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ANGELS FOR TASMANIA!

Australia's leading angel investors are to meet Tasmanian entrepreneurs in Hobart later this month.

'Angel' investors assist companies to grow with much-needed finance and the know-how to develop and expand. The Angel Connect Tasmania event is designed to assist Tasmanian companies to meet and network with Australia's leading investors, learn from experienced entrepreneurs and understand more about the investment process.

Funded through the Department of Economic Development and Tourism's Business Boost program, Angel Connect will be held in Hobart, Tasmania on Tuesday 28th October, 2008.

Boasting a spectacular speaker line-up second to none, Angel Connect features some of Australia's leading entrepreneurs and investors, including Diane Tompson, Managing Director of Powercom Systems, the current National President-Elect of Women Chiefs of Enterprises International, and Tasmania's 2005 Telstra Business Woman of the Year.

Other speakers include Simon Baker, Executive Chairman of Arts Hub and until recently the MD and CEO of the REA Group (realestate.com.au); David Skellern, CEO of National ICT Australia and co-founder of Radiata which was sold to CISCO for \$595 million; and Roger Allen, successful entrepreneur, angel, director and co-founder of venture capital firm Allen & Buckeridge.

Mr. Allen commented: "Angel Connect offers an excellent opportunity for entrepreneurs to get an inside glimpse at the requirements and expectations of the investor." He added, "This event will give a significant advantage to those seeking investment, and enlighten them on when and how to find, attract and secure investors in a more effective and sophisticated way."

The Angel Connect program offers a range of sessions on the investment environment for Tasmanian fast-growth companies, from understanding and attracting Angels to funding strategies and ensuring the best deal for both entrepreneur and investor.

Entrepreneur and investor Martin Hosking, who will be speaking on attracting investors, was a co-founder of LookSmart, one of Australia's first technology companies to list on NASDAQ. Hosking says: "Angel Connect offers a wonderful opportunity for entrepreneurs and investors to meet, network and even begin to form business relationships."

With a wide range of attendees, including entrepreneurs and employees of Tasmanian fast-growth companies, angel investors and venture capitalists, research facilities, universities and government, Angel Connect brings together leaders and innovators across industries.

Angel Connect will take place in Hobart at the Henry Jones Art Hotel, on Tuesday 28th October, 2008, from 12pm to 6pm.

For more information about Angel Connect, visit www.slatteryit.com.au/AngelConnect2008/tas.html

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Chairman, Allen & Buckeridge

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Event Details

Date Tuesday 28th October, 2008; 12.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue The Henry Jones Art Hotel, 25 Hunter Street, Hobart

Cost \$220 inc. GST (*50% discount for entrepreneurs and employees of public-funded research institutions and start-ups*)

About Angel Connect

Following on from the success of the VC Connect events held across the country in 2007, Slattery IT is hosting Angel Connect, designed to tell you everything you need to know about the process of Angel Investment!

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The Angel Connect program will include sessions on: meeting and attracting angel investors; understanding the expectations and motivations of angels; doing the deal; working together; clever angels and active investors and collaborating with other investors.

Attendees will be given ample opportunity to network and meet potential partners, investors, mentors and friends.

Attendees of Angel Connect will include: entrepreneurs and employees of Australian fast-growth companies; Venture Capitalists; Incubators, Angel Investors; Research Facilities, Universities; Service Providers; Government.

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Speakers include:

- » Roger Allen, Chairman, Allen & Buckeridge
- » Simon Baker, Executive Chairman, Arts Hub
- » Clem Doherty, Chairman, Like Minded Individuals
- » John Dyson, Investment Principal, Starfish Ventures
- » Geoff Elwood, Chief Executive Officer, Etech Group
- » Martin Hosking, Executive Chairman, RedBubble
- » Simon Mackay, Chief Executive Officer, UXC
- » Nick McNaughton, CEO, Blue Cove Ventures
- » David Skellern, CEO, National ICT Australia
- » Diane Tompson, Managing Director, Powercom Systems
- » David Vitale, Principal Consultant, Focussed Strategy

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