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#### Tasmanians prominent at international health conference

Tasmanian health professionals, experts in health and community services, and executives with innovative management success are among the major participants in the “Sustainable Healthcare Transformation” conference in Hobart from 18 to 20 March 2015.

Local participants include –

- The University of Tasmania’s Professor Ken Walsh, who will co-chair a workshop on “The courage to feel, the courage to act: Finding personal focus for a more helpfully human healthcare practice”
- Ray Mostogl, General Manager Operations for Bell Bay Aluminium (BBA) and winner of CEO magazine’s 2014 Manufacturing Executive of the Year
- Margaret Bird, Council of the Ageing (COTA) Tasmania Board member, Chair COTA Tasmania Policy Council, Chair COTA National Policy Council, and Member Clarence City Council Positive Ageing Committee.

The conference will be officially opened by the Tasmanian Health Minister, Hon Michael Ferguson.

Keynote speakers include Sir Robert Naylor, Chief Executive of University College London Hospitals, Assoc Prof Kal Pasupathy from the USA’s famous Mayo Clinic, and Australia’s Chief Medical Officer Prof Chris Baggoley AO.

Other Tasmanians playing a major role are representatives of the Tasmania Medicare Local whose topics will include TML’s nurses’ web portal, the recently launched Tasmanian HealthPathways program, the refugee health service, care coordination, and cardiovascular nurse clinics.

The conference will focus on the Clinical Redesign process aimed at improving hospital performance. It is being hosted by the University of Tasmania’s Health Services Innovation Tasmania (HSI Tas).

This Commonwealth funded centre is working with the State's health providers to improve the quality and efficiency of the Tasmanian hospital system.

HSI Tas Co-Director Associate Professor Craig Quarmby said Clinical Redesign is recognised nationally and internationally as the most innovative way of enhancing the performance of hospitals in key areas such as emergency department flow and bed utilisation.

"It's a coup for Tasmania to attract some of the most innovative system thinkers to our Hobart conference," Associate Professor Quarmby said.

"The attendance of so the national and international high flyers is gratifying. It is also wonderful to have so many highly skilled Tasmanians involved. Sharing experiences will be of tremendous benefit to everyone attending the conference, and to the improvement of health care in our state."

The conference coincides with the University of Tasmania's 125th Anniversary.

Sustainable Healthcare Transformation will be held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, from 18-20 March 2015. Further details at <http://www.healthcaretransformation.com.au/>

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