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## MEDIA RELEASE

# RHH Research Foundation set to celebrate International Women's Day 2014

International Women's Day is held in March every year, and has grown to become a major time of global celebration for the economic, political and social achievements of women while focusing on areas requiring further action.

The RHH Research Foundation is hosting the annual International Women's Day breakfast at Wrest Point this week to mark the occasion. RHH Research Foundation CEO, Ms Heather Francis said the event recognised an important day of reflection and indeed celebration on the Tasmanian calendar.

"International Women's Day is an opportunity for all of us to acknowledge the many inspirational women in our lives, while also encouraging advocacy for women's advancement. It is certainly true that in 2014, everyone can be an advocate for positive change.

"The annual Big Breakfast, co-ordinated by the RHH Research Foundation, is the largest gathering statewide held to recognise and celebrate the achievements of women. The much anticipated event is supported by the Community Development Division, Department of Premier and Cabinet," Ms Francis said.

This year the breakfast will feature guest speaker Mel Doyle, journalist, author and News Presenter with the Seven Network Australia. As one of Australia's most popular media personalities having worked in the industry since 1990, Mel will share her thoughts on modern media channels and their influence on shaping opinion of current issues, and how this impacts women and girls in particular.

The 2014 International Women's Day breakfast is welcoming more than 500 people raising vital funds for local health and medical research.

International Women's Day Breakfast  
Thursday 7 March  
6.30am arrival for 7.00am start – 8.30am  
Wrest Point, Tasman Room

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**For more info:** CEO Heather Francis - 0407 201 113

**Please note:** Media interview and photo opportunity with Melissa Doyle by prior appointment only