

80 YEARS OF GRATITUDE...
KIDS CAN'T WAIT!





The successful Blue Diamond at MUDBAR



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Pets Parade for Peace

Studio Space All Abilities Theatre Company participated in this year's Tamar Valley Peace Festival with a quirky peace moment in Launceston's Civic Square. Pets and their owners took to a 'cat' walk to highlight the fun and peace pets bring to busy lives.



Photo: The Examiner Newspaper

"We Can"

People who identify as having autism have been part of a StGiles entrepreneurial initiative.

The We Can Self Employment Accelerator took six people with autism through an intensive five day program that culminated with the chance to pitch their ideas to business leaders in Launceston and on the NW Coast.

Some of the ideas pitched to business influencers were:

- An app that provides people with clearly interpreted weather forecasts and frost predictions – particularly aimed at farmers and graziers.

- A log book app for Tasmanian Learner Drivers (replacing L2 Learner Driver Logbook) – including kms and hours travelled, road conditions, and road rules. Used to verify hours of driving as evidence to progress to P1.
- A Nepali/Bhutanese clothing and kitchen wares shop that also serves as a community hub – for people to meet and hold events. Likely based in Mowbray where a large number of the community live.

Want to know more?

Contact Kirsty Bartlett-Clark on 0457 757 708

We Can is a collaboration with Illuminate Education and is funded by a grant from the Commonwealth's Regional Jobs & Investment Package.



Photo: The Examiner Newspaper

Running for StGiles

A time machine was among the costumes worn when members of the Launceston Running Club held a costume run through the Trevallyn Reserve. The idea raised \$600 for StGiles and caught stacks of attention as well as providing a fun way to get active!

The Magic of Annalise

Photo: The Examiner Newspaper



If only more people in the world acted like Annalise.

Have you ever met a child?

Silly question. Easy answer.

But have you **ever** met a child like Annalise?

The best way to describe Annalise, 8, is that she is a force of nature.

She is simultaneously full of energy, unstoppable, unchallengeable and unforgettable.

She is like the most life educated 80-year-old you've ever met, in an 8-year-old's body.

When Annalise looks you in the eye, it is like she's reaching into your soul.

Stand still long enough, and she'll look deeply into your eyes, decide

you can be trusted and land you with the biggest of hugs before doing a pirouette of delight and moving to the next person who captures her interest.

She came to StGiles a year ago with three broken toe metatarsals and a less common, fractured cuboid.

She needed a wheelchair, a child's wheelchair for three months.

She came to us just in the off chance we may be able to help.

Her need was short term and after three months the chair was returned to StGiles.

But her StGiles journey did not finish there.

She decided she wanted to buy a pretty wheelchair – a bright pink chair to make other little girls feel okay about being stuck in a wheelchair.

With two little brothers, she quickly figured a gender-neutral blue chair, decorated with all the planets of the solar system would make most children happy.

She arrived at StGiles with a smile wider than the radius of any wheelchair wheel, perhaps even wider than the Milky Way?

She had raised \$1000 by making and selling scarves and glitter slime and gone out and bought us a wheelchair.

At the end of a busy week, she had us mesmerised.

Alive with joy, she pirouetted from one

therapist to the next, answered The Examiner's questions and in less than an hour was gone; like magic.

But the magic of Annalise and her act to help other children will not be forgotten in a hurry.

I wish you and all the children you know, all the children who use our services and all the children like Annalise who find time in their busy lives to help StGiles, a very magical Christmas.



Ian Wright

StGiles

Chief Executive



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80th Parliament House Reception

A reception at Parliament House, Hobart is planned for November. At the time of writing, we had invited 120 guests to join us in the large function room as guests of Speaker Sue Hickey.

Ms Hickey generously offered to host the event reminding us that it wasn't her first connection to StGiles. In 1979, Miss Hickey was Miss Tasmania, and a very successful fundraiser for StGiles.

We are grateful for her sustained understanding and support.



Our Christmas Picnic is BACK

December 1st 11am – 1pm
Launceston City Park
Hobart 11A Gant St
Penguin 46 Main Rd

All supporters, clients, staff and volunteers welcome

We had so much fun last year that we decided to bring back the Christmas picnic, with cake, statewide on December 1st.

Call your local StGiles
 1300 278 445 to register.

The picnic will replace Walk With Me.

Speech Pathology Services at Penguin



Photo: The Advocate Newspaper

In August, Speech Pathology Awareness week focused on the right of all individuals to have access to communication and our NW Coast teams talked about programs offered on the Coast, the massive demand for speech pathology, as well as the acute shortage of Speech Pathologists in Tasmania.

To find out more about StGiles speech pathology services in NW Tasmania call 1300 278 445.

We're closer than you think



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F&W Stewart Diamond to Celebrate 10 Years of Niche

**December 7 and 8
Albert Hall Launceston**

F & W Stewart Jewellers in Launceston are long-time supporters of StGiles.

We were delighted when Heather Stewart offered to donate a diamond to be the special grand prize in a champagne raffle we will hold to celebrate 10 years of Niche!

Yes! Niche has been going for 10 years.

