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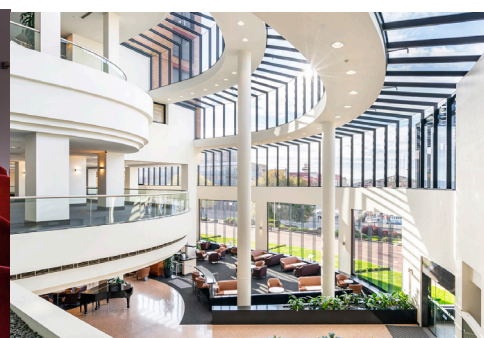


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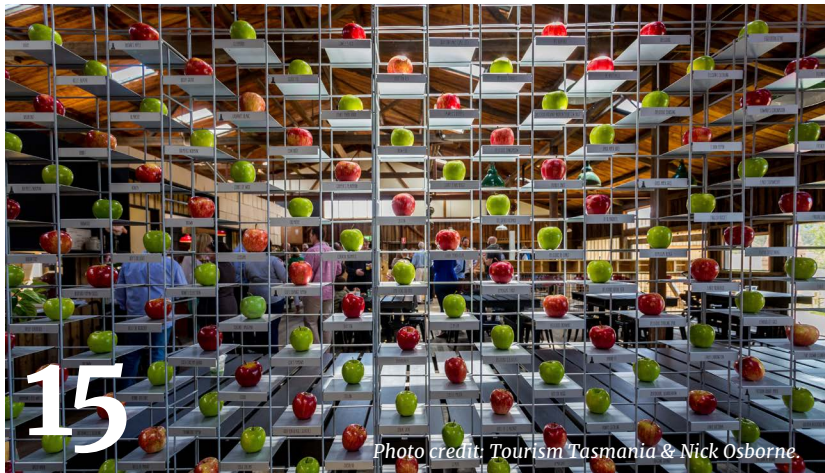
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# WELCOME FROM THE CEO



Welcome to the second edition of Business Events Tasmania, our eponymous magazine produced in house by the Business Events Tasmania team to share with you the very best Tasmania has to offer the business events market.



Spring Bay Mill. Photo credit: Ultimédia

As we start to emerge from what seems the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, increasingly we are reflecting upon the value of connection and how the time spent separated from our loved ones, our communities and our colleagues over the past couple of years has caused us to realise the significance of coming together face to face.

As a small island community home to a proud tourism & hospitality sector that values collaboration over competition, we in Tasmania “get” connection. This inherently Tasmanian trait was recently witnessed first- hand by a group of attendees hosted on a Business Events Tasmania famil, taking in a range of bespoke experiences across a weeklong itinerary delivered by some





Theatre Royal Photo Credit: Ultimedia

of our state's most passionate operators. Page 18 outlines some of the hidden gems our guests discovered during their time in Tassie and provides the details of our next famil – if you haven't already sent us your EOI you will find all the info you need to apply!

This month we profile Spring Bay Mill on Tasmania's picturesque East Coast. Nestled on Freestone Point with views out to Maria Island National Park and Marine Reserve, this site was once heavily industrialised, and extraordinarily, home to the world's largest wood chip mill. Page 6 details how the Mill has been transformed under the vision of Wotif. com founder and digital entrepreneur, philanthropist and

environmentalist Graham Wood AM into a dynamic space suited to holding a range of events.

When event organisers think of Tassie, we know their mind first wanders to our stunning natural environment, clean air, amazing fresh produce and award-winning wine and spirits. However, for many conference organisers these often sought attributes are secondary to our reputation as an island of innovation, with an impressive community of scientists, academics, researchers and entrepreneurs across a range of key industries. On page 9 we highlight some of the reasons why Tasmania is the perfect destination for an association conference or annual meeting.

Business events are back in Tasmania! With each month of 2022 we are playing host to an increasing number of C&I and association events, with organisers seeking to host their delegates and guests in a clean, safe and above all else, inspiring environment. We hope that amongst these pages you will find product and experiences to inform your decision making for future events.

**Marnie Craig**  
CEO 🐾



# SPRING BAY MILL

Ancient middens at Freestone Point serve as a reminder that the land of the paredarerme people upon which Spring Bay Mill sits at trayapana/Triabunna on the east coast of lutruwita/Tasmania, has long been a place for groups to gather, feast and share culture. The middens serve as stark contrast of the land's more recent visual history that tells the story of the industrialisation of this site, which was once extraordinarily, home to the world's largest woodchip mill.

