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The University of Tasmania is the fourth oldest university in Australia and began its existence in 1890 in an historic Gothic building on Hobart’s Queens Domain. The site accommodated a growing number of students until 1963, when all UTAS courses were relocated to the Sandy Bay campus. Since then, generations of students have attended UTAS without a tangible connection to Domain House – the heritage building that gives the University its ‘sandstone’ status in the Australian university context.

Things are about to change. In August this year, UTAS celebrated the announcement that its original home would be returned in an historic property transaction negotiated with the State Government.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew applauded the move. He said that bringing Domain House back to its former glory will ensure the buildings can once again become an important part of the University and the Tasmanian community. “It is often quoted how important it is to understand the past to bring about a better understanding of the future,” Prof Le Grew said.

Many former students have fond memories of their time learning on the Domain. Ms Rhonda Ewart, Development Assistant from the UTAS Development and Alumni Office, has lobbied for many years for the return of Domain House. She said her first physical introduction to the University was in the main library of the beautiful Gothic building. “I had a strong affinity for the institution right from the time I entered its open doors,” she said.

“This ‘open door policy’ is what is reflected in the University’s motto, The Field Lies Open to Talent. Reclaiming our Domain House heritage will enable the University to again welcome the community. It reinforces our capacity as an educational institution to expand the opportunities for all Tasmanian, interstate and international students to gain a first-class tertiary education. “Domain House looks like a university and feels like a university and I am delighted that once again we can proudly boast that UTAS is a sandstone university.”

Bringing Domain House back to its former glory – and refurbishing and reconditioning the buildings so they can once again play an important part in the University and the Tasmanian community – is now a priority. Prof Le Grew said that in the coming months the University will determine the uses of Domain House to showcase the University.

“No more real has this been for the University recently than with the historic transfer of Domain House. “The Domain is the heritage kernel of the University. In my view its use should substantially serve the wider Tasmanian community.”

Sandstone status: Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew and Rhonda Ewart, long-time Domain House supporter, survey the interior of Domain House, which will be refurbished to serve the wider University community. Photo by Chris Crerar.

Sentimental home: Domain House, pictured c1890, was the original site of the University of Tasmania. Photo courtesy of UTAS Library.
Recently, the university had the opportunity to welcome three of our centenarian alumni back for a morning tea. These wonderful women – Mrs Jessie Luckman, Ms Eve Masterman and Mrs Nancy Weaver – shared with us their precious memories of attending the university in the 1930s at Domain House. It was a privilege to meet these pioneering women, and I hope you enjoy reading their stories in this issue of Alumni News.

Soon after this charming get-together, I travelled to Sydney for a short trip. At dinner one night a young man approached my table and introduced himself as a UTAS graduate. I was fascinated to hear about the businesses that he’d developed, his world travels and his memories of UTAS.

“Anyway,” he said as he was leaving, “you can read all about me in the next issue of Alumni News.”

The young man was Ian Cumming, a computing graduate who is now based in Sydney, and who is featured in the story on page 14.

At the University of Tasmania, we delight in hearing from our alumni, regardless of whether they graduated in the 1930s or in 2010 (and anywhere in between). We welcome visits from our alumni and appreciate our former students as members of the UTAS family. I wonder – when did you last visit? We want you to know that you’re always welcome – and if you can’t make it in person, then drop us a line to tell us your news.

Of course all of these stories about the generations of alumni are especially timely for me, as my term as Vice-Chancellor draws to a close. I feel happy leaving the University knowing that it is firmly placed as an international higher education institution operating out of Tasmania. After a strong period of growth, it’s in the best position that it has ever been in.

Professor Peter Rathjen will be the new Vice-Chancellor of UTAS from 28 March, 2011. Prof Rathjen has a strong background in the university sector and is currently Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University of Melbourne.

On a final note, I want to thank my colleagues within the University, as well as all of the students who’ve passed through UTAS, for their friendship and support over the years. I look forward to the next time that we meet.

Warm regards,

Professor Daryl Le Grew
Vice-Chancellor, University of Tasmania

Reading through the pages of this issue of Alumni News is like a journey back in time – an adventure through shared memories and delightful surprises.

How wonderful it was to hear from Alison Watkins (page 11), who has just been appointed the new CEO for GrainCorp. Her thoughts about her days as an undergraduate at UTAS – particularly now that her eldest daughter is embarking on her own university career – are both touching and enlightening.

I was equally intrigued to read about Ralph Spaulding’s research into Joyce Eyre (page 6), a pioneering UTAS academic who, in the 1940s, set up the first major university course in Australian literature.

And then there’s the engaging story with Elizabeth Hamilton, whose stolen handbag from the mid 1970s was recently re-discovered. I wonder what my handbag from several decades past would say about me!

All of the stories in this issue of Alumni News remind me of one important truth, and that is how terrific it is to keep in touch. Over the past few months the team in our alumni office has been attending social events across the world. We’re encouraged by your enthusiasm to meet up with old friends, and to establish new contacts with fellow UTAS graduates. We hope you like the pics of these events that we’ve included on pages 28 and 29.

Whether it’s by updating your details on the UTAS website (www.utasalumni.org.au) or by dropping a few short lines to our new networking section in Alumni News, called six degrees (page 26), let’s all agree that we’ll make the effort to keep in touch.

Wishing you all the best,

Elizabeth Daly
Chair, University of Tasmania Alumni
The lives of three centenarian UTAS alumni were celebrated recently with a special morning tea, hosted by Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew. Ms Evelyn (Eve) Masterman (BA 1933), Mrs Jessie Luckman (BA 1939) and Mrs Nancy Weaver (BA 1932) are all graduates of the University of Tasmania, and are life members of the Hobart Walking Club. All three women are also at least 100 years young.

Prof Le Grew told the gathering at the Sandy Bay campus that the University has grown dramatically in the years since Jessie, Nancy and Eve were students at Domain House. “Today, UTAS has tens of thousands of students,” Prof Le Grew said, “and that delights me because it means there’s a greater chance of seeing even more Tasmanians like the three of you. “The ultimate goal of the University is to produce wonderful people — and wonderful people who’ll be in the Tasmanian community for as long as possible. You sure have done that! And may you be around in Tasmania for many more years to come.”

Mr Mark Bennett, Director of Development and Alumni, said Nancy, Eve and Jessie had led long and diverse lives, contributing to the fields of music, human rights and volunteering. But what intrigued him most about these centenarians was their one common thread — and that is their love for the Tasmanian bush.

“It’s an absolute pleasure to see these amazing graduates back at the University,” he said. “I’d like to extend an open door to all our alumni, and to let them know that we appreciate our former students as members of the alumni family, which is spread all over the world.”

100 years young: (L-R) Mrs Jessie Luckman, Ms Eve Masterman and Mrs Nancy Weaver all graduated from UTAS in the 1930s, and are life members of the Hobart Walking Club. Photo by Sean Fennessy.
S: Professor Morris Miller CBe appointed vice-Chancellor; UTAS students in 1930: 392 (265 males and 127 females)
Serving the church in unusual ways
By Sharon Webb

AS SOMEONE who studied commerce and public administration at the University of Tasmania in the 1940s, Dr Peter Rudge (BCom 1948, DipPubAdmin 1949) may have surprised others in the direction his life has taken. The 83-year-old’s life’s work has been in his formative studies of ecclesiastical administration in the Anglican Church. His PhD thesis, gained in the 1960s at Leeds University in the UK, was titled Ministry and Management: it became the foundation book in this field, followed by a second book, Management in the Church.

“After my Tasmanian studies I went to theological college in Adelaide, St Michael’s House, and became an ordained minister,” Peter said.

“I felt called to the church, and I served for 10 years as a priest in the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn. My last parish was in Berriedale in the Snowy Mountains, where Queen Elizabeth visited in 1963.”

In 1963 he went to England to St Augustine’s College in Canterbury and met Professor Harry Hanson, a world authority on public administration at the college.

Studies at Leeds University and his books followed, and Peter worked in the UK as a consultant in church management before returning to Australia. He worked in the public service in Canberra for a while before becoming a taxation consultant.

