



# WELCOME TO TASMANIA

A guide for overseas qualified nursing staff

Department of **Health**



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#BETASMANIAN

**The whole world needs you.** You can be a healthcare professional anywhere. What's different about Tasmania is our culture and lifestyle.

Choosing to pursue your health career in Tasmania means choosing connections with your colleagues and your patients. Our smaller teams mean you can have access to, and work closely with, decision-makers, and be involved in the development of new programs. Your morning commutes don't involve hours in traffic, and your time outside of work can be spent surfing or hiking, taking classes, writing novels, learning to fly-fish, or taking part in the community.

Being a healthcare worker is among the most meaningful careers in the world. We invite you to do it in a meaningful place.

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## Working in the Tasmanian Health Service

The Tasmanian Health Service (THS) is a fully integrated system that delivers a range of services. These are divided into three key regions across Tasmania: North, North West and South.

Our services range from public health and preventative services to primary health and community care. This also includes emergency health services, specialist services and hospital-based treatment in public and private hospitals, residential, rehabilitation and palliative care.

Care is delivered across acute, subacute and community and primary health settings with most healthcare delivered outside of the hospitals in GP rooms, community health centres, private clinics, aged and residential care facilities, and in the home.

In all we have over 300 facilities across Tasmania that provide high quality, accredited services, with exceptionally skilled staff, that are closely integrated with their local communities and the other parts of the health system.

When you join the Tasmanian Health Service you will be joining more than 16,000 highly skilled professionals delivering health services in one of the world's most exciting and breathtaking locations.

## Healthcare facilities

Tasmania has 4 major public hospitals with a supporting network of rural hospitals and multipurpose services.

Our major public hospitals are:

- [Royal Hobart Hospital](#)
- [Launceston General Hospital](#)
- [North West Regional Hospital](#) (Burnie)
- [Mersey Community Hospital](#) (Latrobe)

Our district public hospitals are:

- [Deloraine District Hospital](#)
- [George Town District Hospital](#)
- [King Island District Hospital](#)
- [New Norfolk District Hospital](#)
- [North Eastern Soldiers Memorial Hospital](#)
- [Midlands Multi-Purpose Centre](#)
- [Smithton District Hospital](#)
- [St Helens District Hospital](#)
- [St Marys Community Health Centre](#)
- [West Coast District Hospital](#)

## Ambulance Tasmania

Ambulance Tasmania provides emergency ambulance care and transport services and a non-emergency patient transport service. They operate a network of urban, rural and remote ambulance stations.

This is a free service to residents within Tasmania and its islands. The 000-emergency phone number connects with Ambulance Tasmania's 24-hour state operations centre for emergency ambulance response anywhere in Tasmania including the Bass Strait islands.

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## About Tasmania

### The lifestyle

It's different here. Tasmanians have built an enviable lifestyle and culture around the small and the special, from seafood and sparkling wine to heritage architecture and the most adorable animals you have ever seen.

This is a place of stunning natural beauty in every direction, from mountains to the sea. You will replace your long commute with a late-afternoon hike through the rainforest, or a glass of Tasmanian pinot noir. Your children will surf on pristine beaches. Perhaps you'll join them. You can spend evenings with the symphony orchestra, in the oldest theatre in Australia, or on trips to well-preserved Georgian villages. On the weekend, you will stroll through markets, meeting artisans and producers, or visiting one of the most delightfully strange cultural institutions in the world – MONA, the Museum of Old and New Art.

You can pursue your existing passions and discover new ones in a place where people still make eye contact and look out for one another.



### The community

The word you most often hear about the distinctive nature of Tasmanian communities is 'connected'.

It's never been easier to be digitally connected. Tasmania offers something more authentic, more human. When you commit to this place something special happens. You experience it in business, in the arts, in social ventures, in public service, in our schools, and on our ovals.

You'll feel it walking your dog or when you're out for a morning run. You'll feel it on the street as you buy your coffee. You'll feel it at work and on the sidelines as your children compete. You'll understand it when you need help, and when you have the opportunity to help someone else.



## The outdoors

Tasmania offers a compelling invitation for those seeking unparalleled outdoor opportunities. Australia's only island state was separated from the mainland during the last Ice Age, over 12,000 years ago. Located about 250km to the south, it is this separation and unique location that has helped forge Tasmania's own fiercely distinctive character.

About 40 per cent of the island is protected in national parks and reserves, and vast tracts of wilderness have UNESCO World Heritage status. Remarkably, much of it is within easy reach of the island's cities.

From the rugged peaks of alpine ranges to the serene beauty of wetlands, coastal heaths, and vast temperate rainforests, the island is a playground for exploration. For a relatively small place, you will notice differences between West Coast and East Coast Tasmania, between the North West, the North, and Southern Tasmania. What's exciting is you can travel between our regions in a single weekend. Hiking enthusiasts can

traverse scenic trails, while water lovers can indulge in kayaking, sailing, or simply basking on pristine beaches. If you'd like to extend your adventure across your new home, you can jump in an airplane for short flights to King Island for the most stunning round of golf of your life, or to Flinders Island, for a deeply rewarding cultural experience.

Tasmania's outdoor appeal extends to its diverse wildlife, providing opportunities for bird watching and encounters with unique fauna. With a climate that encourages year-round outdoor activities, including camping and fishing, Tasmania stands as a haven for those seeking a lifestyle immersed in nature's wonders. The outdoor opportunities in Tasmania not only promote physical well-being but also offer a chance to connect with the environment and embrace a harmonious, nature-centric way of life.

