



VIEW FROM THE TOP: The car bonnet installation on Lillico Straight, which forms part of the Ten Days on the Islands activities, on the NW Coast. Picture: Katie McDougall.

Spare car parts are works of art

DEVONPORT artist Troy Ruffels' installation *The Hood* is complete, apart from some important final tweaking.

The installation — best viewed from the penguin viewing platform on the Lillico straight on the western approach to Devonport — is part of the biennial Ten Days on the Island artistic festival, which begins on March 23 and has once again attracted artists from islands around the globe to Tasmania.

Ruffels' installation consists of 130 car bonnets and has been designed to blend with the local landscape.

The Hood is part of the *Isle of Plenty*, which has seen local artists commissioned to produce area specific installations at the Lillico straight, the North-East seaside town of Bridport, and Cygnet, as part of the festival.



The installation will be complemented by a day-long program of events at Don on March 31 including a display of custom and classic cars, a showcase of new car technologies, local produce stalls and entertainment.

It is far from the only festival activity to venture to the North-West, with Newfoundland musician Duane Andrews, the Beowulf Musical Theatre, TasDance's production of *Mercy*, the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, theatrical productions *To The Wall* and *Little Match Girl*, and film

offerings *Far Flung Flicks*, and *Drive In Holiday* also heading to venues as diverse as Grassy, Zeehan, Deloraine, Sheffield, Riana, Smithton and Wynyard during the 10 days.

Ten Days artistic director Elizabeth Walsh said events would be staged in every Tasmanian city and municipality between March 23 and April 1.

The 2005 festival attracted about one in every four Tasmanians to an event and Ms Walsh said she saw no reason to believe that this year would be any different, even though Tasmanians were leaving their booking until the last minute.

Information about the North-West and West Coast events is also available at www.tendaysontheisland.com.

Brochures are also available at post offices and local art galleries.