

Linux Conference begins its march South

Hobart hosts key members of Linux Australia in preparation for the internationally recognised Linux.conf.au conference.

The Tasmanian Linux conference team played host to senior and influential members of the Australian Linux community last weekend as part of their preparations for the prestigious linux.conf.au conference to be held in Hobart from January 19-24th 2009 at the University of Tasmania.

"Ghosts of Conferences Past", as the annual meeting is known in the community, is a chance for past linux.conf.au organisers to pass on valuable knowledge and insights to each successive team. It is also an opportunity for the new team to showcase their ideas in the lead up to the next conference.



The delegation had the chance to inspect the facilities, including the University of Tasmania where the main conference will be held, before a series of meetings to discuss the mechanics of the upcoming Linux conference. A number of social events aimed at showcasing what Tasmania has to offer potential conference attendees were also held over the 4 day visit. Previous organisers were impressed by the exciting itinerary that the Tasmanian team had designed for the conference and provided positive feedback on team Tasmania's plans.

"I reckon Team Tas is going to put on a great conference for us next year - not fair we have to wait so long to get there." said Donna Benjamin, lead organiser for the highly successful Melbourne conference in 2008.

The Tasmanian team expect to bring over 700 conference delegates into Hobart over the week-long conference including many high-profile members of the international Linux community.

The internationally recognised conference started in Melbourne back in 1999, with CALU: Conference of Australian Linux Users, held at Monash University over 3 days in July 1999.

Renamed to linux.conf.au in 2001 it has grown to become one of the world's best technical Linux conferences.

It continues to be run by community volunteers for the community volunteers that have made Linux and Free and Open Source Software the phenomenon it is today.

More information can be found at the conference webpage at <http://www.marchsouth.org>.

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