



SAVING LIVES IN THE TASMANIAN BUILDING AND CIVIL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES

Letter on behalf of the OzHelp Tasmania Foundation.

OzHelp Tasmania is seeking your support and financial donations to ensure its ability to continue to provide suicide prevention and mental health and wellbeing training and support to industry workers in the Tasmanian building and civil construction industries.

This is our first fundraising drive since our inception ten years ago when, with industry and business donations, the Foundation was able to be established. During this time the Foundation has supported an 80% reduction in suicides and deaths by unknown causes per year from a starting point of 10 per annum. OzHelp has also increased the resilience and mental health and wellbeing of the workforce. To put this *in perspective, had there been no initiative the sectors would have potentially lost over 80 of its members to suicide and unknown causes over the past 10 years.*

This fund raising drive aligns with changes to our federal funding which no longer sees specific funding for the Tasmanian building and civil construction industries. Thus in order to continue its specific industry activities OzHelp requires financial support from within the industry. Our aim is to raise \$300,000 with the State Government agreeing to match industry donations.

Attached is a flyer that highlights our key successes over the past 10 years and provides an overview of our current position and fundraising options.

Linked to the fundraising drive is the *How's it going?* initiative of Master Builders Tasmania to increase mental health and wellbeing awareness within the building and civil sectors and to equip construction workers in responding to difficult circumstances they might face, or notice others who may be struggling and offer support.

Together as an industry we can continue to make a difference, save lives and support individuals in times of difficulty.

I thank-you for your time in considering a donation to the OzHelp Tasmania Foundation.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Doug Vautier CEO OzHelp Tasmania d.vautier@ozhelptasmania.org.au or 0448 523171.

Your sincerely



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