

## media release

### RSPCA Tasmania responds to members' wishes and relocates its Launceston Head Office

RSPCA Tasmania, mindful of the clear wishes expressed by its members at last September's Annual General Meeting, is closing down its Launceston City Head Office.

The two remaining administrative staff, along with one of the two Northern Inspectors will be relocating to the Animal Shelter in Remount Road at Mowbray this week saving the Society over \$400 per week in rent.

"At the AGM, members present expressed clear wishes that the administrative hierarchy be shut down, and that the RSPCA should be directing its resources to animals, not people", said Interim Chief Executive Officer Angela Ayling. "We are expecting some unavoidable disruptions in our communications in the very short term, and for that we apologise in advance and ask the community to be patient as we get those issues resolved. As part of that, we also ask people to please make sure that it is Head Office they need to speak to, because many of the calls made to that office are in fact for one of the shelters or for the cruelty hotline".

Ms Ayling said that it was regretted that these changes have missed the current telephone directory. As the Mowbray site has a different exchange, the RSPCA's telephone number will change, although calls to the existing number will be diverted for a period, as will correspondence. Advice will be provided at a later date about the cruelty hotline number.

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