



# Choice News

Positive perspectives on Life Events

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## REFLECTIONS FROM TASMANIA

### Tasmanian Elections

It was interesting being in Tasmania during the state elections on March 20. One of the candidates, now elected as a member for Franklin, was asked regarding her pro-life credentials. At one point she poignantly quoted Ronald Reagan, who said "Abortion is advocated only by persons who have themselves been born".



Commonly used by pro-abortion political parties and lobby groups to deflect attention from the truth about abortion

There are a number of strong pro-life state and federal members in Tasmania. However, in stark contrast, the state has also spawned the most militant pro-abortion party that is influencing the minds of young and old alike under the guise of their environmental agenda. **This makes going to schools in Tasmania, with the message of the value of human life, even more important.**

### Public Schools

Bruce also had the opportunity to meet three **chaplains** in public primary and secondary schools in Tasmania and is looking forward to gaining access into classes sometime during the next visit in 2011.

One parent approached the public primary school, attended by their children, seeking an opportunity for a Choices of Life presentation. They were politely told that the Family Planning Association had been booked for the school and

they didn't see a need to have another similar program. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is serious doubt whether the FPA presentation would focus on the value of the unborn, considering that they are the largest referrers for abortion in this country. In fact the FPA even had a eugenics clause in their national charter until 1989.

### First Time Visit!

With support of the Catholic Archbishop of Tasmania, Bruce was able to speak to a group of year 9 boys at St Virgil's College in Hobart. It is hoped that the report from the school will encourage the Archbishop to grant his support



for Choices of Life to have access to all Catholic schools in Tasmania.

Bruce also met with the Principal of a Catholic girls school with a view to making a presentation in 2011.

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### Choices of Life Annual Dinner

**6 pm Saturday 26th June**

Epping Baptist Church

Special speaker

**Jenny Gurry,**

**Diamond Pregnancy Support**

(Western Sydney)

Cost \$25 RSVP: 22 June 2010

Young Australians deserve to know the scientific facts, ethics and attitudes surrounding the commencement of human life.

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## REFLECTIONS FROM TASMANIA (Continued)

### Secondary students' Comments



- It made me think seriously about things I'd never thought of before
- The presentation gave the hard truth—it made me think about my choices
- Abortions will hurt you for most of your life

- My choices have consequences
- It made things so much clearer—think before I act
- There's no "safe sex" before marriage—be a MAN

**A Secondary Teacher said:** "Thank you. We found the session to be relevant, informative and straight talking. Something that we valued was the biblical principles spoken about very clearly and in an interesting format. The whole session flowed very well."

### Classes across Tasmania

Bruce spoke at 5 Primary classes and 3 Secondary classes in Hobart, Launceston and Latrobe as well as a Youth Group, Girls Brigade and 3 church services. One lady indicated that she wanted to accompany Bruce into schools so she could share the consequences of her own abortion decision. She was 37 and was convinced, at the time, that she had made the right decision. However within 24 hours the pain and regret began to impact her life.

Bruce was also able to make new contacts for future organisation, especially on the north coast of the state.

### Junior School students' Comments

- It was interesting and I know what I was like before I was born.
- It takes 9 months to be born
- I learnt that the baby is really small and precious
- It helped me look at life in a good way.



**A Primary Teacher said:** The program informs students to consider and marvel at the beginnings of human life—they discovered facts that will provide them with the right information to make good choices later on.



**Thank you** to those who have sent stamps—more are always welcome

If possible, bring them with you to the dinner on 26th June or when I visit your school or church!

## FROM THE eMAIL inBOX

"I just had a baby boy in January. I am 20 years old. I fell pregnant to my now husband after being with him for about 5 months and I know the pressure women are put under to have abortions. I was raised in the church and never considered this as an option.



**I love my son more than anything—we're so happy being parents! It was the best choice we ever made!**

I have been passionate about abortion since doing a high school assignment and watching "The Silent Scream". I have seen horrifying pictures and movies of this procedure and it haunts me to think that people may feel this is their only choice.

I was wondering if there was any "Choices of Life" teaching in QLD? If there is how would I go about getting involved as abortion is one of my passions and I would love to be a part of this! If there isn't how I could go about starting this program in Qld?"

**NOTE: Bruce will be meeting this young family when he is in Brisbane in late May.**

## PASSION4LIFE

### BLUE MOUNTAINS WALK4LIFE (7-10 July)

"We are a team of four passionate teenagers who have organised a walk across the Blue Mountains, to support organisations Choices of Life and Diamond Pregnancy Support and bring hope to women and teenagers who face unplanned pregnancies.

We really believe in the lives of the unborn and the potential of their mothers, and look forward to our second walk, this time from Lapstone to Little Hartley, around 100 kms.

We hope to not just bless Bruce (CoL) and Jenny (DPS) in what they are doing, but ultimately the community and their choices. Last year was amazing, and we were so supported and taken care of! We pray to reach even further this year."