6 The acquisition of the Mill by current custodian, Wotif.com founder and digital entrepreneur, philanthropist and environmentalist Graham Wood AM, essentially ended logging in southern Tasmania, making way for the regeneration of this once destructive site which has since undergone an astounding metamorphosis in this latest iteration of its long and varied story.

Wood and his team have up-cycled the industrial past into stunning, award-winning event spaces and rejuvenated the natural landscape with forests, grasslands, designed plantings and organic produce gardens, culminating in 43 hectares of inspiring stories.

A place with purpose allowing guests to craft a unique, environmentally sustainable event packed with enriching experiences, architecturally designed high-end business facilities and versatile event



spaces are surrounded by a tranquil natural setting to motivate and inspire.

Two large indoor spaces offer flexible options for stand up or sit down meetings, presentations, performances and dining. The Tin Shed with a capacity of 250, is a large rustic hall with staging, lighting and a deck with water views and an outdoor cooking area. The Banksia Room has a capacity of 300, with panoramic views across the bay, and features an adjoining commercial kitchen, full bar facilities and outdoor sandstone courtyard with firepit.

Outdoor gathering spaces include the Windlass Deck with a mesmerising sea view backdrop and the unique Amphitheatre with seating in the round for 250 and a grass hill for larger performance events.

With a culinary offering as equally as impressive, from spit-roast BBQs to fine-dining tasting menus, Spring Bay Mill's in-house chef creates meals inspired by the best of seasonal Tasmanian ingredients and



fresh heirloom produce grown organically onsite by the Mill's horticulture team, treating visitors to a home grown garden to plate experience. Tasmania's east coast is a revered viticulture region and Spring Bay Mill works with the best Tasmanian suppliers of wine, beer, sprits and non-alcoholic beverages to complement each menu.

A diverse array of accommodation options are peppered across the site. The Ridge Quarters encapsulates 13 ensuite rooms with shared kitchen, dining and lounging spaces to give privacy with plenty of opportunity to gather and collaborate. Four Beach Shacks provide comfort, sea views and outdoor hot-tubs in stylish and secluded off-grid accommodation. For the more adventurous, the 32-tent Glamping Field brings guests close to nature without compromising any creature comforts with twin, queen or king beds, fully equipped camp kitchen and fire-pit and hang-out area.

Not just a venue for hire, but a place rich in history and experiences, guests are invited to plan a bespoke itinerary for their event prior to arrival, with tree planting, stargazing, historical walks, horticultural workshops and Indigenous Cultural events all available to be enjoyed on site. Private boat trips to wukaluwikiwayna / Maria Island National Park, marine reserve and home of the UNESCO World Heritage listed Darlington Probation Station convict site, can also be arranged.



Spring Bay Mill. Photo credit: Rosie Hastie.

At Spring Bay Mill, they practice ecological regeneration and promote sustainable living. With values of treading lightly on our earth always front of mind, the team at the Mill embody the ethos that big impact events shouldn't mean a big impact on the environment. Producing events to the highest possible ecological and socially responsible standards, every decision they make from the design of the site to the products they buy and people they work with is based on the best possible environmental, social and cultural outcomes in mind.

A vision ahead of its time, never has it been truer that every business needs to refocus and reset. There is no better way to achieve this than time spent close to nature with clean air and new horizons. It's your future and General Manager Joe Pickett and his team invite you to come and plan it at the Mill. 🍷

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# CONFERENCE WITH US

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Not so very long ago, Tasmania was viewed by the rest of the world as that tiny little island at the bottom of the map, known primarily for apple production (earning us the moniker The Apple Isle) and the Tasmanian Devil (although usually the cartoon version as opposed to the world's largest surviving carnivorous marsupial version).

Back then, most of us fortunate enough to live here had at least one story of bumping into a tourist on their travels who had flown in and hired a car thinking they could drive around the entire island in just one day before flying back to Melbourne or Sydney the next morning (technically, maybe you could, but you would be doing yourself an incredible injustice in the process).

Then in the early 2000s, the phenomenon that is Mona came along, putting us fairly and squarely on the map. All eyes were on Tasmania and the rest of the world finally

caught up and caught on to what we Tasmanians had been unassumingly revelling in for years... the world's cleanest air, pristine stretches of coastline, crisp and cool rugged alpine ranges, an abundance of fresh local produce and some of the best Pinot and Whisky in the world!

Suddenly, being the tiny island at the bottom of the map was in vogue and everyone wanted in. With the spotlight firmly on us, people started looking beyond the old cliches, seeking to experience Tasmania's own brand of the unique and the bespoke off the beaten track.



Whilst we will always deal in the boutique and the intimate, Tasmania can and does offer the best of both worlds when it comes to business events, frequently hosting association conferences and events of scale in our major city centres in both the north and south.

