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## **Canberra business success story - Jason Hart - returns to inspire local companies**

Jason Hart, will speak at a Canberra Times Business Series lunch on Wednesday this week about taking a local Canberra business global, the highs and lows of becoming CEO of a Public Company and his views on the impact of the current economic downturn.

"Jason's record of accomplishment, industry experience, and his entrepreneurial approach make him well qualified to speak to business in Canberra," said Chris Faulks, CEO of Canberra Business Council. "He not only a Canberra success story, he is an inspirational business speaker and we are extremely fortunate that he has agreed to speak at our event."

Jason Hart has received many awards and international recognition for his business acumen, innovation and leadership in the information and communication technology sector, including the Ernst & Young Australian Young Entrepreneur of the Year in 2002.

Mr. Hart founded Protocom in Canberra in 1989 and by 2004 Protocom was the fastest growing Australian software developer in terms of revenue and employment growth.

In August 2005 he oversaw the reverse-merger of Protocom into the Nasdaq-listed company ActivIdentity, a global leader in providing solutions to establishing a person's identity when interacting digitally, and served as chief executive officer of the company from February 2006 to November 2007.

## **Jason Hart is available for interview.**

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