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Australian and New Zealand Fire Authorities Meet in Hobart

Hobart's population will swell by almost one thousand people when the Hotel Grand Chancellor, on Hobart's waterfront, hosts the Joint Australasian Fire Authorities Council and Bushfire Research Centre National Conference, this week.

The conference has attracted 890 delegates and exhibitors, and is the largest conference to be held during the record breaking September quarter.

Tasmanian Convention Bureau Chief Executive Vincent Barron said the Fire Authorities Conference would attract leading personnel from the fire and emergency management industry and key representatives from the fire research community.

Mr. Barron said the Fire Authorities Conference demonstrated how conferences had the capacity to attract world leaders in different special interests to Tasmania.

"Having particular expertise provides a boost to the local industry and potentially world wide publicity for Tasmania" he said.

Mr. Barron said the three day conference would culminate with a number of field trips, exposing visiting delegates to a range of Tasmania's experiences for a future visit.

He said the record September bookings have helped to make the September quarter the best on record with an estimated 9,000 delegates contributing \$14 million to businesses around Tasmania.

Ends

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