



## Australian Society for Infectious Diseases (ASID) Annual Scientific Meeting 2016

**DESTINATION:** Launceston, Tasmania

**WHEN:** 20 – 23 April 2016

**DELEGATES:** 388 delegates, including 42 international delegates

**VENUES:** Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston, Albert Hall Launceston, Josef Chromy Wines

The Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases is the peak professional body for infectious diseases and microbiology in the region. Membership encompasses infectious disease physicians, clinical microbiologists, scientists, infection control practitioners, public health physicians, sexual health physicians, veterinarians and others eminent in the field of infectious diseases.

### THE PROGRAM:

Held at one of Launceston's premier conferencing venues the Hotel Grand Chancellor, the four-day event celebrated the 40th anniversary of the ASID. The ASID Annual Scientific Meeting included plenary sessions, symposiums, a popular public lecture presented by Professor Lindsay Grayson, Director, Infectious Diseases & Microbiology, Austin Health and the ASID annual dinner.

Delegates enjoyed several social functions including a welcome reception at Josef Chromy Wines, attended by 270 delegates. Josef Chromy Wines is one of Tasmania's award winning wineries with a state-of-the-art function centre and restaurant, located a short 15-minute coach ride from Launceston's CBD. The ASID Annual Scientific Meeting annual dinner was held at Launceston's Albert Hall and attended by 180 delegates.

**"It was the first time this meeting was held in Launceston and the delegates loved attending a conference in a city that had a "big town" feel where everything was easily accessible. The meeting was held on the 40th Anniversary of ASID and included special events to recognise the important milestone, including a public lecture on 'Superbugs'. The public lecture was a great success with over 200 people attending."**

**- Amanda Burg, Conference Operations Manager, ASHM Conference & Events Division**



#### **WHY TASMANIA:**

Launceston was the perfect host city for a conference of this size. With all the facilities and conferencing infrastructure of a bigger city, this boutique destination made delegates feel particularly welcome. Boasting a thriving food and wine scene and a range of accommodation options within walking distance from the main conferencing venue, Launceston is an agreeable and easily accessible city, making it the perfect place for holding a business event.

#### **EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:**

The quality of speakers and presenters was of note. This was complemented by the facilities and staff of the Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston who assisted professional conference organisers ASHM Conference and Events in the smooth running of the event.

The two major social functions of the four-day event were a highlight for many delegates, providing an opportunity for professionals to network with peers in a relaxed environment. The annual dinner held at Albert Hall, one of Launceston's most significant heritage buildings, was a short stroll from the Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston and the fine Tasmanian food and wine presented by Josef Chromy Wines at the event's welcome reception was unforgettable.

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