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## The food

Becoming Tasmanian is a delectable decision. Our island is a culinary haven, celebrated for its fresh and locally sourced produce that graces the tables of its diverse array of restaurants and cafes. Tasmania's fertile soil and temperate climate cultivate an abundance of high-quality ingredients, resulting in a thriving food scene characterized by innovation and authenticity.

From succulent seafood straight from pristine waters to farm-fresh vegetables and delectable meats, the island's gastronomic offerings are a feast for the senses. Complementing this culinary richness is Tasmania's flourishing wine industry, renowned for its cool-climate varieties.

Vineyards dot the picturesque landscape, producing world-class wines that pair perfectly with the local cuisine. Immerse yourself in the vibrant food and wine culture of Tasmania, where every meal is a celebration of the island's bountiful harvest and a testament to the passion of its culinary artisans. In Tasmania, the joy of savouring exceptional food and wine becomes a daily ritual, inviting newcomers to embark on a delicious journey that mirrors the island's commitment to quality and authenticity.

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## The climate

Tasmania has a temperate climate, deeply influenced by the Southern Ocean. It never gets too hot or too cold here, and both plants and wildlife find it a delicious place to live. We think you will too.

Tasmania shares the same latitude as Mediterranean cities like Barcelona and Rome, but in the Southern Hemisphere. The surrounding oceans means Tasmania avoids the scorching heat of many parts of Australia, or the deep freeze winters that effect Northern Hemisphere countries. Though sometimes it can seem as though we get four seasons in one day, Tasmania does have four distinct seasons throughout the year — meaning there are striking visual contrasts in the natural environment as one season transitions to the next.

### SUMMER

December to February – summer is the season of fun and festivals such as Launceston’s ‘Festivale’, Hobart’s ‘Taste of Summer’, the Mona Foma festival and the Sydney to Hobart yacht race. The average temperature in summer is a moderate 23 degrees Celsius but temperatures can occasionally reach the mid-to-high 30s.

### AUTUMN

March to May – autumn is a settled season with calm, sunny days and blue skies. The trees blaze red, orange and gold and the state’s delicious produce is at its best. The days are warm and the nights are cool.

### WINTER

June to August – winter brings snow to highland peaks. The famed kunanyi/Mount Wellington behind Hobart is often covered in snow, while skiers go to Ben Lomond, near Launceston, for alpine winter sports. Winter days are often crisp with beautiful clear blue skies. You will need to dress warmly with the right shoes, and always be prepared for a brief shower of rain.

### SPRING

September to November – gardens, fields and vineyards around the state look magnificent as they come into bloom. This is the time of year where you can literally experience four seasons in one day – so keep an umbrella, a jacket and a sunhat handy!

Visit [Bureau of Meteorology](#) for further information regarding Tasmania’s weather.

# Planning for arrival

## Traveling to Tasmania

### GETTING HERE

As Australia's only island state, access to Tasmania is by air and sea only. Discover Tasmania provides an [overview of the options](#) available when you're ready to travel.

### ACCESSING TASMANIA BY PLANE

Tasmania is serviced by a number of commercial airlines, with regular daily flights from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Gold Coast, Canberra, and Perth, which easily connect you to international routes.

The state's biggest airports are in Hobart and Launceston. Smaller airports are located at Burnie (Wynyard) and Devonport in the state's north, and King and Flinders islands in Bass Strait.

The following airlines fly to Tasmania:

- [Jetstar](#)
- [Link Airways](#)
- [Qantas](#)
- [Regional Express](#)
- [Virgin](#)
- [Bonza](#)
- [Sharp Airlines](#)

For more information visit the [Hobart Airport website](#) and [Launceston Airport website](#).

### ACCESSING TASMANIA BY BOAT

The Spirit of Tasmania ferries travel daily from Devonport to Geelong (one hour from Melbourne) and each carry over 1,400 passengers. This option allows passengers to bring their cars. The journey usually takes nine hours. More information and prices are available on the [Spirit of Tasmania website](#).

## Housing

Some important things to consider when you have decided where to live include:

### BUYING OR RENTING

[Consumer, Building and Occupational Services](#) provide useful advice about renting in Tasmania and buying a property.

[Realestate.com.au](#) and [domain.com.au](#) are the main websites that list houses for rent and for sale.

### ORGANISING UTILITIES

If you need to organise the connection of energy and water services before you arrive:

- [Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania](#) provides information about household energy and local energy providers .
- [TasWater](#) provides water and sewerage services across the state and has a helpful guide if you're moving to a new house.
- CBOS also has a list of licenced [retail gas suppliers](#) around the state.

## Moving with pets

If you're moving with pets, Biosecurity Tasmania has a [quick guide](#) that covers what you need to know. If you're bringing your dog, you'll need to register it with your [local council](#) once you arrive.

If you're bringing your cat, the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment has [information for cat owners](#) in Tasmania.

## Government Agencies

Once you become Tasmanian, you will need to register with a number of Government agencies.

### MYGOV ACCOUNT

As a permanent resident you are eligible to apply for a My Government or [myGov](#) account. A myGov account allows you to access multiple Government services from the one account login. These services include: Centrelink; The Australian Tax Office; Medicare; Child Support and many other Government agencies.

### CENTRELINK

[Centrelink](#) is the Australian Agency that provides financial and other assistance to Australian Citizens and Permanent Residents if required.

### AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE

You will need to generate a [Tax File Number](#) (TFN) which is your personal reference number in the tax and superannuation systems. As a permanent resident you are eligible to apply.

### SERVICE TASMANIA

[Service Tasmania](#) provides individuals with a one-stop access point for government transactions, services, and information. Its goal is to streamline everyday interactions between the Tasmanian community, particularly in rural and regional areas, and the government. Individuals can conduct their business with the government in person at one of the service centres, over the phone, or through Service Tasmania Online.

## Healthcare

### THE AUSTRALIAN HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

The Australian Healthcare System is a world leader in the delivery of healthcare services and Australia has the third highest life expectancy in the world (trailing Monaco and Japan).

### MEDICARE

Introduced in 1984, Medicare is Australia's universal health care system, offering affordable and high-quality care to residents. The system covers free or subsidised treatment by medical practitioners, including hospital care, consultations, tests, and surgeries. Financed through income tax, the Medicare Levy, and private financing, it aims to provide accessible health care at a reasonable cost, allowing individual choice through private sector involvement.



### PRIVATE HEALTHCARE SERVICES

There are a range of private health service providers offering day procedures including in fertility treatments, cancer services, ophthalmology, mental health, urology, dental, and plastics. Healthscope Tasmania, Calvary Health Care Tasmania and Health Care Australia also provide private hospital services in Tasmania

### NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE

#### SCHEME (NDIS)

The NDIS provides funding to eligible people with disability to gain more time with family and friends, greater independence, access to new skills, jobs, or volunteering in their community, and an improved quality of life.

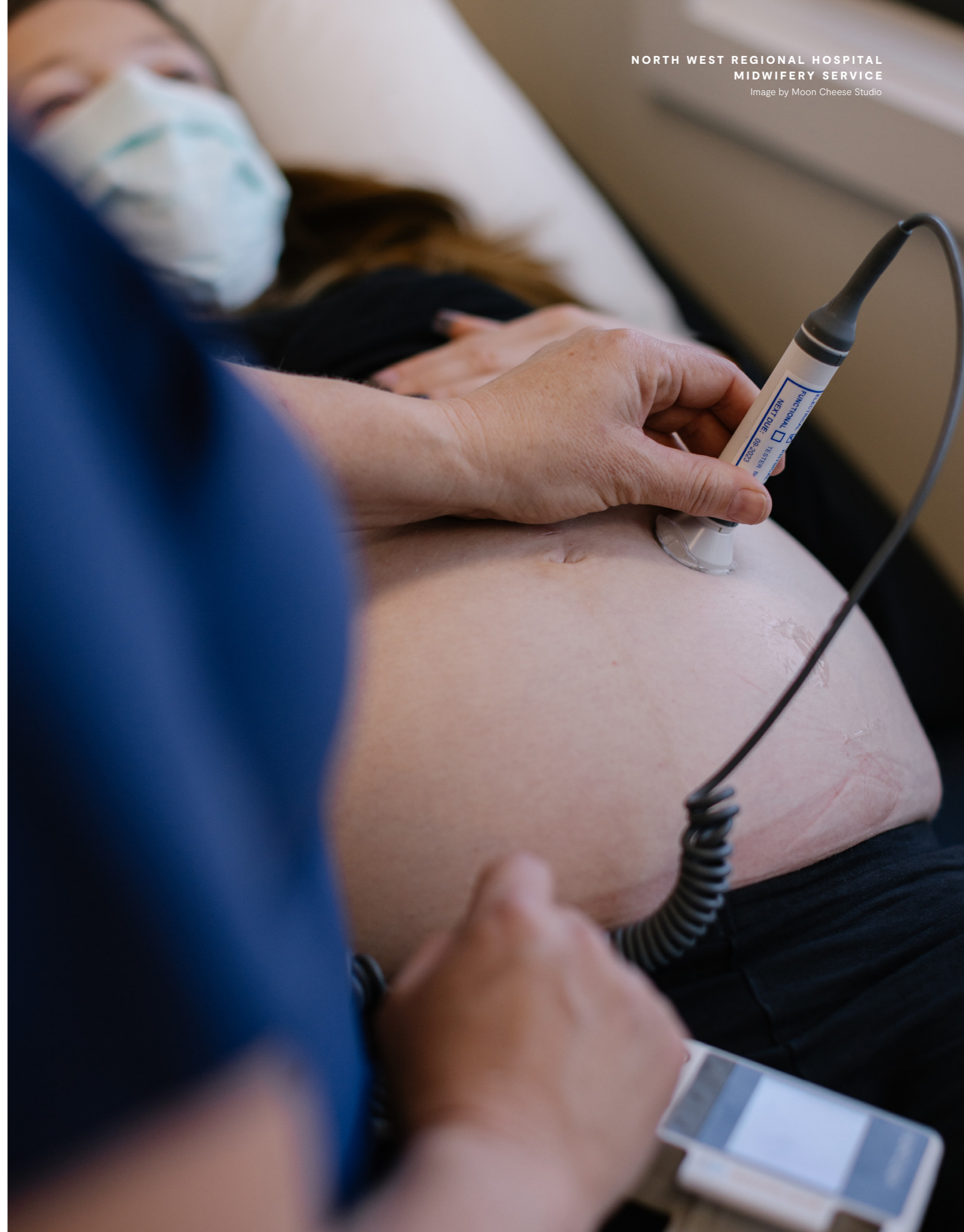
The NDIS also connects anyone with disability to services in their community.