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In unusual ways

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THE FIRST MAJOR UNIVERSITY COURSE in Australian literature
By Janette Brennan

IT WAS IN 1950, FOUR YEARS BEFORE Dr Ralph Spaulding (CertEd 1956, BA 1968, DipEd 1969, BEdStud 1987, MA 1999, PhD 2005) first attended UTAS, that a lecturer named Joyce Eyre died during childbirth. No-one could have imagined that Ralph, years later, would spend part of his retirement getting to know this pioneering woman.

As a long-time school principal with an English/history background, Ralph decided to work towards a PhD in his retirement. Then one day, while reading a book on English studies within Australian universities, he came across a footnote.

“That footnote said that Joyce Eyre, of Tasmania, had presented a course on Australian literature,” Ralph said.

“I pride myself on knowing the history of our literature, so I decided to find out what I could about Joyce Eyre.”

Ralph put his PhD studies on hold and spent the next year searching for information on Joyce Eyre in archives and by meeting with her living contemporaries. He discovered that Joyce designed and championed local writers.

“In April 1949 Joyce married a bank clerk. She continued working, even when she was heavily pregnant (her former students told Ralph that she seemed blissfully happy at the prospect of motherhood). Sadly, Joyce died in October 1950, after going into labour. Her daughter was stillborn.

“Joyce was a pioneer,” Ralph said. “This footnotedvolution was so important to her work, and her daughter’s death was a great loss. But Joyce’s contribution to Australian literature is our heritage and it’s important to know where we come from.”

Ralph has since become an Honorary Research Associate with the School of English, Journalism and European Languages. His current project is looking into the life and work of William Henry Williams.

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When Des Beecheys (BSc Hons 1968) first set eyes upon the Parappa, a 94-year-old dilapidated fishing cutter, she presented him with a unique opportunity to resurrect the boat – and to delve into her history.

Des purchased the Parappa at Dover six years ago. It gave the long-time Sydney-sider the perfect excuse to regularly visit his family and friends in his home state, and to bring the Parappa back to life.

“I spent the past 30 years working in museums, preserving items,” said Des, who managed collections with the Australian Museum and the Powerhouse Museum (NSW). “During this time, I learnt the philosophy of how to preserve.”

Each month Des spends a week at Oyster Cover Marina, south of Hobart, repairing the 52-foot Parappa. He’s replaced the engine, re-fastened the hull and restored the beautiful Huon pine structure.

“I’ve kept the boat intact as much as I can,” he said. “I’m continually repairing her so that she’s still functional.

“I want to preserve the old, while developing new facilities in a way that doesn’t destroy the old structures, nor intrude on the appearance or fabric. For example, you can still see all the broken ribs in the boat from when the limestone barge Victoria crushed Parappa against Ocean Pier and nearly sank her.”

But Des’s passion not only covers the physical restoration of the boat. He’s also painstakingly compiling the Parappa’s history.

Built by Edwin Jack in Launceston in 1915 as a basic fishing boat powered by sails, Parappa was used to catch crayfish and scale fish in Tasmania. She was sold three times and handed down through four generations of a single family, prior to Des purchasing her.

“The Parappa is an important record in the development of a fishing boat,” Des said, “in terms of how she’s been modernised over time to make a living out of her, as well as the detail of the lives of the people who worked on her.

“I suspect that no-one expected her to last for 94 years as most wooden boats succumb to rot, fire or shipwreck well before that age. But Parappa has lasted beyond expectation, and undergone a transformation that would have been unimaginable to her builders.”

Des is planning to enter Parappa in the Wooden Boat Festival next year. He expects to complete repairs on the Parappa in five years time … and then to sail away on week-long journeys through sheltered waters in Tasmania.

Preserving the life of an old beauty

By Catherine Rogers

Dedication: Des’s passion not only covers the physical restoration of the boat. He’s also painstakingly compiling the Parappa’s history.
1970s – Free tertiary education and environmental movement


When UTAS alumna Gaye Thavisin (BA 1979, GradDipLib 1980, BFA 1993) moved to Central Kalimantan, which is one of the Indonesian provinces in Borneo, she was employed to recruit and train staff for an international hotel. At the time, the world was just beginning to discover this magnificent landscape of black-water rivers and peat swamp forests.

But, as time passed, Gaye heard stories of how more than one million hectares of pristine Borneo peat swamp forests had been cleared and drained for conversion to rice production. To achieve this, around 4,000km of canals were dug, criss-crossing the area to float out felled timber. These canals, along with the de-forestation, had the effect of drying out the peat swamps, leaving them prone to wild fires – the major reason for Indonesia becoming the third largest carbon polluter in the world.

Realising that the livelihood of the local people was being plundered, along with the remarkable natural environment, Gaye started wondering if there was anything that could be done to slow the destruction.

“Four years ago I met up with an acquaintance, Lorna Dowson-Collins, who’d worked in community development,” Gaye said. “We decided that we wanted to start a responsible tourism venture, working with local communities to pioneer tourism on the rivers of Central Kalimantan.

“This sort of tourism venture would introduce alternative livelihoods for local villagers, who often participate in illegal logging because they have no other source of income.”

The result is ‘Kalimantan Tour Destinations’. Gaye and Lorna converted a traditional Kalimantan barge into a five-cabin cruise boat (called Rahai’i Pangun) that takes guests to previously inaccessible villages. The locals treat tourists to cultural experiences: rattan weaving and wood carving; musical and dance performances; the Dayak lifestyle of the longhouses; mountain treks; and fish-drying demonstrations.

In return, the villagers are paid for their work. But the true stars of the tour are happy to be paid in fruit and leaves.

“Our jungle river cruise passes six islands that are pre-release sites for orangutans rescued by the Borneo Orangutan Survival

The mild woman of Borneo

By Janette Brennan

Gaye Thavisin: The UTAS alumna is pictured with female blowpipe competitors at a festival.
Foundation,” Gaye said. “We moor off these islands and sit, and watch, and delight in these wonderful apes.”

Orangutan babies and Borneo headhunters (for the record – headhunting stopped a century ago) may, or may not, seem a long way from Morris Miller Library, where Gaye worked for 11 years. In fact Gaye said she’s always felt at home in Borneo because it shares many features with Tasmania, like the wilderness, and the potential for eco-tourism. It took a lot of work with local government for Gaye and Lorna to set up Kalimantan Tour Destinations – basically they had to establish a tourism industry around their venture. But several years later this work has encouraged a wider, official interest in setting aside land for reserves.

“I have a sense that our small business can make a difference to a land that is on the verge of massive development,” Gaye said. “We’re trying to raise a voice that says ‘Hang on a minute! Let’s set aside some of the jungle for eco-tourism’. And, at the moment, the doors are open to this voice and the ears are willing to listen.

“To me, this is something we can be very proud of getting done – working with the villagers and promoting the value of the forest as it is – if we can in fact achieve it.”

For more information on eco-tourism in Borneo, go to: www.wowborneo.com

Rahai’i Pangun: This five-cabin cruise boat was named after a historical Dayak trading vessel that voyaged as far away as China, bringing back riches. Its meaning is ‘big development’.

Traditional dancers: Tourists are treated to unique cultural experiences, while locals are provided with a form of income.

Sandungs (bonehouses): Inside these small, ornate houses are kept the washed bones of ancestors.

ABORIGINAL STUDIES FOR TEACHERS

Teachers are encouraged to take the Aboriginal Studies unit HAB103 Colonised Land: Indigenous Australian History, to learn about Australia’s Indigenous history and bring an understanding of Aboriginal perspectives to their teaching.

HAB103 Colonised Land: Indigenous Australian History will be offered at all three campuses and via distance learning in 2011. The unit explores Aboriginal life and societies from before colonisation until the mid 20th century. The history of contact between Aborigines and outsiders is examined by looking at how Aboriginal peoples responded to changing circumstances. Topics covered include Aboriginal resistance and government attempts at conciliation, protection, segregation and assimilation. Attention is also given to the competing ways in which Australian historians have represented Aboriginal history.

