

## REPORT 2008

### “Tasmania’s magical landscapes”

The 2008 Tasmanian Heritage Festival was launched in Hobart on Thursday 3 April by the Hon. Michelle O’Byrne, Minister for Environment, Parks, Heritage and the Arts, Minister for Sport and Recreation. A most successful result saw records break for attendance at Festival events, number of events and number of event organisers. In all more than 40,000 people attended more than 91 Festival events which were spread throughout the state.

The great contribution by all volunteers is a central part of the Festival and while it involves a huge amount of effort by so many volunteers the impact it has on promoting both the National Trust and Tasmania’s heritage cannot be overstated.

Inevitably planning has already started for the 2009 Heritage Festival. Next year sees an extraordinary conjunction of events in April including Ten Days on the Island, Easter and ANZAC Day.

For this reason the decision has been made to move the 2009 Festival to May despite the increased possibility of more inclement weather. The alternative of remaining in April and trying to compete against so many different events throughout the month was considered to be most problematic.

Expressions of interest for 2009 inclusion in the event calendar will be available at the end of August

(An archived version of the 2008 information is available on the **Annual page**)

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