This includes connections to doctors, community groups, sporting clubs, support groups, libraries and schools, as well as providing information about what support is provided by each state and territory government.

### PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFIT SCHEME

#### (PBS)

Medicare subsidizes prescription medications through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), following the National Medicines Policy. Australians pay a portion of prescription costs, with the PBS covering the rest, up to \$30 for general patients and \$7.30 for concession card holders. Medicines not on the PBS schedule require full payment. Public hospital medicines are usually free, and war veterans have access to a concessional rate through the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS).







## Childcare

The Australian Government's [childcare finder](#) can help you find your nearest suitable childcare, including:

- centre-based day care
- family day care
- in home care
- outside school hours care

[Starting Blocks](#) provides information on the different childcare quality ratings that may help you find the right childcare for you and your family.

To gain access to any Child Care Subsidies, you will need to register your child with Centrelink and be given a Customer Reference Number (CRN).

For state-specific information on raising children in Tasmania, visit [littletasmanian.com.au/resources](http://littletasmanian.com.au/resources).

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## Education

### GOVERNMENT STATE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

The Tasmanian Government provides schooling for students from kindergarten to Year 12.

- primary school (ages 4 to 11)
- junior high school (ages 12 to 15)
- senior high school (ages 16 to 18) where students work towards the nationally recognised Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE).

The [Department for Education, Children and Young People](#) has information on how to enrol your child in a Tasmanian Government school.

### PRIVATE SCHOOLS

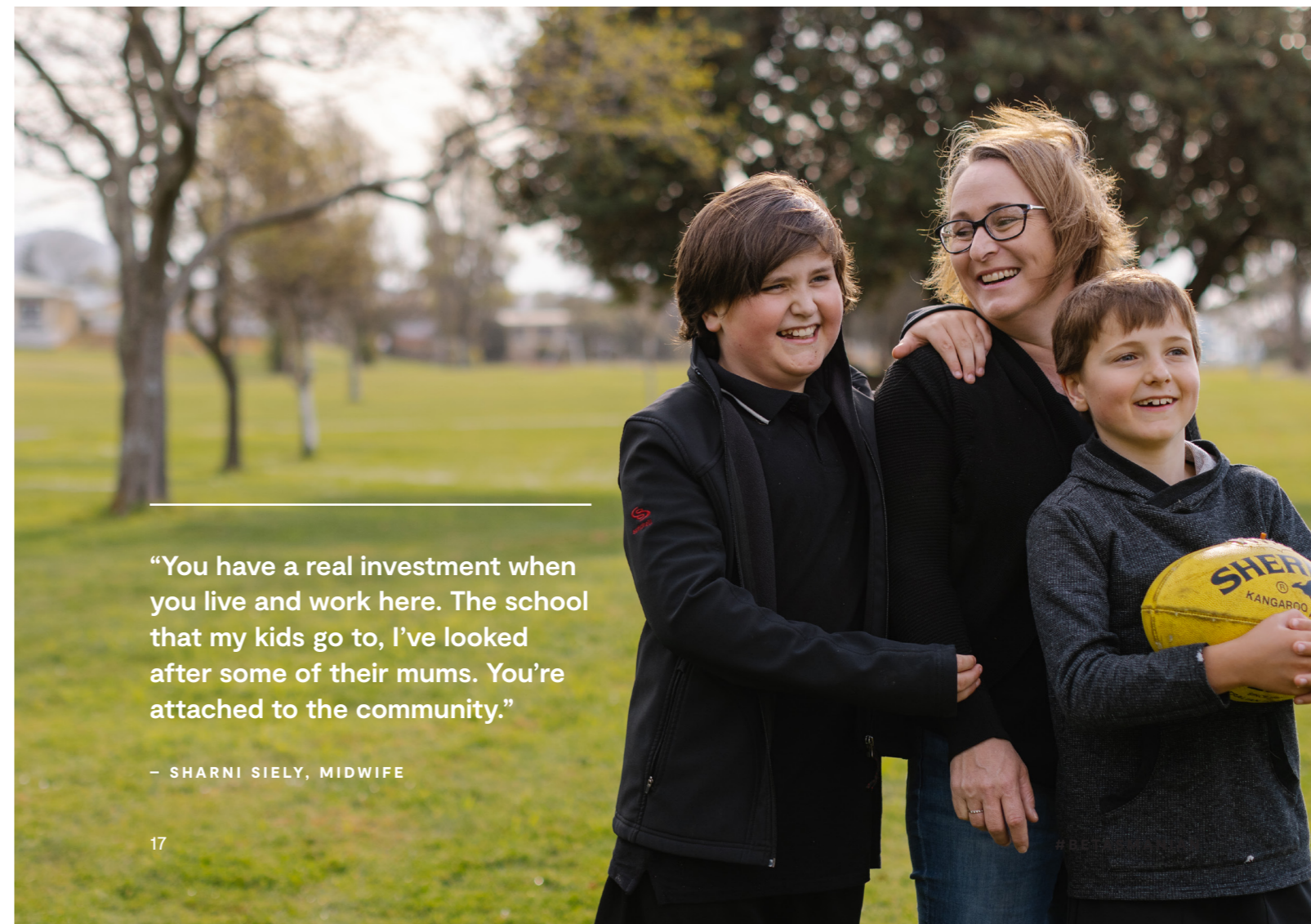
Tasmania also has faith-based and other independent schools around the state, many of which have strong demand for places in both primary and secondary years. [Independent Schools Tasmania](#) can provide more information on private schools.

