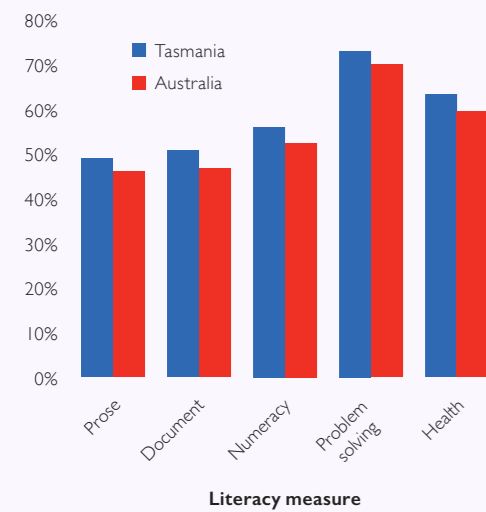


Proportion of Tasmanians without the literacy skills needed to cope with everyday life and work*



2012

26TEN is launched

A new approach to a complex problem

26TEN: a unique statewide, collaborative approach to improving literacy and numeracy skills in Tasmanian adults. Everyone can help because by it is by working together that we will make a difference.



2014

Employer grants build skills at work

The employer grants hit their stride, lifting skills in the most diverse range of workplaces to date. They covered aged care, disability, agriculture, food production and the manufacturing sectors from Smithton to the Huon Valley.



2016

26TEN on national TV

26TEN was named as an effective strategy for tackling adult literacy and numeracy on Insight into literacy on SBS *Insight* with Jenny Brockie.

26TEN Health Literacy Network launch

This initiative was launched with the Department of Health and Human Services and University of Tasmania to help Tasmanians navigate the health system.



2018

26TEN gets chatty

People kept asking us how they should speak to people they notice struggling with reading, writing and maths. That's why we developed the 26TEN Chat.

The Chat is a five-step guide helping start a conversation that encourages people to seek support to build literacy skills that may make their lives a little easier.



2020

26TEN Communities funded as part of the Adult Learning Strategy

26TEN received funding for a new program as part of the Tasmanian Government's Adult Learning Strategy. The increased and longer-term funding recognised that real difference is made in communities when solutions are collaborative, practical and tailored to a community's specific needs.



2022

Making a lasting difference takes time

There is no 'one size fits all' approach to providing literacy support. To meet the different needs and aspirations of people wanting to improve their literacy skills, support must be provided in a range of community, formal and informal education and workplace settings.

Daryl Quilliam, Chair, 26TEN Coalition

Improving literacy in Tasmania is the most important thing we can do for our future – socially and economically - and because social change takes time, our efforts must continue for many years to come.

Malcolm Wells 26TEN Coalition

2010

Tasmanian Adult Literacy Action Plan 2010-2015

Before 26TEN, there was a plan to develop a network that would unite existing community and workplace support for adult literacy and numeracy in an informal network: the Tasmanian Adult Literacy Action Plan.

Tasmanians are missing opportunities because too many lack basic literacy skills. These skills give us the confidence to participate in a growing economy, in our community, to study, to find a job, to change careers and to [use] technology.

Tasmanian Adult Literacy Action Plan 2010-2015

The first 26TEN awareness campaign began. This image was used on the television, in posters and on all publications until 2015.



100 members in the network including Nyrstar, TasWater, Metro, Burnie City Council

2013

Communicate Clearly, A Guide To Plain English released

Since our 26TEN Plain English workshop plain English is regularly raised in staff meetings as a reminder to think about our clients when drafting information. We also keep each other honest by reviewing documents.

Chris Wisniewski, Manager, Inland Fisheries Service

2015

Times have changed, the need for education has changed. It's a lot harder to leave school at 15, as I did, and walk into a job.

Royce Fairbrother 26TEN Coalition Member and Founder & Director, Fairbrother

We live in a great state, with an exciting future. It's important that all Tasmanians are provided with opportunities that enable them to be part of this exciting future.

Jeremy Rockliff, then Minister for Education and Training

26TEN Tasmania: Tasmania's Strategy for Adult Literacy and Numeracy 2016-2025 launched



This long-term Strategy established the framework for all Tasmanians to contribute to becoming a community where every individual reaches their full potential and makes the greatest contribution they can to our state.

2017

Literacy volunteers

26TEN is fortunate to include over 1300 volunteers in its network. They are adult literacy and numeracy tutors and mentors who help people read, write and do maths. They are people who help us with administration and they are the people who help raise awareness of adult literacy issues in Tasmania.



I really enjoy seeing people's confidence soar when their literacy improves and they suddenly realise what they are capable of.

Fiona, Adult Literacy Tutor, Glenorchy Library



2019



Literacy practitioners learn the Big Six of Reading

Supporting adult literacy practitioners

Leading academic, Anne Bayetto, shared the latest in the science of reading with over 60 adult literacy practitioners Building the practitioner workforce and their skills is vital to support learners to make the best progress they can.

The 26TEN Network supports adult literacy practices and resources that are informed by research.

2021

Four 26TEN communities funded

Communities in Launceston northern suburbs, Clarence Plains, Glenorchy and Huon Valley are the first to be supported as part of the new program, 26TEN Communities: Local Literacy for work and life.

26TEN to me is an opportunity for people to reach their goals, to do what they want to do without it being a scary solo mission, because there's always someone friendly and supportive that can help you.

Hayley, Support Worker, 26TEN Community Launceston Northern Suburbs



26TEN can help you with your phones, computers, spelling and adding up. They can help you with a budget... come in now while you've got the opportunity and learn, and you will have a better life through it.

Peter, Starting Point Neighbourhood House