The unit is being offered with a HECS scholarship for teaching and general staff working in education in Tasmania, and applicants should select an Associate Degree in Arts on the UTAS application system – teachers may prefer to apply for a Master of Education.

To find out more about the HECS scholarships for teachers and school staff, visit www.utas.edu.au/futurestudents and click on ‘costs and scholarships’. Enquiries about Aboriginal Studies can be made with the team at Riawunna by phoning 6226 2772.
A handbag that was stolen 35 years ago, but was recently discovered by a plumber working at the Sandy Bay campus, has re-introduced a Rosny College teacher to herself as a teenager.

In 1975, Elizabeth Hamilton (BA 1977, DipEd 1979) was in her second year of an arts degree. One day, while she was at Uni, her handbag was stolen.

“What I remember most about that day is searching through the rubbish bins,” said Elizabeth. “My friends kept saying that the money might be taken, but that the bag will turn up.”

And Elizabeth’s friends were right – eventually! More than three decades later, Elizabeth’s suede shoulder bag was discovered under the Humanities Building, in an area that’s now closed to the public.

“The handbag had been soiled by the years, but preserved within it were Elizabeth’s birth certificate, student card, make-up, pimple remover, pens, empty wallet, jewellery, hairbrush, bus tickets, a letter from an inter-state friend, and a timetable for the Matthew Brady Ferry (because the Tasman Bridge was down at that time).”

“I was curious to see it,” Elizabeth said, “but it’s also a bit daunting to have it found after such a long time.

“Looking at my old things, I just think ‘wow’. I’ve got a lot more in my handbag now than I did back then. These days I must have a lot more baggage.”

For Elizabeth, the powder compact was the most precious find.

“It belonged to my mother,” she said, cupping her hands around the silver container. “It was a present for her 21st birthday.”

“This bag is from the start of my professional life, and it’s reappeared as I approach the end of my career,” she said. “Having something like this occur engenders a time of reflection. It’s made me wonder what I was like then and what the journey has been like since – and how much of what was in my purse then reflects something of where I am now.”

Elizabeth teaches a religion and philosophy course (among other subjects). She plans to use her prodigal handbag as a discussion point in class, helping to explore the questions of ‘who we are’, and ‘what is identity’.

A time of reflection: Elizabeth’s handbag is from the start of her professional life, and it has reappeared as she approaches the end of her career.

The prodigal handbag

By Janette Brennan

When Jessica Adams (BA 1986) was 14, astrology was her favourite hobby. Now that she’s a grown woman, she has built a successful career on star-gazing. Jessica is a hugely popular astrologer, editor and best-selling author.

“I never thought I could be a professional astrologer, because when I graduated it wasn’t really in the employment handbook,” Jessica said.

“But the astrology industry has grown hugely over the past 25 years, which has enabled me to do it for a living.”

Jessica has written three astrology books, a number of novels and has written for Vogue, Elle, New Woman, The Daily Telegraph, Cosmopolitan and the Australian Women’s Weekly.

She has also been a team editor on the popular Girls’ Night In series since 2000. The first Girls’ Night In (there have been seven books since) outsold Harry Potter on the best-seller list at one stage. Jessica said it was a “huge moment” for the editorial team.

It was Jessica’s idea that proceeds from the series aid the international charity War Child, which helps children affected by war. While she was at the University of Tasmania, Jessica obtained a BA in Philosophy, Religious Studies and Ancient Civilisations.

“It hugely informs my work because astrology is based on the concept of synchronicity.

“Astrology is Greek and Roman, so it was good for me to read those original Greek and Roman texts.

“With Religious Studies, astrology is a belief system, so doing that degree really helped me understand different belief systems.”

Success written in the stars

By Cherie Cooper
UTAS ALUMNA ALISON WATKINS (BCom 1985) was recently announced as the new Chief Executive of GrainCorp, one of Australia’s leading agribusiness companies. Alison grew up on a sheep property in Tasmania and, after graduating from UTAS, she headed to Sydney to start work as a chartered accountant.

Since then Alison’s career includes several leadership roles in the food industry, including CEO of beverage manufacturer Berri Limited for several years. She spent 10 years at international strategy firm McKinsey & Company and has held several senior roles at ANZ Banking Group Limited including Managing Director for Regional Banking.

GrainCorp Chairman Don Taylor said the company is delighted to have attracted someone of Alison’s calibre to lead GrainCorp, which is eastern Australia’s biggest grains handler.

“Alison’s strategic capability, understanding of agriculture and operational credentials are a great fit for GrainCorp at this important stage in the growth of the company,” he said.

In her new position, Alison becomes one of only a few women CEOs of an ASX200 company, and the first to head a listed Australian agribusiness.

“It’s a great privilege to take on the GrainCorp CEO role,” Alison said.

“I’m excited to be leading a business that plays to my strengths and passions.” Alison, a mother of four, has been involved in a range of community boards, including the World Swimming Championships 2007 and the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. She is currently a member of the Australian Advisory Board of The Nature Conservancy and a Victorian Councillor of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

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UTAS was a great community to be part of, and living at Christ College made the transition from school very straightforward. I think UTAS had maybe 5,000 students when I was there, so it was easy to get to know many of the students and staff, and there were plenty of social forums (which we all made the most of).

My eldest daughter will be at uni in Melbourne next year and, through her eyes, I can really appreciate the advantages I had in attending a smaller university – one that had a culture of inclusion and fun. I am always proud to say I am a graduate of UTAS. The faculties I experienced had high standards and have produced many outstanding graduates over the years.

As my daughter thinks through her plans beyond school, I am encouraging her to make the most of the next stage of her education – not to be too concerned about vocation just yet, but to choose a course that gives her breadth and core of skills, such as problem solving and analysis. I am encouraging her to consider a stint overseas. I hope she’ll keep learning and developing over the next 20 or more years and that university will be an integral part of that experience.

I’d be very happy if she chooses UTAS because I know, in the years since I graduated, it’s continued to build on the strengths I enjoyed and benefited from.

Best wishes,
Alison
1990s—The Internet age


A quick pathway that turned into a career

By Associate Professor John Purser, Australian Maritime College (AMC)

David Ellis is nearing the end of a research masters degree with the National Centre for Marine Conservation and Resource Sustainability.

A passion for the aquaculture industry: David Ellis is nearing the end of a research masters degree with the National Centre for Marine Conservation and Resource Sustainability.

Studies into blindness are in the genes

By Catherine Rogers

The eyes have it: Dr Kathryn Burdon is making her mark in researching the genetic aspects of blindness. Photo courtesy of Flinders University.

When Dr Kathryn Burdon (BSc Hons 1999, PhD 2004) was completing her PhD into genes that cause congenital cataracts in children, she discovered a new gene that caused Nance-Horan syndrome—a disease characterised by severe congenital cataracts, abnormal teeth and mental retardation.

“I fell into the area of eye disease when there was a project available at Menzies during honours,” said Kathryn, who became the first lab-based graduate from the Menzies Centre for Population Health Research (now Menzies Research Institute).

“Throughout school I wanted to be an ophthalmologist. My grandfather was an ophthalmologist and I thought he was pretty cool. Somewhere through high school I realised that being an ophthalmologist was a type of doctor, but I never had any real inclination to study medicine.

“So it seemed to me like a sign or tribute to him when the project into the genetics of blindness came my way.”

Kathryn’s passion for genetic research has seen her work in America, where she conducted postdoctoral studies in molecular genetics at Wake Forrest University in North Carolina. Upon her return to Australia, she took up the position of Junior Postdoctoral Fellow with the Department of Ophthalmology at Flinders University. Interestingly, the department was co-founded by her grandfather, Dr Bill Scales.

At Flinders University, Kathryn continues to research the genetics of cataracts in children. She also investigates genetic aspects of blindness on several NHMRC studies, such as diabetic eye disease and various aspects of glaucoma.

“There is not a lot of research in these areas, so we are working with others to help understand these diseases,” she said.

“For example, the Glaucoma Inheritance Study, conducted by Professor David Mackey from the School of Medicine, has formed the basis of the population cohort for the study on glaucoma.”

With the discovery of several genes to her credit, there is little doubt Kathryn’s grandfather is proud of her achievements, particularly for understanding the importance of these new genes and how they can lead to blindness.