Hobart is home to two of our largest conference and plenary spaces in Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart and Wrest Point Hotel & Conference Centre. With myriad options available for off site dinners and functions, event organisers can choose to host cocktail parties at nearby vineyards in the Coal Valley just 15 minutes from the CBD, or opt for something more central in one of Hobart's many beautiful historical buildings.

The city can comfortably cater for association events up to 1100 pax, and regularly does. Hobart's first major conference since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic was The Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists Congress held back in May 2021. 850 delegates converged on Hobart for the five day event held at Hotel Grand Chancellor overlooking the waterfront. More recently the Society for Mental Health Research hosted its Annual Conference at the same venue for 300 delegates. Both events were managed by WALDRONSMITH Management and Managing Director Kate Smith says Hobart really hits the mark for conferences – large and small.

"Hobart is an ideal location – a city that offers capacity and



infrastructure and a passionate team of event professionals to help deliver outstanding events. The stunning harbourside location is a great base for delegates to explore the city and its surrounds and enjoy a truly unique immersive Tasmanian experience."

The other key reason Tasmania is such an obvious choice for the association market is because despite our small island status, we are big on innovation. As the gateway to the Antarctic we are home to world leading researchers and oceanographers, and Tasmania has also reached net zero emissions status powered entirely by renewables thanks to our hydro electric and wind schemes.

Fertile volcanic soil and high rainfall has ensured the north of

the state is a food bowl and hub for innovation in agriculture, and the state is well versed in medical research, viticulture, aquaculture and sustainable forestry practices.

**With University of Tasmania campuses in our three major metropolitan regions, Tassie boasts a hive of local talent and industry experts when considering key note speakers from the host destination.**

For Andi Lucas, Executive Officer of Tasmanian Hemp Association and Event Manager for the Australian Industrial Hemp Conference, bringing the third biennial to Launceston for 2022 allowed the executive to leverage





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Tasmania's status as an industry leader, that has produced the vast majority of hemp grown in Australia over the past seven seasons.

"For me personally it was so exciting to bring the Australian Industrial Hemp Conference to Launceston to gather world leading experts from around the globe in a state where hemp production is such a big industry, and it was wonderful to include so many local stories in the program."

Ms Lucas says another significant benefit of conferencing in Tasmania is the

close proximity of conference facilities to regional site visits.

"I have seen firsthand delegates amazed by the fact that they can be sitting in a plenary session in Launceston, and then within half an hour, be on site participating in a site visit and learning about local innovation in the region in real time. This is a huge bonus to conferencing in Tasmania over a larger mainland city."

For the association market, Tasmania offers the capacity, facilities and conveniences of a larger city, with the charm and experience of a small town.

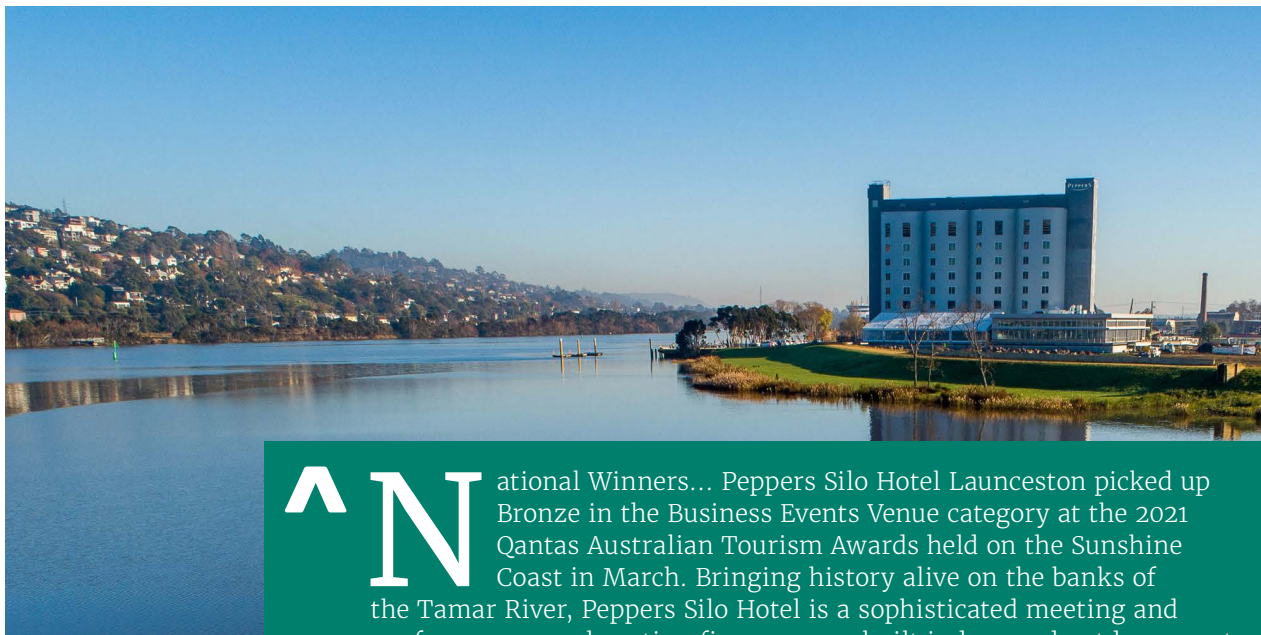
Both Launceston and Hobart are vibrant communities rich in history and culture with a thriving foodie scene. Delegates to these places are able to meander on foot and experience the best these cities have to offer within walking distance of conferencing facilities.

