



MAKING A DIFFERENCE: St Mary's College Year 8 students, from left, Emma Barry, Emily Holligan, Melka Clark and Imogen Faltusz designed and made donation boxes to raise money for child trauma recovery centres. PICTURE: SAM ROSEWARNE

Students think inside box

ALEX LUTTRELL

WANT something done with care, compassion and creativity? Then ask children. That's what students at St Mary's College have shown when they chose to undertake a unique community project in support of the state's most vulnerable children.

The school's Year 8 materials and design students have created 25 donation collection boxes to help

establish the state's first community-funded specialist child trauma recovery centre. Hill Street Grocer, which has partnered with the Australian Childhood Foundation to help build the centre, needed new boxes for its many shop counters and approached St Mary's for help. The array of boxes are shaped as houses to symbolise the sense of home and safety every child needs. Hill Street co-owner Nick Nikitaras said

the centre would help create a safe place for Tasmania's most vulnerable children. "We wanted donation boxes... to help tell the very important story of what we're working to achieve for children," he said. Australian Childhood Foundation chief Joe Tucci said Hill Street and the students had led by example to protect vulnerable children and urged other Tasmanians to help build the centre.

Abetz backs Legacy name for bridge

TASMANIAN Liberal senator Eric Abetz has supported the naming of a new city bridge over the Tasman Highway after the Legacy movement, as another veteran service group laments the "divisive" campaign that has marred the public vote.



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Online voting for the name of the federally funded \$8 million pedestrian bridge, which will connect the Cenotaph with Soldiers Memorial Avenue on the Domain, ended yesterday with the State Government's Nomenclature Board to now decide on the name. The three proposed names are Bridge of Remembrance, Legacy Link and Peace Bridge. The Legacy movement and charity was established in Hobart by Major-General Sir John Gellibrand in 1923 and has spread around the globe.

a pushback from other veteran service groups, which have argued it would be unfair to name the bridge after just one organisation.

President of Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue John Wadesley said the debate about the name had become politically motivated.

Senator Abetz said a name based on a national movement initiated in Hobart would be a fitting tribute. "The naming of this bridge is an opportunity to not only remember our war dead and our returned soldiers but also the significance of the loss and suffering of families due to the sacrifice of their loved ones," he said. "Nationally, Legacy has grown from its beginnings in Hobart to today caring for over 60,000 widows and their families." But supporters of the Legacy name being on the new bridge have encountered

"We have no problem with Legacy, we get on very well with them," he said. "But there is no other organisation asking for it [the bridge] to be named after them." Past president of Hobart Legacy Paul Crew, whose letter last month about why the bridge should be named after Legacy inspired a raft of letters to the Mercury, said it would be a special name. "People have their own views about the name, it's fine, it's a democracy," he said.

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