Support them by walking and/or sponsoring!



## E.M.B.ERS

Youth Comment by Elyse Burns  
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Lately my family and I have been watching Foyle's War, a series put out by the most excellent BBC. It's about a detective trying to maintain justice during World War 2. He has a rough time of it, and in one of the cases there is a secretary who had

fallen pregnant to her boss, who is a suspect. Unfortunately, she wasn't married to her boss, she was married to a soldier who was in Ireland and had no idea about the whole thing.

This is how one of Foyle's men described her situation. (This is not word for word exact, but the main points are factual.)

"She found out she was pregnant, and he wanted her to get rid of it. She said she couldn't do that, so she tried to persuade him to adopt the child out, hoping to change his mind before the baby was born."

Don't know if you noticed it, but they're using two different terms for the child. When referring to 'getting rid of it' (via those 'dark age backyard abortions'), the child is exactly that- an IT. When referring to adoption as an alternative, the child suddenly becomes human- the words 'child' and 'baby' are used.

Hello??

'IT' is either a baby, or 'IT' is not.

If **not**, then what's the problem? She isn't pregnant.

If 'IT' **is** actually a baby, then are you seriously considering 'getting rid of it' an *option*? How? Murder was illegal last time I looked... in those days anyway. You could really have fun with scripts, but one movie that US pro-lifers are using to get the message across is Horton Hears A Who. Based on a children's book by Dr Seuss, it's a funny, warm hearted animated story about a elephant who hears the cry of a town- a town that lives on a speck of dust. The movie follows his efforts to save this town from oblivion. The theme of the story? '*A person's a person, no matter how small.*'

Looks like Foyle's War could learn a thing or two from Dr Seuss.

**NEW**

**CHOICES OF LIFE IS ON  
FACEBOOK**

Keep up with the latest pro-life issues and events



A special THANK YOU to Ann-Elise and Emily for setting up and maintaining this important link .

## NEW RELEASE



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## INDIA OUTREACH

Graham McDonald, and the directors of REAP (Relief, Education, Evangelism and Aid Program [www.reapintl.org](http://www.reapintl.org)), have invited Bruce to come to **India and train 100 teachers** to take the pro-life message to the children and adults in the cities and village. Abortions are a criminal offence in India but that does not stop them happening in large numbers, especially for little baby girls.

James Thomas, CEO and Chairman in Australia, said that the Choices of Life presentation would fit perfectly into the REAP Literacy Program which **currently reaches over 4000 children in over 100 centres**. James is also planning to take this vital life saving message to **adult literacy classes, medical schools and into the rural villages**. **In the first year over 10 000 children will be impacted by the message of the value of life**, growing in number each year as increasing opportunities become available. With access to the media this message will impact millions of lives. It is vital that men, women and children hear this message.

Plans are under way for an introductory visit to Hyderabad, India in November this year.



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Chairman,  
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## COMMENT ON THE NEWS—Repercussions of an Ageing Population

On February 1 the Federal Treasurer launched a massive \$43 million package in response to the Third Intergenerational Report which stated that there will be a doubling of the proportion of aged Australians in the next 40 years. He is trying to allay the increased tax burden that will fall on the younger generation. The package is intended to encourage older Australians to stay in the work force longer. He has also stated that increased immigration should be part of the solution. However Dick Smith commented that to rely on immigration of adults would only exacerbate the problem when they join the ranks of the aged.

Even though Dick Smith mentioned that increasing the birth rate was an option, neither mentioned that the **problem has been accumulating over the years largely as a result of the abortion rate**. Neither of them seem to realise that if, instead of being aborted, 100 000 more per year were born they would generate activity without creating an increased tax burden. The whole complexion of the Intergenerational Report would be quite different and the \$43 million package would be unnecessary!



When Frances and Susan donned red arm bands and duct tape, and walked around their local shopping centre, they were identifying with the over 300 babies

that are aborted every day in Australia in the name of 'choice'. They gave up their voices for 24 hours for these voiceless vulnerable unborn human beings who never get a choice. They couldn't answer questions but their tee-shirts said it all! They also had brochures available to give out.

Frances and Susan, and their friends are planning to do it again this year and to get their schools involved. Check out the site ([www.silentday.org](http://www.silentday.org)) and email Frances ([frances.i.hopkins@gmail.com](mailto:frances.i.hopkins@gmail.com)) and start planning!

## BRUCE'S DIARY

20-30 April—North Coast of NSW

### Queensland

7-14 May—Cairns

15-17 May—Townsville

18-19 May—Rockhampton

22-24 May—Bundaberg

20-21 and 25-26 May—Brisbane

27-28 May—Walcha and Tamworth,  
Northern NSW

26 June—**Choices of Life Annual Dinner**

7-10 July—Passion4Life Blue Mountains  
Walk4Life

21-30 July—Wagga Wagga and the  
Riverina area of NSW

31 July—10 August—Adelaide and South  
Australia

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