When working in America, Kathryn’s work focused on understanding the body temperature changes in southern bluefin tuna (Thunnus maccoyii) associated with food intake and energy content of the baitfish. This research employed internal archival tags to measure the post-prandial temperature profiles.
ADVENTURER ANDREW HUGHES (BSc 1999, BTeach 2005) has spent the past few months travelling through the wilderness in search of the Tasmanian tiger – and he took more than 5,000 Aussie school kids with him!

Andrew is the founder of Expedition Class, an online adventure program that teaches primary school students about the natural environment. The idea behind the concept came to Andrew while he was a postgraduate education student at UTAS.

“I’d always been on adventures,” Andrew said. “So I started thinking about ways to share the adventure through education, rather than going straight into the classroom to teach students.”

For two to six months each year, Andrew heads off on an expedition. The latest adventure took him to south-western Tasmania and the jungle of Papua New Guinea – by foot, canoe and sea kayak – in search of the Tasmanian tiger. But the real purpose of the trek was to explore biodiversity.

Students and teachers determine their level of involvement in the program – from following a 10-week curriculum developed by the Department of Education, to simply reading the daily reports, looking at the photos and discussing the word or question of the day.

Past expeditions have included kayaking up the east coast of Australia (2006), sea kayaking around Papua New Guinea (2008), and climbing the highest peak in each state and territory of Australia (2009).

“I want to engage with students and understand what expedition will gain the most interest from them,” Andrew said. “I want to provide real world experiences so students can feel part of the action.”

Expedition Class operates within Bookend Trust, a not-for-profit organisation that provides funding and organisational support. The University of Tasmania, through the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology, is a proud partner of Expedition Class.

Last year Expedition Class won the Australian Geographic Society Spirit of Adventure Award and this year it took out the Tasmanian Award for environmental excellence in education.

“Adventure is a mind-set, not a skill-set,” Andrew said. “I’ll keep doing these adventures, with the help of the students, for as long as we continue learning from them. That promises to be a very long time.”

Island Proposition 2100 was a collaboration between Room 11, UTAS environmental design graduate Scott Lloyd (who now lives in Switzerland) and a lecturer at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, Katrina Stoll.

The design was selected as one of 17 projects to be included in the Australian pavilion at the prestigious Italian cultural exhibition. The brief challenged entrants to create a vision of Australian cities in 2050 and beyond.

For more information on Island Proposition 2100, go to: www.ip2100.info
Generations

2000 – The Noughties


A friendship that started in the kindergarten room at Mt Stuart Primary School is today the foundation for an information technology (IT) business that champions UTAS alumni.

Ian Cumming (BComp 2002) and Jared Hill (BEng 2002) met 25 years ago, when they worked more with crayons than computer software. But in 2010 their IT company, Insight4, employs six engineering graduates, six computing graduates, two science graduates, three information systems graduates, and two undergraduate interns – all from UTAS.

“At the end of our UTAS degrees we saw an opportunity to create our own future,” said Ian, who also completed an honours year in information systems.

“We wanted to create a company that was fun and rewarding, and would value the people who worked for it. And given that we were only 23 at the time – but had already gained a lot of experience developing software by working while studying – we felt we could grow a business that provided opportunities for graduates who were looking to stay in Tasmania.”

Insight4 was launched in 2003. Ian channelled his energy towards innovation and emerging technology. Jared, meanwhile, developed the company’s enterprise and government consulting strategy.

By the end of the following year, Insight4 had four full-time staff and was turning over $250,000 per annum.

“Ian and I run the business, but we both have a very deep technical understanding,” said Jared.

“That was a trigger for us in starting the company. We thought – and I guess we were a bit young and brash at the time – but we thought that we could deliver a better job at a technical level than some of the other organisations that were around.”

By 2007, Jared and Ian realised that they needed investment if they wanted to further grow the company. This injection, along with marketing support, was provided by In-tellinc: a science and technology incubator that’s managed by KPMG, UTAS and private investors.

Marketing consultant Scott Woodhouse (BBus 2006), formerly from In-tellinc, helped Insight4 change their image and gain a higher level of credibility.

Investment from In-tellinc also meant that Insight4 had capital to grow – which it did. Today Insight4 does work for six out of the nine Tasmanian Government agencies (as well as other major clients). It has also been recognised with the TasICT 2009 Emerging Business Award; the TasICT 2009 Premier’s Digital Futures Award; and the Telstra 2010 Tasmanian Business Awards’ AMP Innovation Award.

Insight4 also maintains its original commitment to UTAS graduates, offering 12-week summer internships for students, along with final-year casual employment opportunities.

“The qualities we look for in graduates are the ability to learn, a desire to achieve – which you could call professional excellence – and a positive attitude,” said Jared, who took over from Ian as managing director in 2008.

“If they want to continue learning and improving their skills, and can contribute to our team-based environment, then that’s all we need. The business is always learning new technologies and methods, and this is what makes our company such an interesting place to work for graduates.”

A desire to achieve: (L-R) Scott Woodhouse, Ian Cumming and Jared Hill have grown a company that champions UTAS alumni.
Hit the road, Ian

In late 2008, Ian Cumming ‘fired’ himself from Insight4, sold his car and gave away most of his belongings. All he had left were some clothes, a suitcase— and one very good idea.

“Personally, there were two things that I really loved,” he said, “and they were technology and travel.

“Given that Insight4 had basically started on my honours desk, I’d very heavily pursued technology. But I really hadn’t had any break to travel.

“Then I had the idea for Travellr.com.” Travellr.com is a ‘question and answer’ website for travellers. It works by sending your travel questions to other website members who may live in, or have stayed in, a city that you’re planning to visit. Travellr.com is unique in that multiple, qualified, real-time answers are provided by a worldwide community of travellers.

“I went to London and Thailand, spending several months working on the website at Internet cafes,” Ian said. “It gave me the opportunity to travel, and also do research on the ground.

“If you’re going to build a service for travellers, you need to be able to understand how people travel, the places where your customers are going to use your product on the road, and how they will engage with your website.”

The trip also included a visit to the United States, during the peak of the global financial crisis, so that lan (and Scott Woodhouse) could pitch the idea to the high-technology giants in Silicon Valley.

Today, Travellr.com is Ian’s daily business activity, although he remains on Insight4’s board of directors. Now based in Sydney, his plans are to develop an innovation hub for travel technology in Australia.

Ian also continues to develop Insight4’s commercialisation strategy. There is currently more than $1m of active investment in Insight4-built technology.

“You just need to have an idea and pursue it,” said Ian, who won the Tasmanian Pearcey Award for Young Achievers in 2006 for Innovation in Science and Engineering, and was named the 2008 Owner/Manager of the Year at the Tasmanian Business Leaders Awards.

“I guess it’s also important to work with like-minded, talented people — and to have the ambition to challenge yourself to take things to the next level.”

Knowledge 2 Business 2 Success

Three years after Scott Woodhouse was placed by In-tellinc with Insight4 — his first full-time job — the UTAS alumnus was named the 2009 Young Direct Marketer of the Year by the Australian Direct Marketing Association.

Scott had joined In-tellinc through a program called K2B (Knowledge 2 Business), which is an initiative that has been specifically designed to lead UTAS marketing graduates into paid jobs.

After joining In-tellinc, his first placement was at Insight4.

“That first consulting engagement with Ian and Jared at Insight4 was key, and was a great scene-setter for the two years of awesome projects and experience that followed,” Scott said.

“Software development probably isn’t somewhere I’d planned to end up as a marketer, but these guys had a lot of fresh ideas, and really put their own stamp on it. So for me, it became an exciting and very cool space to be in.”

Scott became involved with Insight4 at a time when the business had established itself, but Jared and Ian were keen to increase the scale of the operation. Scott helped them to re-brand the business, providing solid formal governance to help it grow.

He also worked with Ian when he pitched the concept of Travellr.com to US investors.

“One of the big lessons I took away from that experience is that sharing your ideas and collaborating with others breeds success,” said Scott.