As an island with a long history of punching well above its weight, the business events sector in Tasmania is no exception, as more and more savvy event organisers are discovering as our industry recovers from the disruption of the last two years. 🍷



# NEW & NOTEWORTHY

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**^N**ational Winners... Peppers Silo Hotel Launceston picked up Bronze in the Business Events Venue category at the 2021 Qantas Australian Tourism Awards held on the Sunshine Coast in March. Bringing history alive on the banks of the Tamar River, Peppers Silo Hotel is a sophisticated meeting and conference venue boasting five purpose-built indoor and outdoor event spaces, Grain of the Silos restaurant, and a day spa. Complemented by contemporary accommodation housed in the transformed grain silos that date back to the 1960s, the decor has been inspired by the surrounding region overlooking the tranquil waters of the Tamar River and the Cataract Gorge beyond. [www.peppers.com.au/silo](http://www.peppers.com.au/silo) 🐾

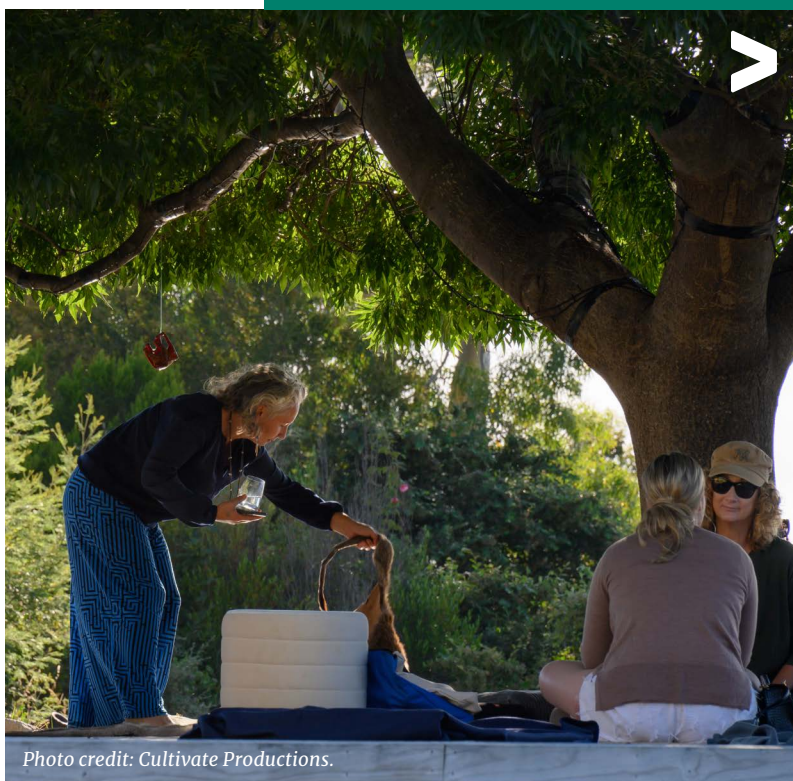


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**F**or business events with depth and heart look to Nayri Niara at LongHouse. A 100% Aboriginal owned social enterprise connecting people to country, culture, community, the self and the sacred by uniting ancient indigenous knowledge with modern innovative practices, Nayri Niara works with organisations and businesses to co-create business events that have meaning, and they offer a suite of creatives, workshop facilitators and inspirational speakers that can enhance and enliven events with Aboriginal cultural and well-being experiences. Nayri Niara also provide event catering inspired by traditional native cuisine made from local, sustainable and seasonal produce.

