



TASMANIA ...
**... more reasons to
come on down
to the**
**28TH AHSN
CONFERENCE**
2 – 4 February 2022



EXTEND YOUR STAY IN TASSIE

As Australia starts to expand its Covid-restricted travel 'bubble', there is no better time to start planning your next holiday. So, why not combine what is shaping up to be an enlightening, educative and entertaining AHSN Conference with an extended stay in Tasmania?

Before, during and after the conference, there is so much more to see and do in Tasmania.

There are all the attractions that most people have heard of – Port Arthur, Richmond, Bruny Island and the Museum of New and Old Art (MONA), all of which are definitely worth a visit.

Add to these tourism icons the beautiful temperate rain forests, the rugged west coast, the rich basaltic soils of the north-west and north-east sustaining the dairy, vegetable and fruit-based industries and the sun-drenched east coast with miles of pure white sands and often no one else in sight. Kayaking, mountain-bike riding, scuba diving, fishing ... you name it, Tassie has it.

Tasmania is not called the 'Holiday Island' for nothing.

The first three months of the year are undoubtedly the best time to visit your island state. Warmer, milder weather is more common throughout these months, and this results in a concentration of many of the island's fun-filled events during this time.

Some of these events scheduled prior to, or immediately after the AHSN Conference are listed below to whet your appetite.

FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO COME TO TASMANIA EARLY ...

..... here are a couple of events which may be of interest.

Friday 7 to Sunday 9 January 2022

Cygnets Folk Festival



The Cygnets Folk Festival is held annually in the beautiful little township of Cygnets on the Huon River. This festival has a quality reputation that puts it in the front row of the Tasmanian cultural and art festivals. It is a colourful festival of music, dance, poetry and various arts and has traditionally attracted artists from around the country and the world.

Cygnets is less than an hour's drive from Hobart but once there the magnificent Huon Valley offers so much. This picturesque valley is the 'fruit-bowl' of Tasmania with a myriad of apple, pear and cherry orchards and vineyards. Here you will find the famous Willie Smith Apple Shed – home of Willie Smith's Apple Cider, reputedly Australia's best.



... the Huon Valley.

Just south of Huonville is Geeveston. Viewers of ABC TV's *Rosehaven* will recognise this little gem of a town.

Saturday 8 to Saturday 15 January 2022

Hobart International Tennis Tournament



While it may not be Wimbledon, the Hobart International is a women's professional tennis tournament offering \$US 275,000 in prize money. So it attracts some of the world's leading tennis players. The Hobart International is seen as a great opportunity for players to prepare for the Australian Opens. Over the years has hosted some of the world's top players including Victoria Azarenka, Kim Clijsters and Serena Williams.

2 February 2022

Australia vs New Zealand – One Day International

The cricket fans amongst the AHSN members may be interested in this. The second in the series of One Day International matches between Australia and New Zealand will be played at Blundstone Arena in Bellerive – just a ferry ride from our conference venue. While at Blundstone Arena you can check out the Cricket Museum and the statues of two of Tasmania's finest cricketers, David Boon and Ricky Ponting.



Blundstone Arena, and there is our conference venue, IMAS, straight across the River Derwent.

FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO MAKE A WEEKEND OF IT...

Saturday 5 February 2022

Salamanca Market

Hobart's famous Salamanca Market celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2022. Salamanca runs every Saturday from 8:30 am to 3 pm – so maybe make that a date for Saturday 5 February 2022. With over 230 stall holders at the market each week, you will find something to justify the excess luggage provision on your airline ticket.

As well as Salamanca Market, there are a host of country and twilight markets scattered around the state.



Saturday 5 to Sunday 6 February 2022

Festivale



Festivale is Tasmania's premium summer event, a three-day celebration designed to showcase Tasmanian food, beverages, and entertainment. Staged in Launceston's City Park, the ambience of this outdoor event is unique. Check it out at

<https://www.discovertasmania.com.au/event/festivale>

FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO STAY ON A LITTLE LONGER...

17 February 2022

Violent Femmes

Remember the 1980s American folk punk band from Milwaukee, Wisconsin - *Violent Femmes*? Probably not all that well known, is the fact that the *Violent Femmes*' bass guitarist, Brian Richie, now calls Tasmania home. Brian is getting together with his band mates for an Australian tour starting in Hobart at the Odeon Theatre – the old home of the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra.

17 – 21 February 2022

Clarence Jazz Festival



Clarence City Council hosts the Clarence Jazz Festival, which has the eastern side of the Derwent River bopping and jiving when jazz takes over the foreshore. Based around the board walk at Bellerive, but also in nearby covered venues, this is the place to come, sip a Tasmanian Pinot and tap your feet.

You can have a meal too and enjoy a different view of Hobart and the mountain. Is there any better way to while away a balmy evening?

19 February 2022

Evandale Village Fair and National Penny Farthing Championships



Take a step back in time in the beautiful colonial township of Evandale, just south of Launceston – only a couple of kilometres from the Launceston Airport. As well as a full program of Penny Farthing racing including the National Penny Farthing Championship, there are a host of market stalls and a variety of entertainments situated in the streets and parks surrounding the race circuit. And RV camping is available should you be making this unique day a focus of broader travels around Tassie.

20 February 2022

Richmond Highland Gathering

If swirling kilts and bagpipes are your thing, the annual Highland Gathering on the village green in the beautiful old historic town of Richmond is here just for you.

It is a day of all things Scottish including highland dancing competitions, Scottish country dancing displays, pipe band displays and competitions, and Scottish stalls. Maybe even a haggis!