“Silicon Valley is such a collaborative kind of place. People are all about sharing, pitching and working together on projects — it’s just a great vibe. I think that being overly protective and insular about what you’re doing inevitably slows you down.

“I’ve taken a lot away from my experiences with Ian and Jared. But most importantly, I’ve learned to be more aggressive in the way I go after my goals. These are guys who are never happy to be mediocre. And that’s why they succeed.”

Young Direct Marketer of the Year: Scott Woodhouse said his experience with Insight4 has been crucial to his success.
Postcard from Bangladesh

By Sarah Nicol (BA 2006)

In Bangladesh I have an instant celebrity status. A white woman stands out in a country where tourists are rare. People stare at me walking down the street and rickshaw drivers have been so transfixed, they’ve crashed into the car in front.

On the Economist’s 2010 study of most liveable cities, Dhaka rated joint second last (equal with Algiers, and behind only Harare). The traffic is intolerable, sometimes taking more than an hour to get 10 kilometres, and few people know the way to any of the major landmarks. The heat is extreme, especially in the rainy season (which it was when I arrived). Air conditioning is great, but only when the power is running, which is only a fraction of the day. The noise is constant, whether it’s builders banging, horns honking or hawkers shouting.

But it is worth being here.

I’m here as an Australian Youth Ambassador for Development (AYAD), an AusAid initiative at Hunger Free World (hFW) in Dhaka. hFW is a Japanese-based NGO working in Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso and Uganda. It does the full works – promoting sustainable agriculture through organic farming, improving nutrition, women’s empowerment and educational opportunities. HFW introduced an idea – Vision 2021 – of a self-reliant and poverty-free Bangladesh by the 50th anniversary of independence, in 2021. All projects are geared towards this ideal, which has now been adopted by the government.

I spent the past week in the field meeting recipients from our programs. One woman’s husband had died and she was struggling to provide food for her four daughters. We gave her a grant to buy basic materials for creating muri (organic rice bubbles). A year later she is selling her produce at the market twice a week and making enough profits to send her daughters to school and provide a dowry for the eldest.

We have been training farmers in agriculture. More girls are going to school and more families are becoming financially independent.

I’ve been here two months and have another 10 to go. I hope when I finish I’ve seen even more changes to the areas in which hFW works – and the country as a whole.

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LIFE IS PRETTY HECTIC FOR THIS year’s winner of the Premier’s Young Achiever Award. If he can’t be found researching his PhD at UTAS or working on the family farm at Bothwell, the best bet may be to look skywards as Will Bignell (B AgrSc Hons 2005) practises his aerial aerobatics. 

By his own admission, Will is driven by a curiosity to embrace new experiences and mental challenges. He is part of many different groups including the UTAS Dive Club, Bothwell Gliding Club, South Hobart Sustainable Community and the Dirt Devils Mountain Bike Club. He is also active in the local Bothwell community, helping out at the International Highland Spin-In or acting as race curator for the Cumberland picnic races. He has also filled in for the local parish minister and took the annual Christmas Eve service last year.

Will currently co-manages his family farm and is the seventh generation farmer on the Bothwell property. He has a strong passion for sustainable agriculture and produces award-winning, high-quality produce. Here his many tasks include developing the Thorpe Farm produce brand, milling grains for Tasmanian bakeries and taking farm tours (which include the oldest watermill in the Southern Hemisphere – located on site).

His other main love is gliding and aerial aerobatics. “Curiosity drives me to do many different things,” Will said.

“I like new experiences, mental challenges and tasks that require absolute focus. When I’m competing or practising, I shut out the rest of the world and enjoy the total focus required to precisely manoeuvre my aircraft in all three dimensions of flight. The adrenaline buzz is a plus too.”

Will believes the awards also reflect the mentoring and support he received as a student in the UTAS School of Agricultural Science. “I gained a lot of confidence as an undergraduate, mainly due to the guidance of the staff and teachers in agricultural science,” he said. “It was here I developed my skill in leadership and this is something I like to give back through all my different professional and recreational pursuits.”

Will was not the only UTAS student recognised at the April Southern Cross Young Achiever Awards ceremony. Dr Jess Andrewartha, an Australian Power Institute Fellow in the School of Engineering at UTAS, won the Tasmanian Young Achiever Award in the science and technology category.

The 27-year-old is humbled by the accolades. “Winning the Premier’s Young Achiever of the Year is a wonderful recognition of the various commitments I make in a wide range of communities,” Will said. “This is the first time I’ve been recognised collectively for the many achievements I’ve made in areas such as science, aviation pursuits, local communities and sustainable agricultural production.”

Will scooped the pool at this year’s Premier’s Young Achiever Awards in Hobart, taking out both the Premier’s Young Achiever of the Year Award and the Fonterra Agricultural Achiever Award. He is currently undertaking his PhD with the School of Agricultural Science/Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research (TIAR) at UTAS, where he is working on sheep meat improvement (omega-3 oils) using genetic markers, in collaboration with the CSIRO.

Recognition: Will received the 2010 Premier’s Young Achiever Award from Rebecca White, MP, Parliamentary Secretary for the Deputy Premier.

Is it a bird, or is it a plane?: Aerial aerobatics are one of Will’s favourite pastimes.

Where there’s a Will ...

By Michelle Nichols
A honeymoon period that lasted eight years

By Moya Fyfe

Far from retiring: Vice-Chancellor of UTAS Professor Daryl Le Grew is proud of what the University has achieved under his leadership.

As 2010 Rolls to a Close, Sotto
does the leadership of Professor Daryl
Le Grew, Vice-Chancellor of the University of
Tasmania since 2003.

“I’ve had a honeymoon period here for eight
years,” Prof Le Grew said. “I couldn’t have
asked for anything better.”

In a year that has been capped off with the
return to the University of its original site,
Hobart’s Domain House, Prof Le Grew said
he is proud of what UTAS has achieved
under his leadership – but he added that
there is much more this University can and
needs to do for Tasmania.

Not only will Domain House give back the
University’s ‘sandstone status’, it will also
reflect the University’s commitment to reach
out to the community as it strives to achieve
the challenging participation agenda of both
the federal and state governments.

Bit by bit over time, that engagement by the
University with the Tasmanian community
has been happening and, at the same time,
student numbers have been growing.

The excellence of the University’s research
output has been consistently recognised,
with growing research income and
recognition for the University’s academic
and teaching prowess.

Eight years ago, UTAS had a relatively small
presence off the Sandy Bay campus and off
the Newnham campus in Launceston. The
Cradle Coast campus was in its infancy.

Now, along with the School of Art in Hunter
Street and the Conservatorium of Music
in the city, there is the new multi-million
dollar Medical Science precinct adjacent
to the Domain and a proposal to co-locate
the Conservatorium of Music in the heart of
Hobart’s arts precinct in historic Wapping,
adjacent to the Theatre Royal.

There is also the Australian Innovation
Research Centre in Salamanca Place and
plans are under way to build the $45 million
Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies at
Princes Wharf 2 Building in Sullivans Cove.

Phase two of the Medical Science precinct
is also under construction – and this area
will integrate with the Domain House site
as a prominent University presence in the
capital city.

In Launceston, the Inveresk site has
expanded to include both the School of
Visual and Performing Arts and the School
of Architecture and Design. Newnham has
also grown and now has fully integrated
the Australian Maritime College into its
operations.

Cradle Coast campus in Burnie is a strong
success story. After 10 years of operation as
a bona fide university campus, last year it
held its first graduation ceremony. This year
it will reach 1,000 students.

Key highlights also include the growth of
health sciences, including an enhanced
nursing program with approximately 1,000
students, a doubling of the pharmacy school
and a trebling of the human life sciences
program.

The growth of international students, both
on and off shore, is also changing the face
of the University, and with more than 3,000
international students studying in Tasmania,
it is also adding diversity – and economic
stimulus – to the Tasmanian community.

“From 10,000 students eight years ago, the
University now has more than 16,500 full-
time equivalent students – more than 26,000
individuals who will become future alumni,”
Prof Le Grew said.