That is 10 years of super premium Tasmanian designed and made fundraising for StGiles. Hundreds of Tasmanian creatives have been part of Niche in Hobart, Burnie and Launceston - together contributing almost \$175,000 to support our children's disability programs and equipment!

Doors will open at 2pm till 7pm on Friday December 7 and reopen at 8am Saturday till 3pm, when the serious Christmas shopping begins!

Photo: The Examiner Newspaper



80 Years of Change

There are many, many people we would like to thank for making our 80th year a rich experience.

The year comes to a close on December 13 and has been a diverse and at times beautiful celebration of this amazing organisation.

The Examiner's photograph of

StGiles Chief Executive Ian Wright with seating technician Ron Springer is quite a metaphor for the complex world that is the disability sector.

They are with a wheelchair that has the capacity to respond to a huge range of positions and demands from a client with complex needs.

Photo: Rob Burnett



StGiles supporters Mayor Albert and Lyndle van Zetten

Mystery Walls Attracted Thousands

Mystery Walls ran for three months until June at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery.

It was reported to be one of 2018's best attended exhibitions. Mystery Walls was StGiles' gift to our community to say 'Thank you' for 80 years of understanding and support.



Officeworks Thank You

StGiles Hobart and Launceston were chosen by staff at Officeworks to benefit from their inaugural Round Up and Make a Difference during May.

Staff at both stores had used our services and were very keen to give back. Thank you!

Combined, the stores donated nearly \$7359.85.



Starry Night Niche

More than 3000 people came to our Winter 2018 Starry Night Niche at the Albert Hall. We raised more than \$13,000 from the five-hour event! A Niche record.

The success was due to the high calibre of 50 stallholders curated by the market's manager Victoria Bayes.

Next Niche:
November 17, Burnie Arts and Function Centre 10am - 3pm
December 7 and 8, Albert Hall Launceston



Choose to Include

Special Olympics for Launceston – 2020 & 2022

The theme of the Special Olympics, Choose to Include, is at the heart of all we do at StGiles.

Children's and Adult Australian Special Olympics - the Junior National Games in 2020 and the National Games in 2022 - with more than 3000 people expected at each event.

"I'd like people to stop for a minute and think about how they or their business can include or be part of the life of a person living with a disability now, during the Special Olympics and ongoing," StGiles Chief Executive Ian Wright said.

"StGiles urges all Tasmanians to share the exhilaration that will come from the efforts of those who train so hard to reach Special Olympics standard.

"We look forward to playing our part in making these events a success for all."



Photo: The Examiner Newspaper & Sarah Rhodes



Blue Diamond at Mudbar

Blue Diamond at Mudbar with Martin Flanagan delivered what it promised for 100 guests who enjoyed a stunning six-course meal with matched wines and the sharp conversation of a great Australian author and journalist, Martin Flanagan.

It also raised \$23,000 for StGiles Kids Can't Wait appeal thanks to the generosity of Mudbar owner Don Cameron, who donated 100 per cent of the night back to StGiles to honour the memory of his late wife, Mel.





Studio Space Showcase

The team from Studio Space All Abilities Theatre Company will showcase their year's work at the Princess Theatre on November 22.

It will be a blast as the team, now in their second year, showcase the fabulous nature of diversity in our community.

To find out more about participating in Studio Space programs go to studiospacetheatreco.org.au

Bookings for the production can be made through the Princess Theatre booking office.



More Skills Training in Disability and Aged Care

Our collaboration with the Migrant Resource Centre, Launceston, continues to flourish with students graduating in our Pathways to Potential program.

This time we partnered with Masonic Aged Care in developing work-ready participants with transferrable skills for aged care positions.

Both disability and aged care struggle to find appropriately committed and skilled staff in areas of growing demand.

We are proud of all our graduates with almost 70 per cent of those who have participated during the past two years finding employment.



All-Ages Services Adults and Children

ARC is a StGiles business, made especially for adults. All-ages from 18 who require therapy, disability support services, attendant care are welcome to ARC.

With ARC you can expect the same level of care that has made StGiles such a trusted institution.

We see clients at our therapy centres in Hobart, Launceston and Penguin. Children can be seen in child care centres, schools, day services in your community or in your home.

ARC Therapy Services

- **Assistive Technology – PAT services** – helping people of all ages find assistive technology they can use to communicate and complete everyday activities. Teams of occupational therapists and speech pathologists available at Penguin, Hobart and Launceston.
- **Mobility and Seating – SEMAT** – all ages, statewide service with teams in Hobart and Launceston and travelling to the North West. Including prescription, fitting, trial, training, repairs, and maintenance.
- **Autism** – statewide, all ages therapy teams of speech pathologists, psychologists and occupational therapists from Burnie ASELCC (children), Penguin, Launceston and Hobart.
- **Autism Assessment** – as above
- **Psychology** – all ages, statewide. Assessments and intervention.
- **Hydrotherapy** – all ages, Hobart and Launceston (Hobart is a dedicated service at KGV, whereas Launceston is a program option within physiotherapy).
- **Behaviour Support** – Launceston based.
- **Speech Pathology** – now seeing children and adults (as do Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists and Psychologists)
- **Therapy Assistants** – available to work with you and your therapist to deliver prescribed programs.