



**Wednesday 31 August**

1.00pm – 5.00pm - Conference registrations @paranple Convention Centre

**Wednesday Workshops**

1.00pm – 3.00pm	RDA Tasmania Regional Priorities and Economic Profile		
3.00pm – 4.30pm Choice of a 90-minute Workshop	<b>Storytelling Your Brand</b> <i>Todd Babiak, Brand Tasmania</i>	<b>Building Social and Entrepreneurial Capital for Resilient Regions</b> <i>Tara Jacobsen, GROEI</i>	<b>Watch Me Eat</b> <i>Dr Hazel MacTavish-West, SEEDLAB Tasmania</i>

5.00pm – 7.00pm Welcome Drinks and Entertainment @ Market Pavilion

**Thursday 1 September**

8.30am – 10.30am	<b>Welcome to Country, Dave Gough; Welcome from Devonport City Council, Cr Annette Rockliff; Welcome from Minister Felix Ellis MP</b> <b>Collective Power: Collaborate or compete. The synergies of working together</b> <i>Sheree Vertigan, Cradle Coast Authority</i> <b>Living City: The catalyst for Devonport’s transformation</b> <i>Matthew Atkins, Devonport City Council</i> <b>The Tasmanian Story: How to market your region from the inside out</b> <i>Todd Babiak, Brand Tasmania</i>		
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning Tea		
11.00am – 12.30pm	FOCUS	<b>Building Community Disaster Resilience: What rural communities want, what works and what it takes</b> <i>Natalie Egleton, FRRR</i>	<b>Blockchain: Putting people in control of regional infrastructure</b> <i>Ian Aitken, Growth Endeavours</i>
	SPOTLIGHT	<b>Life Support: Redefining critical infrastructure and asking what it really takes to sustain the lifeblood of our regions</b> <i>Ashley Bland, Constructive Energy</i>	<b>The Great Migration: Exploring the benefits of metro-regional migration for regional communities</b> <i>Dr Peter Ghin, University of Melbourne</i>
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch		
1.30pm – 3.00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS		
3.00pm – 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea		
3.30pm – 4.30pm	FOCUS	<i>Rebecca White MP, Tasmanian Labor Leader</i>	<b>Regional Australian industry: Shaping up and making a sovereign contribution to National defence</b> <i>Rear Admiral Gilmore AM, CSC, Department of State Growth</i>
	SEGRA CHALLENGE	<i>Jonathan Pavetto, DataAU</i> Facilitated by <i>Talitha Taz Devadass</i> and <i>Emilee Freeman</i> of Future Isle	
4.30pm	Buses depart for Conference Dinner		
5.00pm – 8.00pm	Heritage Rail ride @ Don River Railway with Dinner		



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<b>Geotourism - Theatre Hall</b> Chair: Melinda McHenry, University of Tasmania	
<b>1. The THRIVE 2030 visitor economy strategy and geotourism</b> <i>Angus M Robinson, Australian GeoScience Council Inc</i>	<b>2. How to transform geotourism with digital way finding</b> <i>Margot Davis, Glen Innes Severn Council and Caroline Falkiner, Naveze</i>
<b>3. "Created from Chaos": A different approach to geotourism and geotrails</b> <i>Peter Manchester</i>	<b>4. Tasmania's top geotourism sites</b> <i>Michael Vicary and Ralph Bottrill, Mineral Resources Tasmania</i>
<b>Regions Planning and Responding to Change - Mersey</b> Chair: Sharni Foulkes, Broome Chamber of Commerce	
<b>1. Designing to Heal: Post disaster planning and urban design</b> <i>Jenny Donovan, Cradle Coast Authority</i>	<b>2. City deals as place-based responses to local opportunities and recovery - learnings for regional collaboration</b> <i>James McKee, City of Launceston</i>
<b>3. Reimagining the region: How the Cradle Coast is paving the way to new economic futures</b> <i>Deanna Hutchinson, Cradle Coast Authority</i>	<b>4. A process for community-led recovery and growth</b> <i>Owen Tilbury, Great Regional City Challenge</i>
<b>Visitor Economy - Torquay</b> Chair: Dr Jen Cleary, Centacare Catholic Country SA	
<b>1. A positive impact agenda for regional tourism in Tasmania</b> <i>Anne Greentree, Tourism Tasmania</i>	<b>2. The healing powers of regional tourism</b> <i>Tom Wootton, West by North West</i>
<b>3. Wakulina Walk and its importance to the community</b> <i>Gill Parssey, Cody Gangell and Carleeta Thomas, wakulina Walk</i>	<b>4. Delivering economic returns through events and accomation</b> <i>Michael Campbell, Lucid Economics</i>
<b>People Attraction and Retention - Aberdeen</b> Chair: Talitha Devadass, Future Isle	
<b>1. Volunteering: The great reset - the impact of COVID on volunteering in Tasmania</b> <i>Dr Lisa Schimanski and Mel Blake, Volunteering Tasmania</i>	<b>2. Developing early career opportunities through youth-led projects - 2022 ABC Trailblazers Winner "Locals"</b> <i>Eleanor McCormack, Trailblazer Winner 2022</i>
<b>3. Reflections on the South Sudanese in Alice Springs</b> <i>Dr Devaki Monani, Charles Darwin University and Jaya Srinivas OAM, Office of The Hon Min Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA, NT</i>	<b>4. The Bunderberg jobs commitment</b> <i>Ben Artup, Bunderberg Regional Council</i>



