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**Horizon - Education Futures**

"Connecting university and community: A professional learning hub model for education in rural Tasmania"

Presented by Professor Michael Corbett,
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Michael Corbett is Professor of Rural and Remote Education in the Faculty of Education at the University of Tasmania. Professor Corbett has studied rural outmigration, youth educational decision-making, the politics of educational assessment, literacies in rural contexts, improvisation and the arts in education, the position of rural identities and experience in education, conceptions of space, place and mobilities, the viability of small rural schools, "wicked" policy problems and controversies in education, and the use of film and video as a literate medium in schools. Apart from his academic work, Corbett worked as a public school teacher in rural and remote communities for nearly 20 years.

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There is considerable concern about educational retention and achievement in rural Australia. Very often, rural education and rural places themselves are understood and framed in deficit terms. Drawing on a strengths-based framework, I will argue that a strong alliance between universities and rural communities is crucial for social, cultural and economic growth in the 21st century. To illustrate the case, I will present elements of a proposed partnership between the UTAS Faculty of Education, the Tasmanian Department of Education and the Circular Head Council. This project will situate a professional learning hub in a rural community, potentially serving as a flexible template for durable university-community partnerships throughout the state and throughout Australia.

**When:** 16:00-17:30, Wednesday 14 June 2017

**Where:**
- Cradle Coast Campus, Room D214 (Map Ref: AL 09) VIEW MAP
- Newnham Campus, Room A001 (Map Ref: BF 24) VIEW MAP
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