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Presenter Alf, who suffered brain injury as a result of a road accident, passes on his experiences to Riverside High School students.

## Students learn about brain injury risks

**T**ASMANIAN high school and college students are learning about the consequences of high-risk activities that may result in brain injury.

**Brain injury**  
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The Brain Injury Association of Tasmania (BIAT) received \$26,917 from the Tasmanian Community Fund for the 'Custody for Life' program. The program is taught to high school and college students where participants learn that undertaking high-risk activities may earn them a lifetime 'custodial sentence' as a result of brain injury.

Since receiving funding support from the TCF in 2005, BIAT has delivered the 'Custody for Life' program across Tasmania to groups including year 10 school leavers, driver education programs and community service classes.

Regular sessions are also held throughout the state in conjunction with Tasmania Police and Youth Justice representatives.

BIAT works to raise awareness of brain injury and reduce its incidence. It identifies how it can happen and the consequences that may result and is especially concerned with educating young drivers who are most at risk of brain injury.

BIAT has identified several further opportunities for community education and prevention programs, but the increased demand to further develop and deliver the program has grown beyond the organisation's limited resources.

BIAT is continuing to pursue recurrent government funding and is also seeking ongoing sponsorship from organisations that have involvement with, and interest in, young Tasmanians.



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