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## BENJAMIN LAW SET TO INSPIRE AT ANNUAL STAFF CONFERENCE

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Relationships Australia Tasmania (RA Tas) is excited to welcome Sydney-based journalist, columnist and screenwriter, Benjamin Law, as the keynote speaker for its annual two day staff conference.

Held in Launceston this year, the conference is focussing on exceptional service with the theme "Serves us Right! How the right kind of service benefits our clients and ourselves."

RA Tas CEO Mat Rowell said he was once again pleased to offer staff members the chance for professional development and to hear from an outstanding speaker.

"Benjamin Law's personal values and body of work are well aligned with our vision and mission at RA Tas," Mr Rowell said.

"His focus on family dynamics and relationships, and his progressive world view are ideally suited to the work that we do."

Benjamin Law is the author of two books: the black comedy memoir *The Family Law* (2010) and the travelogue *Gaysia: Adventures in the Queer East* (2012). *The Family Law* has been translated into French and has also been adapted for television with season 2 currently being filmed. *Gaysia* was published in India in 2013, with the US and other territories to follow in 2014. Both of his books were nominated for Australian Book Industry Awards, and he is currently working on his third.

Benjamin has also written for over 50 publications in Australia and worldwide, including *Good Weekend*, *frankie*, *The Monthly* and *Qweekend*. He has a PhD in television writing from QUT, and is a regular speaker at writers' festivals, and on radio and television.

Mr Rowell said the RA Tas staff conference played a pivotal role in ensuring the organisation was continuing to provide the right services and support to Tasmanian's when life presents challenges.

"At Relationships Australia Tasmania our mission is to transform the lives of our clients and support people to enjoy positive, respectful and fulfilling relationships."

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#### About RA Tas

Relationships Australia Tasmania (RA Tas) provides counselling, relationship and parenting education seminars and courses, dispute resolution, community support and professional training. Services are available to all people regardless of cultural background, family structure, economic situation, religious beliefs, gender or sexual orientation.

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