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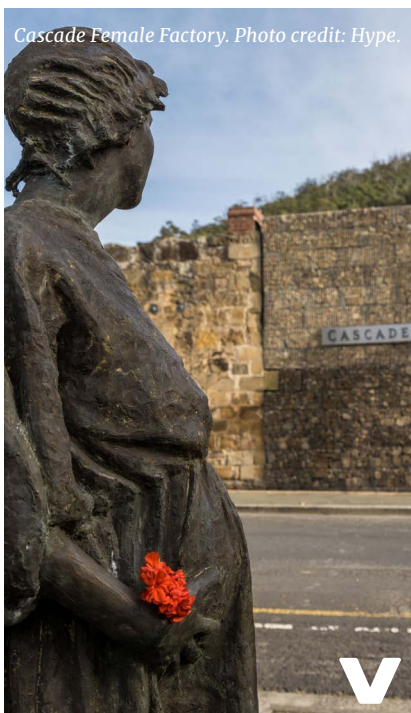


In the heart of Hobart, housed in the local rag's former print room, lies Lark Distillery's latest offering The Still. A haven for Tasmanian whisky enthusiasts and cocktail lovers, this establishment is a retail and tasting room by day that meanders into a suave yet comfortable whisky and cocktail lounge experience as the sun sets and the night unfolds. A celebration of Tasmania's world class whisky industry, The Still showcases some of the most impressive local whiskies from across the state, and the space is versatile enough to host a range of bespoke events according to client's requirements.

**[www.larkdistillery.com/pages/the-still](http://www.larkdistillery.com/pages/the-still)** 🍷



Cascade Female Factory. Photo credit: Hype.



The World Heritage listed Cascades Female Factory tells the story of the dispossession, mistreatment and forced migration of Australian convict women and girls, and their contribution to colonisation throughout the history of colonial Australia to present day. The most significant site associated with female convicts in Australia, life at Cascades was gruelling. Women were placed into three distinct classes that were according to Governor Arthur "on no account be suffered to communicate with each other". With November to March seeing unrelenting hours of labour, the shorter days in winter were the only solace for these women who toiled from dawn to dusk. The opening of a new \$5M history and Interpretation Centre in March provides purpose-built visitor facilities including an interpretation gallery, research room and multi-purpose space, making this a unique venue for meetings or offsite functions just minutes from Hobart's CBD. **[www.femalefactory.org.au](http://www.femalefactory.org.au)** 🍷

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A spontaneous decision to leave Sydney for the wide-open spaces of Tasmania nearly 14 years ago found Fiona and Nick Moses opening the doors of The Granary at Richmond Hill to guests for the first time in the property's 200 year history. A luxe country escape, The Granary was originally built by convicts as an enormous barn from sandstone and brick that was carted by bullock from a property 20kms away. It has had many uses over the years; granary, stable, worker's quarters, shearing shed, and very recently host to visitors to Tasmania! Set amongst exquisite gardens overlooking the beautiful Macquarie River, The Granary is available for corporate events. **[www.granaryrichmondhill.com](http://www.granaryrichmondhill.com)** 🍷







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# EAT WITH US

Just 30 minutes south of Hobart lies the picturesque Huon Valley, a once thriving apple growing region that used to export apples right across the world, earning Tasmania the moniker of the 'Apple Isle'. In 1888 Willie Smith planted the first apple tree in the family's orchard and for four generations since, the Smith family have tended 115 acres of farmland here. Through the thick and thin of industry and surviving a crisis or two, theirs is a quintessentially Tasmanian story of pioneers, determination of spirit and most of all, family.



Photo credit: Tourism Tasmania & Jonathan Wherrett.

As a result of the innovation of current orchardist Andrew Smith, the family made the decision to go organic in 1997. As they themselves say, it was a bold move and involved a lot of new techniques and training to achieve. With this new focus on organic farming and the use of the

apples in Willie Smith cider, the family aimed to bring back the glory of the 'Apple Isle' days once more, an ethos they now share with guests through the establishment of their restaurant and function space, Willie Smith's Apple Shed.





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A visit to Willie Smith's Apple Shed offers an insight into those halcyon days when trucks brimming with apples from the Huon lined up at Hobart's wharf to load apple ships. An old rustic barn surrounded by lush green pastures and wooden outbuildings, the circa 1943 apple packing shed has been sensitively renovated by award winning architects Cumulus Studio (the same architects behind Tassie icons including Pumphouse Point, Devil's Corner Cellar Door and Cradle Mountain Visitor Centre), into a unique offsite venue with flexible spaces.