“The budget has tripled, giving the
University increased capacity in both
teaching and capital development. Apart
from the State Government, UTAS is the
third largest employer – we have a budget
of almost half a billion dollars and I would
suggest we touch on just about every aspect
of Tasmanian life in one form or another.

“We have more than 3,000 international
students coming to study in Tasmania
and we deliver programs to more than
1,000 students in China. We have nursing
and business programs in Sydney and
collaborations and partnerships with
many universities and institutions around
Australia and the world. I can only be happy
with that.”

However, Prof Le Grew said UTAS cannot
afford to rest on its laurels. The percentage
of Tasmania’s population with a degree has
grown to 17 per cent, from 11 per cent in the
early 2000s, but it is still below the national
average of around 22 per cent.

While the nature of Tasmania’s population
means that UTAS already meets the
federal government’s targets in terms
of the number of students from lower
socioeconomic backgrounds, another target
for 40 per cent of the age group between
18 and 34 to have at least a bachelor degree
will be a huge challenge.

“We’re sitting at 22 per cent, so there’s
almost a doubling that has to occur in order
to meet ultimately that target by 2025,” he
said.

“That means that the University has to plan
to have the intake of Tasmanians into the
University doubled in the next 10 years.”

Prof Le Grew and his wife, Jo, will return
to Victoria at the end of the year. However,
he is far from retiring.

“I’ve always said I’m not the retiring type,”
he said. “I am looking forward to continuing
to work in the higher education sector
and also returning to my own speciality
of architecture.

“Our family home is on the Great Ocean
Road in Victoria and that is obviously a
fantastic location. We will probably have an
apartment or an office in Melbourne and
operate out of there – and I say that with
some regret because Tasmania has been
a fantastic place to live.”
New Vice-Chancellor for UTAS

PROFESSOR PETER RATHJEN WILL BE the new Vice-Chancellor of UTAS from 28 March, 2011.
The University of Tasmania’s Chancellor, Damian Bugg, said the appointment of Professor Rathjen, currently Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University of Melbourne, follows an extensive search nationally and internationally.
The appointment is for an initial term of five years.
“Professor Rathjen has a strong background in the university sector and a sharp understanding of the issues impacting on the sector,” he said.
Before his current position, Professor Rathjen was Dean of Science at that university. He was Foundation Executive Dean, Faculty of Sciences at the University of Adelaide.
Professor Rathjen has a Bachelor of Science (Hons) from the University of Adelaide and a DPhil in biochemistry from Oxford University where he was a Rhodes Scholar.
Professor Rathjen is an Honorary Visiting Professor at the University of Adelaide, the Patron of the Australian Institute of Political Science: Tall Poppies Campaign, and was the winner of the inaugural Premier’s Science Excellence Award in the category of research leadership in 2005.
He is also an external member of the Hanson Centre for Cancer Research and a selected participant in the Australian Academy of Science project: Video Histories of Australian Scientists in 2001.
Professor Rathjen and his wife, Dr Joy Rathjen, have established an internationally recognised research program into stem cell biology and stem cell therapies.
Their research focuses on understanding the growth and differentiation of stem cells within the mammalian embryo and the application of this knowledge to human disease.

Property transfer promises exciting future

By Moya Fyfe

THE UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA IS celebrating the transfer of the Princes Wharf 2 building, on Hobart’s waterfront, for its new Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS).
University Chancellor Mr Damian Bugg and Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew have applauded the State Government for its vision in negotiating the historic transaction.
Mr Bugg said the State Government needs to be acknowledged for recognising the critical role the University plays in the Tasmanian community, both now and for the future.
“Clearly, the Government’s objectives align very much with our own, in working to further excellence in education, research and health in this State for the benefit of all Tasmanians,” he said.
“The UTAS Council is pleased to support this initiative, which we want to see providing lasting and tangible outcomes for the whole Tasmanian community.
“The UTAS Council wants the community to connect and engage with its university and believes that this agreement will help make the University more accessible and encourage participation from a wider part of the community in all that we do.”

Professor Le Grew said the new home for IMAS at the Princes Wharf 2 shed will be a celebration of Antarctic and marine science.
“Subject to consultation and planning approvals, we want to deliver a wow-factor to the Tasmanian community to match the anticipated profile of IMAS in the world marine research field,” he said.
“IMAS’ visibility and public accessibility on Hobart’s waterfront will serve to educate and inform our community about the place of Antarctica and the Southern Ocean in Australia’s national psyche, as well as the importance of Tasmania’s marine environment.
“This development will place Tasmania at the centre of Australia’s responsibility for a significant part of Antarctica. UTAS already is home to the CSIRO Marine Laboratories and the Australian Antarctic Division, and I believe it will not be long before IMAS is internationally regarded as the institute with the sharpest southern focus and greatest aggregation of teaching and research expertise.”
The new building for IMAS received $45 million from the Australian Government’s Education Infrastructure Fund last year.
Professor Le Grew said community consultation is also being held to discuss the concept design for the IMAS building at the PW2 site, with the consultation feedback to be used to refine the concept design and progress to development application.
Why do I need to know this stuff?

Many high school students over the years have wondered if they’ll ever use science in the ‘real world’. But not so the students taught by Exeter High School’s head of science, Jane Hall-Dadson (BApSc 1982, DipTeach 1999).

Jane recently won the $10,000 Eureka Prize for Science Teaching in recognition of her ‘Issues and Inquiry’ program. A passionate advocate of curiosity-driven learning, this educator believes that for students to be excited when studying science, they need to see how it directly relates to their own lives.

For instance, Jane has used the example of genetically modified food to teach about genetics; road trauma and brain injuries to illustrate the principles behind speed and forces; and pollution and acid rain as an introduction to chemistry.

Jane said that allowing students to take ownership of learning and experimentation helps motivate their investigations.

“Student-designed inquiries allow students to gradually take more responsibility for the design of experiments in the units they study,” she said, “until they have the freedom, in grade 10, to investigate an area of personal interest.

“This has led to inquiries ranging from the forces involved in tae kwon do kicks to fuel efficiency studies, crater formation, guitar string and chocolate analysis.”

Presented annually by the Australian Museum, the Eureka Prizes reward excellence in the fields of scientific research and innovation, science leadership, school science and science journalism and communication.

Queen’s Birthday Honours

Five UTAS alumni were included in the Queen’s Birthday 2010 Honours list, announced by the Governor-General earlier this year.

The list provides national and formal recognition for many Australians who have made a significant difference to their communities:

- Peter Michael Bennison OAM (BA 1998) received the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the Parliament of Tasmania and the community. He is the current Deputy Clerk of the House of Assembly, Parliament of Tasmania, and Honorary Secretary, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association;
- Michael Hodgman AM (LLB 1962) was recognised for his service to politics and the community through ex-service, charitable, sporting and multicultural organisations over almost five decades;
- Julie Creed OAM (BEd 1992) was awarded for 40 years of service to youth through the scouting movement. She has been a commissioner of the Scouts Australia National Youth Program since 2002;
- Joan Grimmond OAM (BA 1948, DipEd 1964) has been honoured for 26 years of service to the Burnie community since her retirement from teaching, her last role being vice-principal of Hellyer College; and
- Lynne Uptin OAM (BFA 1982, MFA 1986) received an Order of Australia Medal in recognition of her service to arts and administration in Tasmania. She initiated and played a role in the establishment of Ten Days on the Island, Tasmania’s first international arts festival.
Four Churchill Fellowships for UTAS graduates

UTAS GRADUATES HAVE RECEIVED four of the five 2010 Churchill Fellowships awarded to Tasmanians. With an average cost of $25,000 per fellowship, recipients have the opportunity to travel overseas to further their passion and return with benefits to Australia. The 2010 Churchill Fellowships were awarded to:

- Dr Alice Downie (BMedSc 2005, MBBS Hons 2006), who was awarded the Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to study eye banking retrieval systems for the purposes of corneal transplantation. She will travel to the UK and the USA;
- Dr Rebecca Jones (BSc Hons 2000, PhD 2009), who will visit centres of eucalyptus research to learn techniques for the analysis of the eucalyptus genome sequence. She will travel to Germany, France and the USA;
- Mr Dion Lester (BApSc 1995, MenvPlan 2005), who will investigate land use planning approaches for the establishment and facilitation of urban agriculture. He will travel to the UK, Cuba and Canada; and
- Mr Travis Tiddy (BFA Hons 2005), who was awarded the Gallaugher Bequest Churchill Fellowship to conduct research into post-industrial sites for community development and geo-tourism opportunities. He will travel to Italy, Germany, the UK and Ireland.

