



City of **HOBART**

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City of Hobart celebrates National Families Week

The City of Hobart is celebrating National Families Week from 15 to 22 May by supporting and hosting a series of family fun activities around Hobart.

The Acting Lord Mayor of Hobart, Alderman Ron Christie said: “National Families Week is a week to celebrate with your family, make contact with your extended family and friends, and share in the enjoyment of family activities within the wider community. It is a time to celebrate the meaning of family and to make the most of family life.”

The enduring theme of National Families Week is *Stronger Families, Stronger Communities*, highlighting that families play an important role as the central building block of our community.

“During this week, I encourage everyone to reflect on the role that families play in the community by supporting community wellbeing and teaching, supporting and nurturing children, especially as they grow,” said Ald Christie.

Chairman of the Council’s Community, Culture and Events Committee, Alderman Bill Harvey said the first event in the National Families Week program is the commencement of the *City of Hobart: My Favourite Place in Hobart Competition*.

“Hobart families can tell the story of their favourite place in Hobart through either a photograph or 30-second video.”

“This is a chance to celebrate Hobart’s great places and the families that love them, through image and story. It might be a place families visit often, a place with a personal or family connection or a place people just want others to know about.”

“People don’t need to be photographic or film experts to enter and there are some great prizes on offer,” said Ald Harvey.

Families are encouraged to join in with other activities in the Hobart families week program.

These activities include an afternoon of family fun in Hobart Rivulet Park, family fun at Salamanca Market, family art making and a new playground opening at the Goodstart Early Learning Centre.

For more information on the My Favourite Place in Hobart photographic and video clip competition and the National Families Week program see

http://www.hobartcity.com.au/Community/Children_and_Families/School_Holiday_and_Community_Events

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