COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
The key to improving Digital Literacy in Rural and Regional areas of Tasmania

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INTRODUCTION

• Welcome to Tasmania!
• Our new identity – Libraries Tasmania
• Statewide organisation offering:
  ◆ Traditional lending services
  ◆ Computers and Internet access
  ◆ Archives and research services
  ◆ Digital inclusion services
DIGITAL INCLUSION IN TASMANIA

• The Australian Digital Inclusion index
• Overall improvement in Tasmania
   Last place in 2016
   In 2018, moved ahead of South Australia
   Increases in access (nbn) and ability
• Several cohorts are significantly disadvantaged
• What has Libraries Tasmania been doing about this?
Welcome to Devonport
Job Seeking and Study Skills
Welcome to Huonville
Morning tea and a USB
STRATEGY FOR NEXT THREE YEARS

• “To connect Tasmanians to knowledge, ideas and community through our libraries and archives”

• Key concepts

  ❖ Third space – a non-judgmental space open to all
  ❖ Volunteers – involve the local communities
  ❖ Access – free computers and WiFi
NOW WE WANT YOU TO THINK!

How important are third spaces in your communities?

Are they the key to digital inclusion?

How have you engaged your communities?
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