Dr Robert Shellie named 2010 Young Tasmanian Tall Poppy

A SEPARATION SCIENTIST FROM THE University of Tasmania was named the 2010 Young Tasmanian Tall Poppy of the Year at a presentation hosted by the Honourable Chief Justice Ewan Crawford, Lieutenant Governor of Tasmania.

Dr Robert Shellie, a Senior Lecturer at the UTAS School of Chemistry and the Australian Centre for Research on Separation Science (ACROSS), was recognised by the Tall Poppy Campaign for research excellence and his involvement in the promotion of science, particularly among young people.

Also celebrated at the August 2010 ceremony were Dr Jerome Staal, a neurologist from the Menzies Research Institute, and Dr Peter While, a Postdoctoral Fellow from the UTAS School of Mathematics and Physics.

The Tall Poppy Campaign was created in 1998 by the Australian Institute of Policy and Science (AIPS). As well as celebrating science and its communication to the public, its aim is to encourage younger Australians to follow in the footsteps of our outstanding achievers.

National Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning

The citations were awarded to:

- Dr Natalie Brown (CALT) – For encouraging a focus on student learning by promoting, modelling and working with colleagues to advance scholarship of teaching and learning through a ‘value-adding’ approach;
- Dr Christopher Chin (NCMEH) – For creating an innovative learning environment that inspires cross-faculty first-year mathematics students to continue their studies and foster independent learning skills;
- Dr Derek Choi-Lundberg (Medicine) – For development and enthusiastic delivery of constructively aligned, diverse, active learning sessions that motivate undergraduate medical students to learn human anatomy in a supportive environment;
- Dr Frances Martin (Psychology) – For sustained enthusiasm, commitment and passion to student-centred learning of scientific methodology which has inspired students to be excited and passionate about research; and
- Professor Sankar Sinha (Medicine) – For developing innovative, active learning activities and implementing them in a challenging and supportive environment to prepare compassionate, holistic, critical and highly skilled medical practitioners.

The citations for outstanding contributions to student learning were awarded to five University of Tasmania staff at a ceremony held by the Australian Learning & Teaching Council (ALTC) in Melbourne recently.

The citations, which were presented at the National Gallery of Victoria, recognised and rewarded the diverse contributions made by individuals and teams to the quality of student learning. They also came with a $10,000 prize.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew said the awards are also a testament to the University’s long tradition of excellence.

“These citations recognise our distinctive institutional missions, values and priorities,” Prof Le Grew said.
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Young alumni: where are they now?

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BE Hons 2001
Manager of Production Services
Dugeo Sdn Bhd (stands for DownUnder GeoSolutions), Kuala Lumpur

Sarah Welch
BBus-LLB 2009
Project Officer
Judicial College of Victoria, Melbourne

Megan Baynes
BEnvDes 1998, BArch Hons 2004
Senior Urban Designer
Office of the State Architect, Hobart

Dallin Hutchinson
MEnvPlan 2008
Returning from USA to commence PhD at ANU

Jeremy Smith
BPsych Hons 2007
Now studying Medicine AND being a dad

Dydee Mann
BSc Hons 2005
Ecologist, Biodiversity Program
Forest Practices Authority, Tasmania

Gemma Roach
BCom 2006, BBus Hons 2007
PhD student, casual lecturer and tutor
School of Management, UTAS

Ben Johnston
BE Hons 2000
Senior Engineer (Electrical)
Hydro Tasmania

Tanakorn Tapekumkun
BNurs 2010
Registered Nurse
Royal Hobart Hospital

Uta Green (née Brenner)
BArch 1998
Architect
Green Design, Hobart

Paula Johnson
BAcVocEd 2005
Hobart Campus Coordinator
University Preparation Program, UTAS College

Dr Karin Beaumont
Grad Dip ASOS Hons 1998, PhD 2003
Contemporary Jeweller/
Marine Biologist
Oceanides, Margate, Tasmania
Graduation celebrations across the world

**Stanley Burbury Theatre:** In Hobart, more than 900 stories of hard work and success were celebrated at UTAS graduation ceremonies.

**The Achievements of Close to 1,300 Graduates Were Celebrated at UTAS Ceremonies in Hobart and Launceston in August. A Month Earlier, UTAS Held Its Fifth Chinese Graduation Ceremonies in Shanghai and Hangzhou.**

In Hobart, Professor Simon Foote, the Director of the Menzies Research Institute, was awarded a Doctor of Science. At the same ceremony civil engineer Dr. Jessica Andrewartha received a Doctor of Philosophy. A feature of the day for Jess was that the occasional address was given by her uncle, Dr. Peter Davis, the Chief Executive of Aurora Energy and a member of the University of Tasmania Council.

Meanwhile in Launceston secondary teacher Julienne Colman shared the stage with many former students when she received her Doctor of Education at the Albert Hall.

There were similar celebrations in China – the fifth Chinese graduation ceremonies held by UTAS. This was a significant occasion in Chinese number symbolism, indicative of the maturing relationship between UTAS and Shanghai Ocean University and the Zheijang University of Technology in Hangzhou.

UTAS teaches in partnership with these two universities and 375 graduands were admitted in Shanghai to the Bachelor of Information Systems and Bachelor of Business degrees. In Hangzhou, 85 graduands were admitted to the Bachelor of Computing Science degree.

**Lost heirlooms**

Several years ago this velvet pouch, containing five sets of cufflinks and a tie pin, was left at a Sandy Bay graduation ceremony. We’ve never been able to find the owner. Does it belong to you? We’d love to return these items, but we’ll need you to describe them to us to confirm that they belong to your family. One of the pairs of cufflinks is gold and has initials on it, and another is engraved with a bird. As for the rest … well, you tell us.

If you think these cufflinks could belong to you, please phone the UTAS Communications and Media Office on 03 6226 2124.

**Acknowledgment:** Professor Simon Foote, the Director of the Menzies Research Institute, was awarded a Doctor of Science. He was introduced by Professor Rob White, who was representing the Dean of the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology.

**Proudly UTAS:** Mao Zhenni, who gave the valedictory address at the Shanghai graduation ceremony, is pictured with Greg Parkinson, Deputy Director of Events and Protocol at UTAS.

**Family ties:** Dr. Peter Davis, the Chief Executive of Aurora Energy, gave the occasional address at the ceremony in which his niece, civil engineer Dr. Jessica Andrewartha, received her Doctor of Philosophy.

**Teaching the teacher:** Julienne Colman received her doctorate of education at a Launceston ceremony where many of her former high school students received their degrees. Photo courtesy of The Examiner.
More than 850 students applied for the Annual Appeal Scholarship this year, yet only one award could be made. Jesse Swan, the 2010 Annual Appeal Scholar, is studying a Bachelor of Science. “Not having to stress over the constant financial ruts that come with being an independent undergraduate led to the fantastic result of a distinction average across my subjects,” Jesse said. “It encouraged me to strive harder to achieve higher goals in the second half of the year.”

This year, the UTAS Foundation aimed to increase the number and value of Annual Appeal Scholarships offered to students, from one scholarship valued at $3,000 per year, to four valued at $5,000 per year. With the generosity and support of our alumni and friends, we also hope to increase the value of the Development Fund to the ambitious goal of $3 million over the next few years. The Development Fund provides support to areas of greatest need at the University.

These goals can only be achieved with the generous support of our alumni and friends. If just 150 of our alumni and friends donate $1,000 to the 2010 Annual Appeal Scholarship, the UTAS Foundation will be able to double the number of Annual Appeal Scholarships offered.