The Apple Shed is a place to learn about the apple growing history of the Huon Valley, with fresh seasonal produce and wine, craft beer, and of course, Willie Smith's award-winning ciders served in a warm, heritage setting. It is also home to Charles Oates Distilling, where fine apple spirits are distilled in a hand beaten copper still. Named Antoinette and made in Tasmania, this copper alembic Charentais still is based on a 16th century Cognac still from France and is the only one of its kind in Australia!

The menu is a local affair, changing with the seasons and showcasing some of the best produce the region has to offer, and always with a hint of apple or cider shining through. No visit to Willie Smith's would be complete without indulging in the Apple Shed's Famous Apple Pie served with Van Diemen's Vanilla Bean ice cream – memories of caramelised chunks of delicious organic apple wedged between the perfect pastry stay with the diner well after the final crumb has left the plate!





Photo credit: Liam Neal.

For conferencing, delegates can enjoy exclusive use of the Apple Shed and grounds by day or night. The Museum and Distillery are perfect spaces for breakout sessions or smaller group events and board meetings and delegates are welcome to browse the apple museum, enjoy a cider tasting and then feast on local, seasonal dishes at the end of the program.

Intimate dinner parties for 20, whole shed seated dinners for 140 or cocktail functions for 200 are easily accommodated, and the adjacent Apple Shed Paddock can cater for up to 600 guests in a festival style format.



Photo credit: Samuel Shelley.

For events in a character filled venue laden with stories, with mountain ranges in the distance, fresh clean air all around, a delicious local food and beverage offering and warm and welcoming country style hospitality, Willie Smith's Apple Shed is the perfect location. ♥

#### **WILLIE SMITH'S APPLE SHED**

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# ADVENTURE WITH US

We at Business Events Tasmania are a passionate bunch of Tasmanians, fortunate enough to have one of the best jobs in the world – helping our clients discover all that our special island home offers!

**M**uch like the Killiecrankie diamonds nestled on the granite shores of Flinders Island, fragrant black truffles hidden amongst the trufferies of the Meander Valley, Rock Lobster tucked away in the sea caves of the East Coast or the autumnal tones of the fagus of our alpine regions that emerge once a year, Tasmania is an island of people, places and experiences

that are hidden treasures waiting to be discovered.

We love nothing more than assisting our clients to create bespoke experiences to take their delegates on an island adventure that is truly immersive in Tasmania's culture, community and natural wilderness.

As our recent famil guests discovered firsthand, working with Business Events Tasmania gives you access to some of our state's best kept secrets, with 17 hosted delegates journeying from north to south, and across to Tassie's iconic East Coast on a five day itinerary unlocking some of the state's hidden treasures...

## NORTHERN TREASURE

Proud trawlwoolway man Greg Murray of kooparoona niara tours guided guests around Launceston's QVMAG exhibition, *First Tasmanians: our story, an immersive encounter with the deep history and continuing culture of Tasmania's Aboriginal people*. Created in consultation with the Aboriginal community, it includes rarely seen original objects and Tasmanian Aboriginal perspectives on climate change, astronomy, stories of creation, craft,



technology and architecture. Greg can also be found sharing stories of culture and country along the kooparoona niara Cultural Trail, its name meaning “mountains of the spirits” in language, the Aboriginal term for the Great Western Tiers, the mountain range that form the ancient backdrop to everyday life in this part of the state.

In contrast, a visit to World Heritage Listed Colonial farm village Brickendon Estate at Longford, just twenty minutes south of Hobart offered famil attendees insight into Tasmania’s more recent history. With tranquil gardens and a host of unique event spaces weaved throughout the grounds, current owner Louise Archer provided guests with a personal tour of her estate before dinner and drinks were served in the circa 1836 timber barn that was once the workplace of local convicts repenting their crimes under harsh conditions in colonial Van Diemen’s Land.

### **EAST COAST TREASURE**

On Tasmania’s iconic East Coast, lunch was held at Craigie Knowe, home to the oldest vineyard on this coastline, prepared by former Masterchef contestant turned celebrity chef Ben Milbourne with fresh seasonal local produce that was so fresh, seasonal and local that he foraged for some of it along the back roads on his journey to the cellar door! Paired of course with a selection of Craigie Knowe’s finest (except for the



*Craigie Knowe Vineyard. Photo credit: Cultivate Productions.*

bubbles which are procured from ‘the neighbours’ at Spring Vale Vineyard next door!), guests enjoyed a long table lunch with Craigie Knowe owners, father and son duo Glen and Alex Travers who regaled the property’s history.