### UNIVERSITY

The [University of Tasmania](#) offers undergraduate, postgraduate and research study options with real-life learning and close industry connections. There are campuses in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie.

### TAFE

[TasTAFE](#) is the largest provider of education and training services in Tasmania. It offers over 200 nationally accredited and industry-endorsed qualifications. Courses range from Certificate I to Advanced Diploma level, as well as short courses across more than 30 industry areas.



“You have a real investment when you live and work here. The school that my kids go to, I’ve looked after some of their mums. You’re attached to the community.”

– SHARNI SIELY, MIDWIFE

“My walk to work takes me down by the waterfront. You look at that view and it sinks in... this is actually where I get to live and work.”

– MARTIN BANEZ, INTERVENTIONAL NEURORADIOLOGIST



## Support for students

### STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

The Department for Education, Children and Young People supports schools to build inclusive school communities where all students with disability are supported to learn, contribute and take part in all aspects of school life. Support is provided through:

- [resourcing to schools](#)
- [specialist services](#)

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

[Government Education and Training International](#) (GETI) specialises in connecting international students with flexible education at Tasmanian Government public schools and TasTAFE.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT WITH SCHOOL

#### COSTS

The Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) provides help for low-income families with students in kindergarten through to Year 12. The Department of Education provides helpful [guidelines on the STAS](#).

### STUDENT BUS PASS

Your child may be eligible for a student bus pass giving them free travel on bus services between home and school, from 6am to 7pm on school days. Find out how to apply for the student bus pass at [Transport Services](#).

## Finding a job for family members

### POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

The Tasmanian State Service (TSS) is the largest employer in Tasmania, with over 30,000 employees and over 200 types of jobs, from administration to zoology. Visit [Tasmanian State Service Jobs](#) to see the current opportunities.

The [Jobs Hub Network](#) connects local employers together with job seekers providing dedicated employment support services including career counselling, advice on how to get job ready, and transport options.

[Job Search](#) provides helpful resources, including:

- employment provider details
- online learning modules
- career transition assistance.

If you're a teacher looking to move to Tasmania, [Teach in Tasmania](#) can give you insight into working in a Tasmanian government school, where the lifestyle and work opportunities are those that other places in Australia can only dream of.

[Libraries Tasmania](#) can also provide extra resources and support to help you find a job.

If you're looking for inspiration, the [Tasmanian website](#) has information on different industry sectors and stories of others that have made the move.



“We didn’t take the road we thought we’d take to come to Tasmania... But I wouldn’t be anywhere else doing anything else at all. This is where I think I needed to be.”

– BOB MULLER, GRADUATE PARAMEDIC

## On arrival to Tasmania

### Safety in Tasmania

Tasmania has unique native wildlife including wallabies, Tasmanian devils, quolls and wombats. Though some may appear cuddly, always keep your distance and be respectful. Don’t feed or pat our wild furry friends, and be wary as some have a nasty bite. Also, all our snakes are venomous so keep a keen eye out!

Driving is the most common way to get about Tasmania. While it’s easy to move about by car, always be sure to take rests and allow plenty of time particularly on our winding roads. Take rests and try to avoid driving at dusk and night when our wildlife is active.

From time-to-time Tasmania experiences severe weather events. With a large number of Tasmanian homes being in close to proximity to bushland, forest reserves or having a large number of trees on the property, bushfires are a real concern. For information

on preparing a bushfire survival plan and preparing your property, visit the Tasmania Fire Service website. Tasmania can also experience floods and strong, damaging winds.

Tasmania has some beautiful beach and rivers and there is nothing better than going for a swim on a hot summer’s day. Before jumping in the water, make sure you brush up on you beach safety and understand rips and undertows. Be mindful, many Tasmanian beaches are not patrolled by Surf Lifesavers.

We enjoy vast wilderness and some of the best bushwalking in Australia. Soak up our wild places but be sure you’re well prepared with gear, letting others know where you’re going, signing in for walks, and not venturing out alone. It’s best to walk with others and if you’re new to Tasmania, perhaps start out with one of our trusty guides.

### Update your contact details

There is often quite a few organisations and services that you need to notify when you move.

Some key ones to consider are:

#### POSTAL ADDRESS

Organising a [mail redirection](#) with Australia Post can help make your move a little easier. Once set up, your mail will be forwarded from your old address directly to your new address, leaving you free to focus on your move.

#### KEY GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Be sure to also update your details with:

- Medicare
- Centrelink
- the Tax Office, and
- the Australian Electoral Commission

You may want to apply for a [Tasmanian Government Personal Information Card](#) which you can use to provide proof of your identity and age.

### Registering your vehicle

If you have arrived with a vehicle, you must register it in Tasmania within 3 months.

Transport Services have an [interstate transfer checklist](#) to guide you through the steps involved.

### Transferring your driver’s licence

If you’ve moved from another Australian state or territory (or New Zealand), you can only drive in Tasmania on your existing licence for 6 months.

You must [visit a service centre](#) and apply to transfer your licence to a Tasmanian driver licence within that period. Sometimes interstate checks may need to be made, so allow plenty of time for the transfer to be processed.

Transport Services has additional information on converting an:

- interstate or New Zealand licence
- overseas licence

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# Living in Tasmania

## Cost of living

Due to the convenience of having smaller cities, everything is close by and the cost of living in Tasmania is economical.

