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Improving hospitals the focus of significant Hobart healthcare conference

With Australian healthcare attracting more scrutiny than ever, the performance of hospitals, including Tasmania's, will be the focus of an international conference in Hobart in March.

The inaugural "Sustainable Healthcare Transformation" conference will address the challenges of delivering quality hospital care in an era of rising patient demand and tighter funding.

Particular attention will be paid to the benefits of developing more innovative ways of providing clinical care, according to Associate Professor Craig Quarmby, Health Services Innovation Tasmania Co-Director.

"This will be a valuable event for anyone whose focus is providing high-quality care in a tight fiscal environment," Associate Professor Quarmby said.

"At a time of growing demand and finite budgets, both at a state level and federally, it is unrealistic for the health sector to try and spend its way to improvement. Nationally and internationally, it has been shown that inpatient and out-of-hospital care can be done much better when the right systems are put in place.

"Some of these innovations have already been implemented, many are being planned, while others have yet to be identified and explored."

The conference is designed for:

- Medical, nursing and allied health clinicians from the primary care or acute sectors both public and private.
- Health service and hospital managers.
- Policy makers within government.
- Educators and researchers.

Conference speakers come from the forefront of transformative change in the field of healthcare, higher education and manufacturing industry. As leaders in innovative

organisations they have a range of valuable experiences to share with clinicians and healthcare planners in Tasmania and beyond.

High-level speakers include:

- Sir Robert Naylor, Chief Executive of University College London Hospitals.
- Professor Chris Baggoley AO, Chief Medical Officer for the Australian Government.
- Anthony Moorhouse, CEO of an emergency management firm, Dynamiq.
- Ray Mostogl, General Manager Operations for Bell Bay Aluminium, Tasmania.
- Holly Ransom, a board member for the 2014 Y20 (world youth) summit and a media spokesperson on youth matters.

‘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/>

HSI Tas, a Commonwealth-funded centre of the University of Tasmania, is working with the State’s health providers to improve the quality and efficiency of the Tasmanian hospital system through the ‘clinical redesign’ process.

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High resolution photos of speakers can be provided on request.

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