Craigie Knowe’s vines were first planted in 1979 by then Hobart dentist John Austwick, who was a pioneer of the time, establishing the vineyard despite all the local farmers thinking he was crazy! However, they soon realised John was onto something and planted their own vines, making the East





Hobart Yachts. Photo credit: Ultimedia.

Coast the renowned cool climate wine region it is today with more than two dozen award winning vineyards scattered up and down the coast. A range of tours and experiences are available at Craigie Knowe's cellar door, with the option to bring in your own chef for larger events.

Nestled on the banks of the Swan River in the tiny coastal hamlet of Dolphin Sands, sits Melshell Oysters. The Melrose family have been farming premium oysters in the pristine waters of the Swan River and Great Oyster Bay since 1984 and have recently added to their offering with 'The Oyster Shack' – a highly instagrammable retro caravan adjacent to the oyster farm's processing shed. Guests had

the opportunity to participate in a shucking lesson... or let the Melshell team do the hard work for them while they sipped on a glass of East Coast sparkling and took in the panoramic views and fresh sea air of Great Oyster Bay! Melshell Oysters welcome the opportunity to host guests on farm and can offer bespoke experiences upon request.

### **SOUTHERN TREASURE**

Heading south, famil attendees had the opportunity to get creative... and a little bit messy! Glazed and Confused pottery studio is located in the heart of Hobart and invites guests to unleash their creative side and gather together for a guided ceramic workshop to make

their very own decorative and functional masterpiece. Private events can be fully tailored either in the studio or offsite locations to suit client needs, and guests leave the workshop with their very own creation as a memento of their time in Tasmania.

Taking centre stage (quite literally) for lunch at the historical Theatre Royal, famil attendees were treated to a performance by Archipelago Productions, before the curtain was raised on a delectable long table feast on stage catered for and styled by renown Hobart event extraordinaire Bernadette Woods and her team at BW Events.





A popular favourite for guests to the south of the state and highlight for our famil attendees is Hobart Yachts skippered by Mark and Marsha Stranger. Available for corporate hire, Helsal IV and sister ship Magic Miles can be chartered for a range of nautical experiences from a casual afternoon sail around the River Derwent home of the Sydney to Hobart finish line, to more adventurous experiences further afield. Match racing utilising both vessels

is always great fun for clients seeking the thrill of competition and an experience out of the box!

Site visits to reacquaint guests with Tasmanian stalwarts, as well as showcasing new product opened up over the last couple of years were also included throughout the famil itinerary. After an exciting few days unlocking the island's hidden treasure, guests departed with new insights and new connections. We look forward to doing it all again soon on our next famil – if you would like to join us please contact Taryn Reid on [treid@betasmania.com.au](mailto:treid@betasmania.com.au) to register your expression of interest.

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government under the Recovery for Regional Tourism program, an initiative of the \$1billion COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Fund. 🐾



# CHAT WITH A LOCAL LISA BRYANT

Growing up in Tasmania gave Lisa a passion for this beautiful island and a curiosity for the rich history that is waiting to be uncovered in every corner of the state.

As owner of Hobart Walking Tours she now gets to share her depth of knowledge of Hobart's colonial past and contemporary culture with guests visiting the city.

**K**nown for her warm and informative approach, Lisa offers a range of scheduled and bespoke tours taking in Hobart's waterfront, historic Hunter Street, Salamanca Place and Battery Point.

Sharing tall tales of the convicts of Van Diemen's Land, corrupt colonial officials, whalers and sailors, guests weave their way through Hobart's character filled streets taking in local landmarks of an era gone by.

Below Lisa shares some of her Tasmanian favourites:

## **I LOVE LIVING IN TASMANIA BECAUSE...**

We are so lucky in Tasmania! We can travel in any direction and have a completely different experience. We can head to the beautiful East Coast for sunshine and beaches, or the rugged West Coast for rivers and mountains. If you wanted to you could spend time in the snow and at the beach all in the same day! I love that there is always somewhere new to see and explore, no matter how long you have lived here.



