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## RDA Tasmania Regional Plan Update

The RDA Tasmania Committee has now completed our Regional Plan. The plan provides the direction, focus and priorities for the RDA Tasmania Committee. Our Regional Plan is currently with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government for approval.

RDA Tasmania will participate in regional development initiatives that seek to create a socially inclusive Tasmania which is centred on a strong and sustainable economy and environment.

- Broaden the economic base of the Tasmanian economy in emerging industries;
- Promote and support local business;
- Create understanding and awareness of the opportunities from the National Broadband Network;
- Foster and support and strategic approach in tourism development;
- Maximise Local Government capacity;
- Support initiatives that provide opportunities for all Tasmanians to participate and connect with their community;
- Build capacity of Tasmania to provide affordable housing for low income earners;
- Improve education outcomes through higher rates of participation and attainment levels;
- Maximise employment and training opportunities as a result of public infrastructure investment;
- Support training opportunities are relevant to participants' needs, existing skill shortages, and emerging industry sectors;
- Encourage partnerships between training institutions, industry and community;
- Encourage regional and industry based niche training opportunities; and
- Be informed on current regional research and ensure the distribution of such research to the appropriate Australian, State or Local Government office.

## CEDA Event: Growing Economic Sustainability in Northern Tasmania

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| EVENT: | Full Day Forum   |
| DATE:  | Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2010                                  |
| TIME:  | 8:30am – 2:15pm  |
| VENUE: | Hotel Grand Chancellor, 29 Cameron Street, Launceston                  |
| COST:  | please go to at <a href="http://www.ceda.com.au">www.ceda.com.au</a> . |

The Federal Government has highlighted regional development as a key driver for Australia's economic prosperity due to the significant growth of metropolitan cities within Australia. As a response, the Tasmanian Government has made a commitment to developing regional planning, whilst aiming to maximise economic investment, productivity and innovation in northern Tasmania.

CEDA will travel to Launceston for the first time to host federal and state policy makers, industry leaders and academia to outline their plans for the future. The forum will discuss economic indicators such as education, tourism, technology, forestry, small to medium businesses and other sustainable strategies for regional development opportunities in northern Tasmania and Australia at large.

What will northern Tasmania look like in 2020? Where are the future economic and sustainability opportunities and challenges over the next 10 years? What can we learn from other regional areas? Join local leaders and stakeholders to address the future of your region.

## Junction Arts Festival Program

This winter Regional Arts Australia and Tasmanian Regional Arts invite you to Launceston to celebrate community, culture and the arts. From 26 - 29 August, 1000 people from around Australia will gather in the beautiful city of Launceston, Tasmania to rethink and re-imagine what the future of the arts in Australia can be.

Bringing together artists, art workers, volunteers, policy makers and those passionate to learn how the arts can connect communities to a vibrant future, the seventh Regional Arts Australia national conference promises to be one of the biggest and most significant arts gatherings to be held in regional Australia this year.

The Junction Arts Festival Program is now finished. To check it out you can download it from the [www.junction2010.com.au](http://www.junction2010.com.au)

## Qantaslink Cradle Coast Regional Tourism Forum

The Art of Partnerships: Leveraging relationships to grow your business

28 - 29 July 2010, Ulverstone Civic Centre

- An insight into the latest market and visitor trends internationally and nationally and how this will impact on your business.
- Advice from leading industry experts on how you can leverage relationships to exceed customer's expectations in your business.
- An insight into future challenges faced by regional tourism in Tasmania.
- A fantastic networking opportunity and chance to share your ideas and experiences with a wide array of tourism industry representatives and operators.

Program and Registration Form [www.cradlecoast.com](http://www.cradlecoast.com)

## Economic Development Australia Awards for Excellence

The 2010 Economic Development Australia Awards for Excellence (ED Awards) are now open.

Applications will be able to be lodged on line with the finalists and winners announced at the Welcome Cocktail Party at this year's Economic Development Australia National Conference on Monday 25 October in Sydney.

EDA Awards have been developed to recognise and reward outstanding examples of economic development practice in accordance with the best practice criteria.

So start to think about the projects that you have been working on to showcase them and place them against other projects from across Australia. Applications will be open from 21st June until 23 August 2010. Further information is available from: [www.edaustralia.com.au](http://www.edaustralia.com.au)

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