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Media Release

Easter Egg Hunt & Family Picnic – Good Friday 3 April 2015

The magic of Easter is just around the corner and what better way to celebrate than bringing family and friends along to the RHH Research Foundation's annual Easter Egg Hunt & Family Picnic at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens.

Now in its third successful year, this egg-citing event will raise over \$25,000, which is invested in life-saving local medical research conducted by health professionals from across Tasmania.

The fun and excitement kicks off when gates open at 10.00am, and adults and children alike eagerly await the start of the various aged-grouped Easter Egg Hunts which will occur throughout the course of the day. Children aged three to thirteen can participate in the Hunt, where eggs are scattered in a field at the beautiful Botanical Gardens. The Easter Bunny will hand out eggs to those under 3 years of age.

There are also plenty of other great activities including entertainment by ExitLeft Productions, egg and spoon races, story-telling, bunny hunt, craft corner with a host of other fun and games for all ages on offer while families relax in the beautiful surroundings of the gardens.

Caramello Koala and his good friend Freddo Frog will be on hand to greet guests throughout the day which draws to a close at 1.30pm. The Gardens will remain open enabling families to continue enjoying the beautiful surroundings in forecast fine weather.

Food and refreshments are available on the day, but families are encouraged to bring along a picnic hamper and rug if they wish to add to the enjoyment of the day.

It's not too late to purchase tickets online or at the gate on the day, but guests are urged to park at the Regatta Grounds and take the free 'hop-on, hop-off' bus service so that they can arrive when gates open at 10.00am to get the best spot for their picnic rug and hamper.

WHERE: The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens – entry from the main gate (Lower Domain Rd), but the event is held on the Eastern side of the long brick wall – bunny footprints on the paths guide the way.

WHEN: Good Friday 3 April 2015. Gates open at 10.00am, with age-grouped hunt times for 3 – 13 year olds scheduled between 10.45am and 1.15pm. The event concludes at 1.30pm, but the Gardens remain open for the remainder of the day.

PARKING: With limited parking at the Gardens, a free 'hop-on, hop off' bus service will operate every 5 minutes with plenty of free parking available at the Regatta Grounds.

TICKETS AND PRICING: Last minute tickets are available online (www.rhhresearchfoundation.org) or at the gate: Family (2 Adults, 2 Children) \$45.00, Adults \$17.00, Children \$9.00 (aged 3-13), Children under 3 free.

Media time/date: Good Friday 3 April, Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens

Arrival at 11.45am for a formal opening at noon by CEO Heather Francis and Egg Hunt Ambassador Jo Palmer

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