## **THE BEST PART ABOUT MY JOB AS OWNER AND TOUR GUIDE FOR HOBART WALKING TOURS IS...**

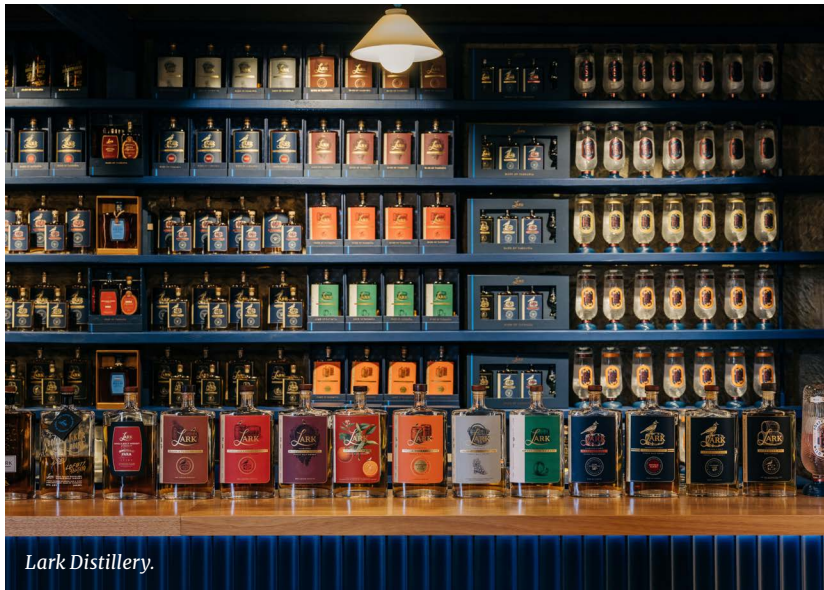
The people! Every tour offers a change – I have taken the same tour countless times and every single time it is always a different experience because of the people I get to meet along the way. I'm so lucky that my guests are always a diverse range of people who are all interested in learning our history. They all walk our city in the same way but come to me with different questions, making each tour a unique experience.

Being able to have our beautiful city and its heritage buildings as my office is a huge bonus as well!

## **AN UNMISSABLE EXPERIENCE I ALWAYS RECOMMEND WHEN VISITING OUR ISLAND STATE...**

Tasmania has an incredible amount of places and experiences that truly should not be missed – almost too many to pick from, in fact! I always recommend visitors hire a car and travel to the far corners of our state for a truly Tasmanian experience. However, one of these that





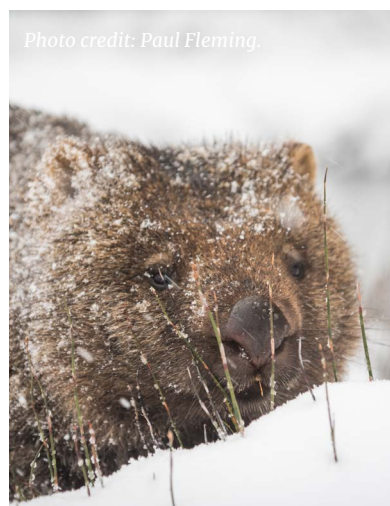
definitely shouldn't be missed is the Floating Sauna at Derby. It is the perfect experience surrounded by fog, warm one minute and then swimming in the freezing water the next!

### ONE THING THAT MIGHT SURPRISE PEOPLE TO LEARN ABOUT TASMANIA IS...

Colonial Hobart was a city that through its early years had endless issues with alcohol consumption – many workplaces even allowed their workers to bring pots of gin to work to consume during their lunch break!

This unsurprisingly led to fights, drowning, accidents and even more sinister calculated crimes that were taking place largely due to excessive alcohol consumption.

The Temperance League decided that things must change in the city and consequently established a number of 'Coffee Palaces' in Hobart, where the lower classes were encouraged to stop drinking alcohol, take up coffee instead, and receive counsel from well meaning patrons from the upper-class about how to change their ways. I am sure you can imagine how successful that was...



### YOU HAVEN'T REALLY EXPERIENCED TASMANIA UNTIL YOU HAVE...

There are so many experiences that are truly Tasmanian, however I think one experience that is hard to beat is having to side step off a boardwalk or track whilst hiking at Maria Island or Cradle Mountain to let one of our wombats continue their way to find their lunch! Even better after some snow fall is seeing a little snow covered wombat marching their way straight to you! 🐨

## MY FAVOURITE TASMANIAN:

### COFFEE SPOT

Daci & Daci, love the location across from Hobart's Historic Parliament house, the friendly staff and of course the coffee!

### CHEEKY TASSIE TIPPLE

Lark Distillery, a huge part of the development in Tassie's distilling industry, but also with a nice range of seasonal offerings.

### TASTY TASMANIAN TREAT

There is such a range of treats on offer, I love the delicious fudge made by various businesses around the state.

### SECRET TASMANIAN LOCATION

So many places that are hidden across the state but if you're looking for a quiet weekend in unique, hand-crafted accommodation then The Cob Barn in Lilydale is something that has to be experienced.

### PLACE TO ENJOY TASMANIA'S GREAT OUTDOORS

Styx Valley, fresh air, huge trees completely immersed in the wilderness!

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