Things to consider in your weekly living costs are:

- All the costs below are approximate only and in Australian Dollars (AUD).
- Accommodation will be one of your biggest expenses. If you are renting a whole house you could expect to pay around \$550 a week. If you are living in shared accommodation or renting a single room expect to pay \$150-\$250 a week.

Other weekly expenses may include:

- Utility bills (water, electricity, gas) –\$30-\$50
- Internet – \$15 to \$25
- Phone –\$25-\$35
- Public transport –\$20-\$45
- Grocery items – \$70-\$150
- Food and entertainment (eating out, watching movies etc.) – \$50-\$150

The following websites provide useful budget information:

- [Insider Guides Cost of Living Calculator](#)
- [Budget Calculator](#)
- [Numbeo Cost of Living in Tasmania](#)

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## Getting around

### DRIVING IN TASMANIA

Once you changed to a Tasmanian driver licence and transferred your vehicle registrations, you need to be familiar with the [Tasmanian road rules](#).

Tasmania is a great place to explore. Beautiful scenery, changing landscapes and roads, but conditions can take you by surprise. There are a few [simple tips and rules you should know](#) to keep both you and your passengers' safe.

### CAR SALES

New and used cars are available for sale via Car Dealerships and online via Car Sale websites such as [Carsales](#).

### USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Buses and coaches are the main form of public transport in Tasmania as there are no rail services. [Metro Tasmania](#) is the largest public transport provider with bus services that connect communities in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie. You can find information about all bus routes, timetables, fares and other modes of passenger transport via [Transport Services](#).

### BUS SERVICES

- [Hobart Coaches](#) (Hobart regional)
- [Merseylink](#) (Devonport)
- [Metro Tasmania](#) (Hobart, Launceston and Burnie)
- [Tasmanian Redline Coaches](#) (intrastate/tours)
- [Tigerline Tours/TassieLink](#) (intrastate/tours)

### TAXIS & RIDESHARE

- [Hobart Yellow Water Taxi](#)
- United Taxis – 131 008
- Yellow Cab Co – 131 924
- Taxi Combined – 132 227
- [Uber](#)

## Going shopping

There are a number of large retail providers in Tasmania:

### SUPERMARKETS

- Woolworths Supermarket
- Coles Supermarket
- IGA
- Hill Street

### FURNITURE

- Harvey Norman
- Fantastic Furniture
- Amart Furniture
- Freedom Furniture
- Nick Scali
- Temple and Webster (Online only, delivers to Tasmania)
- IKEA (Online only, delivers to Tasmania)

### HOUSEHOLD GOODS & BEDDING

- Big W
- Target
- K Mart
- Myer
- Bed, Bath & Table
- Adairs Bedding and Manchester
- Spotlight – Bedding, Soft Furnishings and Haberdashery
- Bunnings Hardware
- Harris Scarfe
- The Good Guys
- JB Hifi



## Places of worship

There are several different churches and other places of worship throughout Tasmania. Below are the links to the various websites of these denominations.

### CHRISTIANITY

- [Anglican Church](#)
- [Baptist Church](#)
- [Catholic Church](#)
- [Christian Reformed Churches of Southern Tasmania](#)
- [Church of Christ](#)
- [Presbyterian Church](#)
- [Russian Orthodox Facebook Page](#)
- [Soul Church](#)
- [Uniting Church](#)

### OTHER DENOMINATIONS

- [Greek Orthodox](#)
- [Jewish Synagogue in Hobart](#)
- [Hobart Islamic Centre](#)
- [Baha'i Faith](#)
- [Buddhism](#)

## Cultural centres

- [Migrant Resource Centre](#)
- [Multicultural Council of Tasmania](#)
- Sri Ganesha Cultural Center and Worship Place Hindu Temple, Hobart
- Budokan Tasmania Japanese Jujutsu & Culture Centre Hobart

## Other online support

- [Business Tasmania](#)
- [Discover Tasmania](#)
- [Tasmanian](#)
- [Service Tasmania](#)



# Exploring your new home

## Top Tasmanian attractions

### STARGAZING

Look up. In a world where more than 80% of people live with light pollution, the night skies in Tasmania are dark and dazzling. The further south you go, the closer you feel to the unpolluted night sky, sparkling with glittering constellations and the glorious spilt-milk mess of the Milky Way. Tasmania is also one of the few places in the world to see the elusive natural lightshow of Aurora Australis, or the Southern Lights. Chances improve the further south you head.

### WINEGLASS BAY

The perfect curve of Wineglass Bay is a big, brilliant smile on the face of Tasmania. It takes a little effort to see this photogenic landmark, turning a trip to this famous beach into a pilgrimage of sorts. It's the star of Freycinet National Park, which occupies most of Freycinet Peninsula on Tasmania's east coast, and shares the limelight with the pink-granite Hazards range, a clutch of lovely white-sand beaches and abundant wildlife.

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Wineglass Bay / Image by Matthew Donovan

### PORT ARTHUR HISTORIC SITE

Tasmania's most famous convict settlement combines an idyllic coastal setting with a brutal history. About 12,500 convicts served sentences at what is now the World Heritage-listed Port Arthur Historic Site. More than 30 buildings and ruins dot the site on Turrakana / Tasman Peninsula, combining sombre prison scenes with the neat homes and gardens of soldiers and free settlers. Wander the grounds and join a tour to gain full appreciation of this pivotal destination in Australian history.

