasmania.

We're thankful for leadership that prioritises listening to the voices of the next generation.

Right: Angie Bell pictured centre with local young people



Community Comes Together

The sun was shining for our Annual Fundraising Garden Party at Forest Glen on Valentine's Day.

The community turned out in force in February to support local people doing it tough at our most successful Garden Party ever. This year's event was a sell-out, with over 120 people of all ages joining us for an amazing afternoon in the garden.

Thanks to the generous support of our local community, together we raised over \$12000. All proceeds from the event will be used to continue the life-changing work of the Food Relief Veggie Garden.

A big thank you to Emily de Lacey for providing our live entertainment, and to the team of volunteers who helped prepare the Garden, set up for the event and make and serve the food.

It really was a community effort, and we can't thank our sponsors enough for their generous support too.

Thank you to our MAJOR Sponsors, WT Partnership Hobart, Lighthouse Signs and Tassal. And to the sponsors and supporters who made the afternoon tea SUMPTUOUS and the Auction a fun and memorable experience! Including: Lipscombe Larder, Treats on Franklin, TasCaffe, The Tiers Tea Lounge, Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory, SH Handyman and Garden, Essie's Pavers, Kookaburra Cottage, Koonya Garlic Festival, The Farmhouse Kitchen, Pennciotts' Tours, Earthenry Flower Farm, Boutique Treats by Ange, and Art of Tea. And to the many, many private donors.

If you would like to be part of the Food Relief Veggie Garden this year, come along to our next Working Bee on Saturday 11 April or email susan.rowe@fusion.org.au. We'd love to welcome you to the team.



Potatoes Are Go

Thanks to the expert advice of a local agronomist, we recently transformed one of the Forest Glen paddocks into a potato field and have already dug our first potatoes. Over 200 kilograms have been dug to date. The load pictured headed to KCC in March for local families in need, and there are more still to come.

Be part of a Working Bee and you'll not only enjoy a Saturday morning in the great outdoors with others, but you'll be serving your neighbours too.



Because No One Rises Alone

To work out who you are, what you can do and where you belong are foundational needs for everyone.

But for students who don't fit the mold, school is a difficult place to adequately answer these questions. Instead of thriving, these young people too often fall through the cracks.

This is where Fusion Mentoring has provided a different pathway for young people who don't find their natural fit in the classroom. Built around hands-on projects and guided by skilled volunteer mentors, the program has seen previously disengaged students come alive to their potential over the last 12 months.

The demand for the program is greater than ever this year and to meet this need, we hope to extend to providing Mentoring on two days a week. To do this we will need additional local people to step up as mentors. If you have a day a week available (during school terms only), some hands-on handy-man, kitchen or garden skills, and a willingness to guide a young person as they learn and grow, we would love to talk with you.

By investing in a young person, you can be part of empowering them to rise to their potential and thrive. Email david.rowe@fusion.org.au to find out more, or visit the website and start your mentor journey.

Because no one rises alone.

"The mentors involved in the Fusion Forest Glen Mentoring Program provide something many of these students desperately need — consistent encouragement, practical guidance, and the steady presence of a trusted adult. Mentors offer relational support, real-world experiences, and a belief in the student's capacity to succeed."

Leaora Adams-Bell
Southern Christian College

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29 March	2 August	17 May	27 September
28 June	1 November	Fusion Mob Days are outdoor activities for young people in school Grades 7 to 12. Group games, challenges and fun!	



FUSION MOB DAYS

Outdoor activities for anyone in school Grades 7 to 12. Featuring group games, challenges, fun and friendship.

All fully supervised by Fusion team and volunteers.

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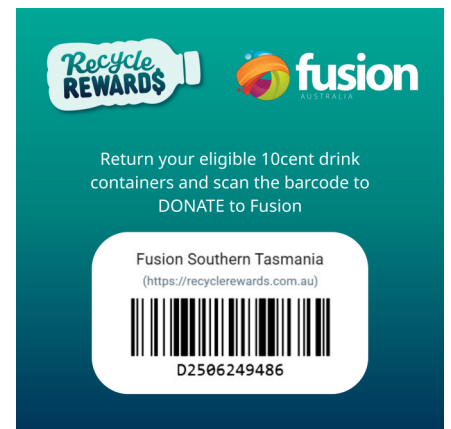
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