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## Three of the best for UTAS leadership forum

Three high-calibre leaders will prove that leadership is a hot topic in all organisations when they speak on the subject at a UTAS Faculty of Business Leadership Forum on **Friday (July 13)**.

Bronte Price, director of regional development in Tasmania's Department of Economic Development; Brian Hartnett, former Tasmanian Alkaloids CEO and Hartnett Consulting principal; and KPMG director Sally Darke will give their perspectives on leadership challenges facing all organisations today.

UTAS School of Management lecturer Dr Simon Fishwick said the forum will mark the first day of a leadership unit for postgraduate business students – and the first time it has been held in Launceston.

“Having such high calibre speakers we decided to open the forum to business people throughout the northern community and to any interested members of the public,” he said.

Each speaker will talk for 15 minutes, followed by a Q&A session with the audience and refreshments.

The UTAS Faculty of Business Leadership Forum will be held at lecture theatre two (off the NEW Gallery) at the UTAS Newnham campus, 10.30am – 11.45am.

### **Faculty of Business leadership forum speakers:**

#### **Bronte Price**

Director Regional Development at Tasmanian Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts, his primary role is leading the development and implementation of Regional Economic Development. He is also responsible for management of the \$120M Economic Diversification Stream of the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement.

Bronte is passionate about innovation - doing new things and doing old things in new ways - and this is reflected in how he has led the development of the three regional plans, as well as how he leads and manages a team of nearly 30 dispersed across the state. He has held senior roles in local government and further education in SA and NSW. Bronte has qualifications in geography, education and project management.

**Brian Hartnett**

Brian is a consultant at Hartnett Consulting and director of the University of Tasmania Foundation. Previously he was CEO of Tasmanian Alkaloids (1996-2009), a director of Johnson & Johnson and a member of the UTAS Council. He has an honours degree in chemistry and a diploma in business administration.

**Sally Darke**

Director of KPMG in Tasmania, Sally specialises in executive recruitment, strategic planning, organisation reviews, governance and management training. Previously she worked for recruitment firms Searson Buck and Jet Personnel. Sally spent 15 years as a director of B&E Ltd, three as chairman. She was previously a director of AFL Tasmania and currently sits on the board of Scotch Oakburn College. Sally is a fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and holds a Bachelor of Economics degree.

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