### CRADLE MOUNTAIN-LAKE ST CLAIR

#### NATIONAL PARK

Encompassing Tasmania's most famous natural landmark – Cradle Mountain – as well as Australia's deepest lake and seven of the state's 10 highest mountains, Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park is one of Australia's greatest natural treasures. It's a park filled with alpine treats, from abundant wildlife to glacial lakes, to slopes that blush yellow and red in autumn as the deciduous fagus turns in colour. Threading through it all is a web of walking tracks, including the celebrated Overland Track.



### CATARACT GORGE

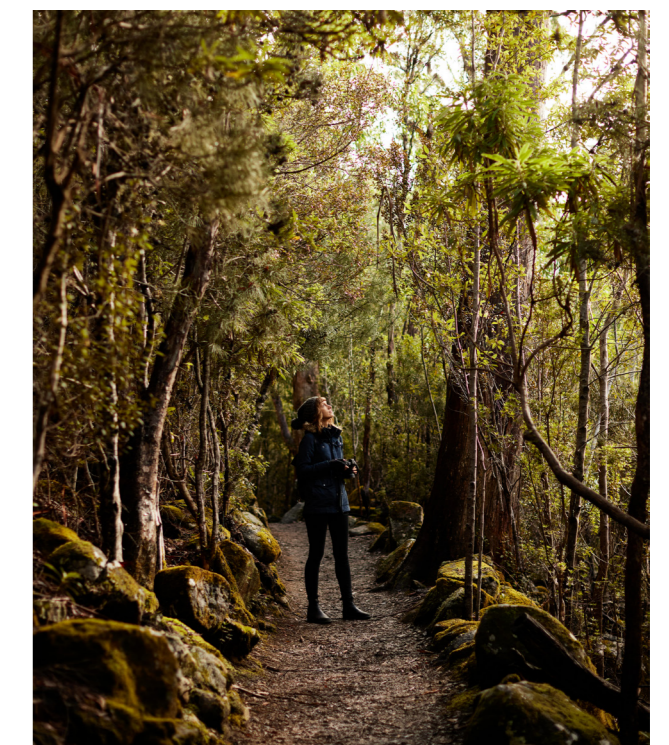
Cataract Gorge is a true urban wilderness – a 5km stretch of thickly forested river reserve wrapped around a dramatic gorge, just a stroll from Launceston's city centre. It's been a place to reconnect, unwind and relax for generations, and it's threaded by walking trails (the Cataract Walk linking Kings Bridge to the Gorge Cliff Grounds is temporarily closed and is expected to reopen in January 2024. All other walking tracks remain open). The reserve features a public swimming pool in summer, a historic rotunda, a cafe and restaurant, and a delightfully slow retro ride from bank to bank on a 308m chairlift, the central span of which is the longest of its kind in the world.

### KUNANYI / MOUNT WELLINGTON

Few cities can equal Hobart for the natural magnificence of its backdrop, with kunanyi / Mount Wellington towering 1271 metres above the city. For Hobartians, "the mountain" is part of daily life: a place to walk, ride mountain bikes, play in the winter snow, and feel the reviving touch of nature, just a half-hour drive from the city centre. Stand almost anywhere in Hobart and you'll see its forested flanks and feel the call of its trails and views.

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Right: kunanyi/Mount Wellington / Image by Sam Shelley



### **TASTING TRAIL**

The list of treats along the Tasting Trail reads like a luxe, well-stocked minibar: truffles, gelati and hazelnuts; olives, wine and whisky; honey, oysters and craft beer; salmon, cider and berries; pickled onions, kimchi and chocolate. Stretching across northern Tasmania from Launceston to Smithton, the driving trail is dotted with almost 50 stops at artisanal producers. Bring it all together with a visit to the Harvest Launceston Community Farmers' Market (aka Harvest to the locals), featuring the best of the region's produce each Saturday in a city-centre car park. catch a gig, eat a burger, dine in style, think, dream.

### **THE GORDON RIVER**

Winding through World Heritage-listed wilderness on the west coast, a cruise on the Gordon River typically offers incredible reflections of the surrounding forest and Huon pines. Boat cruises from Strahan cross Macquarie Harbour, a body of water six times larger than Sydney Harbour, and cut through the inky waters of the river. Cruises include a tour of Sarah Island, an infamous penal colony built to house repeat-offending convicts, and edge through the narrow and notorious harbour entrance known to convicts as Hells Gates.

### **SALAMANCA MARKET**

Salamanca Market is one of Australia's most vibrant and loved outdoor markets. It runs each Saturday from 8:30am to 3:00pm, rain, hail or shine.

The market extends the full length of Hobart's historic Salamanca Place, from the silos end to the top of Davey Street. You will find a huge selection of locally made products and you can meet the makers, the artisans, the designers and producers.

With over 300 stallholders, the market includes fresh produce from local growers, hot coffee, delicious breakfast and lunch options, lots of gift ideas and plenty of handmade products.

### **BRUNY ISLAND**

Nature and nurture meet on Bruny Island, where dramatic landscapes are matched by great produce.

Bruny is effectively two islands – North and South Bruny – bound together by a narrow isthmus called The Neck, with many of its most spectacular landscapes scattered through South Bruny National Park.

The island's local produce is as refreshing as its beaches, cliffs and wildlife, with Bruny producers specialising in oysters, cheese, honey, whisky and chocolate.

### **FLINDERS ISLAND**

This is a special island-off-an-island experience. The largest in the Furneaux Group off Tasmania's north-east tip, Flinders Island rises from Bass Strait in a spectacular line of beaches and mountains. Its rugged coast features white sandy beaches bordered by granite headlands, while in the south, the granite-plated Strzelecki Peaks, the island's highest mountains, emerge direct from the sea. Settle into island time, find a beach to yourself, and let Flinders weave its natural magic.