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**Friday 2 September**

7.30am – 8.00am – Conference registrations @paranple Convention Centre

8.00am – 10.00am	<b>25 years of speaking up for regional Australia</b> <i>Kate Charters, National Steering Committee</i>		
	<b>Regional Distinctiveness and Impact: The approach of UTAS in the Cradle Coast region</b> <i>Jim Cavaye, University of Tasmania</i>		
	<b>Cooperatives: Sustaining vibrant rural communities</b> <i>Natalie Browning, Cooperative Bulk Handling</i>		
	<b>Small business is vital to local communities and economies and are vulnerable to natural disasters</b> <i>Hon Bruce Billson, Australian Small Business and Enterprise Ombudsman</i>		
	<b>Enabling and Connecting the Doers: Fresh approaches to volunteering and community-building</b> <i>Dean Cracknell, Town Team Movement</i>		
	<b>Power system development and the rural economy</b> <i>Seán McGoldrick, TasNetworks</i>		
<b>10.00am – 10.30am</b>		<b>Morning Tea and SEGRA Challenge Winner</b>	
10.30am – 11.15am	<b>SPEAKERS CORNER</b>	<b>Interview</b> with <i>Ian Ugarte, Australian Housing Initiative</i> and <i>Ashley Bland, Constructive Energy</i>	
11.15am – 12.30pm	<b>SPOTLIGHT</b>	<b>What regions need on the path to net zero</b> <i>Dr Amanda Cahill, The Next Economy</i>	<b>Virtual TAS: Delivering on a digital future</b> <i>Stuart Mitchell, Virtual TAS</i>
		<b>Connection, Care and Contribution: Reimagining the public good for our regions</b> <i>Dr Millie Rooney, Australia reMADE</i>	<b>Advanced Air Mobility – the democratisation and decarbonisation of flight – considerations for the regions</b> <i>Sara Hales, Avistra</i>
<b>12.30pm – 1.15pm</b>		<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>1.15pm – 2.45pm</b>		<b>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</b>	
<b>3.00pm – 3.40pm</b>		<b>Conference Drinks</b> with <i>Anthony Laye</i> on the <b>Power of Human Connection</b>	
		<b>Closing Remarks</b> <i>Caroline Robinson, Conference Convenor</i>	



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<b>Collective Workforce Planning - Torquay</b> Chair: Emilee Freeman, Future Isle	
<b>1. Aligning Career Aspirations and Regional Jobs: A whole community approach to career and education pathway information and support</b> <i>Prof Sue Kilpatrick, University of Tasmania</i>	<b>2. Reframing regional employment challenges through Collective Impact</b> <i>Danielle Kidd, West North West Working</i>
<b>3. Powering business and communities through our people</b> <i>Sally Murfet, Inspire Ag</i>	
<b>Regional Investment and Growth - Quoiba</b> Chair: Ashley Bland, Constructive Energy	
<b>1. The Shift Lab: Scaffolding grass roots community impact</b> <i>Adam Mostogl, The Van Dieman Project</i>	<b>2. Building regional and community ownership, control and wealth</b> <i>Meghan Burkett, Ethical Fields</i>
<b>3. Case Study: Regional social and entrepreneurial capital - WiRE</b> <i>Tara Jacobsen, GROEI</i>	<b>4. Transitioning to Destination Horsham: Investment attraction strategy and implementation plan 2022 onwards</b> <i>Fiona Gormann, Horsham Rural City</i>
<b>Data for Decision Making - Mersey</b> Chair: Kate Charters, SEGRA Chair	
<b>1. Data for decision making to drive economic development</b> <i>Jonathan Pavetto, DataAU</i>	<b>2. Property Optimisation and Evaluation Matrix (POEM): A revolution in the making</b> <i>Paul Rosair, NAJA Business Services</i>
<b>3. How good data makes great grant applications</b> <i>Jenny Newman, RDA Tasmania</i>	<b>4. Cross-sectoral Analysis: A study of local governments</b> <i>Ryan Waddington, Trellis Technologies</i>
<b>Technology in the Regions - Aberdeen</b> Chair: Rod MacDonald, Community Broadband Networks	
<b>1. nbn Satellite and Fixed Wireless Investments: A boost for the bush</b> <i>Chris Cusack and Sam Marshall, NBN Co</i>	<b>2. Your PAAL - Pharmacist After hours Advice Line</b> <i>Anna Barwick, PharmOnline</i>
<b>3. Ian Aitken, Growth Endeavours</b>	



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