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Cradle Coast young professionals share ideas on region's future

Young professionals will be offered a unique opportunity to contribute to the future of the North-West and West coasts of Tasmania.

The Cradle Coast Young Professionals Network (CCYPN) will host its inaugural Conference and Summit, *Plugging In - Should I Stay or Should I Go Now?*, on Friday, October 24 from 9am.

The event is designed to give young professionals a forum to discuss ideas and issues surrounding life and work on the Cradle Coast. It will be held at the UTAS Cradle Coast campus, Mooreville Road, Burnie.

“The Network is providing an opportunity for young professionals to get together and discuss what they would like to see in the region's future and what might the region look like in the year 2020,” said Network Chairman Stephen Karpeles.

“We want to hear what issues are facing young professionals who are living and working on the Cradle Coast and what might make this region more attractive to them.

“Research from the Institute for Regional Development indicates that over 60% of the region's young professionals plan to leave the Coast in the next five years.

“This event aims to look at why this could happen, while at the same time offering an invaluable networking opportunity.”

The day will begin with a morning Conference featuring prominent guest speakers followed by two afternoon summit sessions.

Workshop outcomes will be shared with regional organisations such as the Cradle Coast Authority and the Institute for Regional Development to assist future planning initiatives surrounding the attraction and retention of young professionals in the Cradle Coast region.

Speakers include UTAS School of Management Professor David Adams, Cradle Coast Authority Executive Chairman Roger Jaensch, *The Advocate* editor Jason

Purdie, Cradle Coast Young Professionals Network Chairman Stephen Karpeles and Institute for Regional Development Project Manager Clayton Hawkins.

The day will conclude with the 'Unplugged' Social Event from 5pm at the campus. The forum is free and registration is essential as seating is limited.

The event is supported by the Cradle Coast Authority, Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania, UTAS and the Institute for Regional Development.

The forum is part of YP Month, organised by the Cradle Coast Young Professionals Network.

The month will host a range of activities and events including:

- *The Pharmacist – A Cure for all ills?* - Written and performed by Jane Russell. Devonport Regional Gallery – Tuesday October 7 from 7pm. \$15 general admission or \$8 for network members and people who have registered for the YP Conference.
- A Night with The Richie Benaud Allstars – Magintys Irish Bar, Burnie – Friday, October 10 from 7.30pm.
- Battle of the Professions Trivia Night – River Arms Hotel, Ulverstone – Thursday, October 16 from 6.30pm. \$40 for teams of 4-8, or register to join a team by Friday, October 10.
- An Afternoon of Luxury – Barringwood Park Vineyards, Lower Barrington – Sunday, October 26, 12pm – 3pm. Free entry, food and drink available to purchase. Bookings essential.
- Ten Pin Bowling Night – Devonport Ten Pin Bowl, Friday, October 31 from 7pm. \$10 per person. Register a team of four or join a team on the night. Bookings close Friday, October 24.

For more information and bookings regarding the conference or events phone Kay Reardon on (03) 6430 4511 or email Kay.Reardon@utas.edu.au

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