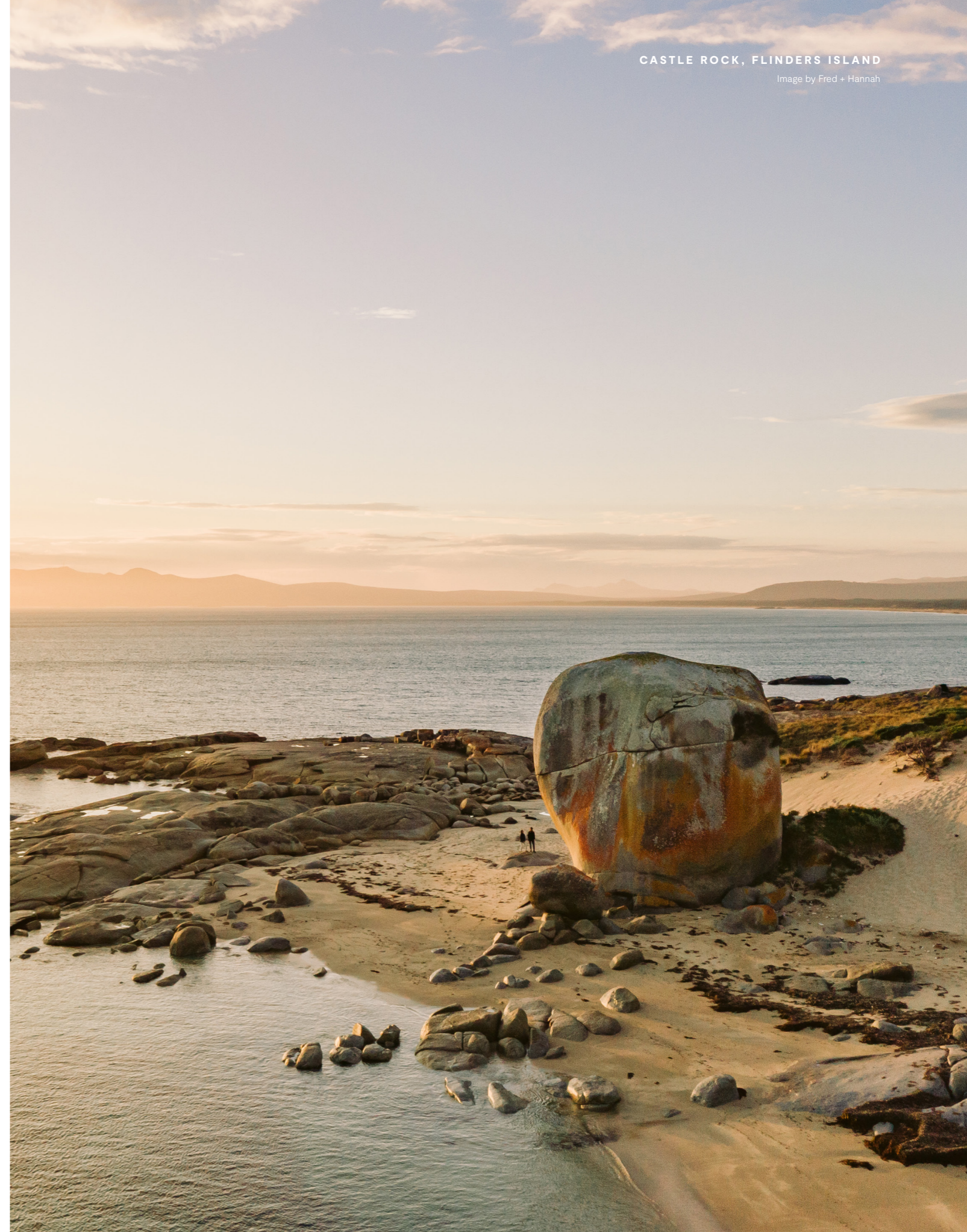
### **KING ISLAND**

Surrounded by wild seas, and the source of famously good produce, King Island delivers an array of island-off-an-island experiences.

Home to two of Australia's best golf courses and one of the world's great surf breaks, it's a place where the only things that hurry are the waves and the wind.

The main town on Tasmania's second-largest offshore island is Currie, the location of most of the island's services (and the site of a memorable annual festival). The small, sleepy towns of Grassy and Naracoopa dot the east coast.

Settle into a luxe retreat and walk up an appetite before tucking into the island's celebrated beef, seafood and cheese – or discover a renowned restaurant with no food. Witness seas littered with shipwrecks, and find Tasmania's northernmost brewery set among lush pasture. These are just some of King's contrasts.



# Relocation checklist

Task:	Notes:	Complete:
MyGov enrolment		
Medicare enrolment		
Centrelink enrolment		
Obtain Tax File Number		
Obtain Australian driver's license		
Enrol in childcare (if needed)		
Bank account		
Superannuation account		
Energy providers		
Gas provider		
Water connection		
Telephone provider		
Internet provider		
Insurance provider		
Private health insurance (if wanted)		
Gym membership (if wanted)		

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– LYNDSEY WRIGHT, HIGH RISK FOOT PODIATRIST





- 1 North West Regional Hospital
- 2 Mersey Community Hospital
- 3 Launceston General Hospital
- 4 Royal Hobart Hospital

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