

## ALCN Learning Forum

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*Circular Head - UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities member*



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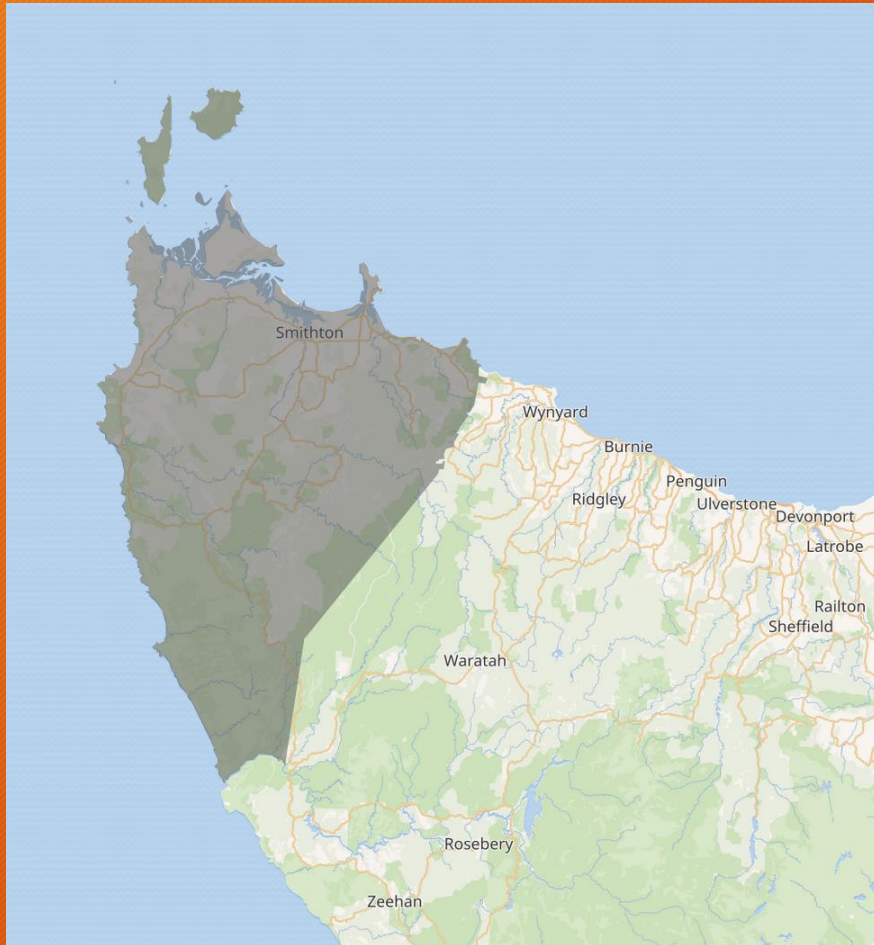
# Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners on the lands from which we all come today, and where learning takes place across Australia and globally.





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Population: 8,352

Area: 4,917 km<sup>2</sup>

ARIA Measure: Outer Regional  
SEIFA Level of Disadvantage = 1 (most)

Industries:

- Dairy/Beef
- Commercial fishing & aquaculture
- Iron ore processing
- Tourism



## FORMAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- ✓ Five public primary schools
- ✓ One independent primary school
- ✓ One public secondary school
- ✓ One K - 12 independent school
- ✓ Zero Higher Education or VET campuses
- ✓ Two Trade Training Centres
- ✓ One Regional University Study Hub



## NON-FORMAL

- ✓ Heritage Museums
- ✓ Sporting Clubs - AFL, Hockey
- ✓ Men's Shed
- ✓ Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation
- ✓ Rural Health - "Chillout"
- ✓ Libraries Tasmania
- ✓ Circular Head Council
- ✓ 26Ten





# Literacy Plan

“can be a place where people take part in different types and styles of learning programs to suit their interests and needs – for work, for school, to make social connections, or just for fun”

## Goals

- ✓ Sustain ongoing literacy & learning
- ✓ Networks to help learners thrive
- ✓ Community of lifelong learners
- ✓ Enable participation in literacy & Learning



## Workforce Planning Study

1. Skill development & recruitment initiatives
2. Link between industry needs & educational pathways
3. Pursue broader economic development measures
4. Jobs Hub



# STUDY CENTRE CIRCULAR HEAD

- Federally Funded RUSH through Department of Education
- May 2022 – Cohort 1 refunded for further four years
- Partnership with UTAS
- MoU with TasTAFE
- MoU with West North West Working

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- ✓ Study Spaces
- ✓ Break-out area
- ✓ Computer & Printing facilities
- ✓ High-speed internet
- ✓ Academic & student support services





## A Model of Success for RRR Learning?



Study Centre Circular Head and West Coast Study Hub are funded under cohort 1. Study King Island is cohort 4.

An additional Regional University Study Hub is approved under cohort 5 funding in Eastern Tasmania at St Helens, opening mid 2025.

A similar model to the RUSH network has been funded by the Commonwealth Government as the Suburban University Study Hubs.

A Suburban Hub has been approved for opening in mid 2025 at Sorell in Tasmania's south.



Ref: Extract from literature review written by Dr Leone Wheeler for Victorian Adult Community and Further Education Project, 2022 (Updated Feb, 2025), Case Study Two.

# *Thank you.....*

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