Please provide a UTAS student with the opportunity to excel. To find out more or donate online go to: www.utas.edu.au/annual-appeal

Honouring the commitment to success

By Cath Campbell

With many students moving to live closer to their campus and the associated costs of living while studying, the necessity of having to work is a common reality. The award of a scholarship or bursary aims to provide the financial space for students to concentrate on their studies. It therefore gives them the opportunity to excel. The Tasmania Scholarship Program honours the commitment of individuals and organisations to the success of UTAS and our students. The UTAS Foundation facilitates the provision of money to support the program, which provided more than $1.6 million to students in 2010.

Scholarships and bursaries are provided across all areas of study to commencing, current, honours and postgraduate level students. Students apply based on merit and/or financial need. The value of the scholarship is not just in the money provided to a student, but the connections they make with the organisations that provide the award and the opportunities that may flow.

Each year the UTAS Foundation works with individuals and organisations to set up new scholarships across all campuses. New scholarships for 2011 include medicine scholarships for current and commencing students from the Medical Council of Tasmania, a new commencing engineering award from MMG Rosebery, and an expanded range of scholarships from BHP Billiton Temco Community Foundation.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all supporters of the Tasmania Scholarship Program. Further details can be found at www.utas.edu.au/scholarships

Calling all John Fisher College alumni

By Janette Brennan

If you’re a John Fisher College alumni, then it’s been too long!

Last month, Accommodation Services hosted a John Fisher College alumni event to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the merger of Ena Waite College with John Fisher College. UTAS Chancellor Mr Damian Bugg was the guest speaker at the gathering. The Chancellor is a John Fisher College alumnus, and was John Fisher Club president in 1968.

Paddy Barbour, Deputy Director for Accommodation Services, said one of the purposes of the gathering was to generate renewed interest in a John Fisher College alumni establishment, discuss options for the future and to perpetuate and nurture this in a meaningful way.

Paddy urged college alumni to update their details on the UTAS alumni website. “If they nominate on that website their affiliation with the colleges, then we can invite them directly to any future functions and, importantly, discuss and share with them future direction and associated opportunity,” he said.

To update your details on the UTAS alumni website, go to: www.utasalumni.org.au

Accommodation Services is also planning major Christ College alumni events for November 2011, celebrating 50 years since Christ College re-located to Sandy Bay campus.

These events are opportunities to re-acquaint with old friends and colleagues, and to reinvigorate college connections.

A reunion for Christ College residents from 1976 and ’77 is also being planned at the Christ College dining room on Saturday 5 February, 2011. Enquiries to Ian Wright, email: wrighti@stgiles.org.au
2000s

Naomi Stewart (BEd 2009) has moved to Singapore to take up a teaching position at the Rosemount Kindergarten, an Australian-run private international school. “I thought that for my first year or two of teaching that I’d probably just move to Victoria,” Naomi said. “Then I came across this teaching position in Singapore.” Naomi said she loves the lifestyle, her new friends and the food in Singapore.

Sam Dallas (BInfoSys 2005) joined the INSIDEFILM editorial team in April as a journalist. Previously he was a journalist at Fairfax Media in Sydney. Sam got his start at The Advocate newspaper, working in both daily news and sport during his three years there. INSIDEFILM is a film and TV industry magazine, published by Intermedia.

Kerry Hore (BPharm 2005) was selected for the Australian rowing team that competed at the world championships in New Zealand last month. The dual Olympic rower was chosen for the women’s double scull, as well as the women’s quad scull.

“I had a year off after Beijing,” Kerry said. “I’m a pharmacist, so it was good to work for a while and pay off my car. But I found I still had the passion and desire to keep going.” Kerry is now focusing on a third Olympic selection.

1980s

Professor Nikolai Petrovsky (BMedSci 1979, MBBS 1982) Professor Nikolai Petrovsky (BMedSci 1979, MBBS 1982) recently won a 2010 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in the category of Technology and Emerging Industries for his breakthroughs in vaccine research. This follows from the multiple awards he won last year, including the AMP Innovation Award at the Telstra Business Awards and the AusIndUstry Innovation Award at the Anthill Cool Company Awards.

In 2002 Nikolai founded the company Vaxine Pty Ltd to pursue development of new vaccine technologies. Today, Vaxine is working with the US Government and international vaccine manufacturers to develop innovative vaccines against a wide range of diseases including pandemic flu, hepatitis, rabies, malaria, HIV and Ebola haemorrhagic fever.

1970s

James Wise (BA Hon 1977) has been appointed as Australia’s Ambassador to Thailand. James, who is a career officer of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, has previously served overseas as High Commissioner to Malaysia, with earlier postings in Thailand, Russia and Papua New Guinea.

1950s

Dr Christobel Mattingley AM (BA Hons 1951) has received two new awards for her writing. Her book Maralinga: the Anangu Story, written in collaboration with Aboriginal people affected by the British nuclear tests on their traditional country in the 1950s and ’60s, was an Honour Book in the Eve Pownall Award for Information Books in the Children’s Book Council of Australia 2010 Awards. Christobel also received the Alice Award 2010, which is presented every two years by the Societies of Women Writers in Australia. Her latest book, For the Love of Nature: E. E. Gostelow’s birds and flowers was published by the National Library of Australia this year.

University of Tasmania alumni are invited to keep in touch by sharing snippets of their news, career achievements, community involvement, and social events. Please send details via email to: Alumni.Office@utas.edu.au

You can also post your entries to the UTAS Development and Alumni Office, Locked Bag 1350, Launceston, Tasmania, 7250.

And, if you just happen to be wondering … six degrees of separation refers to the idea that everyone is at most six steps away from any other person on Earth, so that any two people can be connected by six (or fewer) ‘friend of a friend’ statements.
Alumni networks across Australia, and the world

Indonesia (Jakarta)

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Koesmarihati Sugondo (BE 1966) was one of our first two women engineering graduates. She is executive chair of Mastel, a major non-profit institution originally founded as the Indonesian Telecommunications Society. Before that she managed Indonesia’s major telecommunications company, Telkomsel. She holds an Honorary Doctorate of Engineering from UTAS, is a former President of IKAMA, the Australian Alumni Association in Indonesia and, as a Colombo Plan scholar, received a Special Distinguished Alumni Award in 2001.

Australia (Sydney)

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John’s economics degree (1991) evolved into media, marketing, and web hosting. He returned to UTAS for a year and took on Information Systems (2001), becoming a business analyst. He now runs an online marketing business, helping companies succeed online, in between launching his own ecommerce projects. John bushwalks, mountain bikes, and photographs – he just wishes that Sydney traffic made it easier to ‘head for the hills’ more often.

UK (London)

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John (BCom, LLB 1994) recently joined American Airlines after having completed an MBA with distinction from Cambridge University. He is a board member of London homeless charity St Mungo’s and is Chair of Tasmanian Leaders Inc. When not devoting time to those activities, he tries to see as many of the huge range of gigs, shows and theatre that London has to offer.

Malaysia (Sabah)

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Datin Verus Aman Sham (BA 1972) is retired but, among other interests, owns and operates ‘KrK Mai Aman’, a homestay centre in Kg. Gana, Papar, Sabah. His career was in the Sabah civil service, culminating in 23 years as the general manager of the Sabah Housing and Town Development Authority. As a Colombo Plan scholar, Verus received a Special Distinguished Alumni Award from UTAS in 2001. He is a life member and founder president (2006-2007) of the Sabah Australian Alumni Association (SAAA).

USA (New York)

Mark Habner
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Mark (BCom, LLB Hons 1993) spent 10 years in Sydney as a partner with RMB Capital before moving to New York City in 2006. He was a partner with Crystal Lake Capital leading private equity transactions before joining SSA & Company as a managing director in early 2010, responsible for their private equity group. He lives with his wife Pamela in Manhattan and, as he does a lot of domestic travel, is looking forward to connecting with alumni throughout the USA.

Alumni Events 2011

We are in the throes of planning Alumni events in the following places in 2011. Events will be listed on our event calendar at www.utasalumni.org.au

Alumni functions
Burnie
Hobart
Launceston
London
Malaysia
Perth
Singapore

Tassie devil shows with VIP alumni drinks 5–9 September 2011
Brisbane
Canberra
Melbourne
Sydney

Your reunions

Like to organise a reunion? Visit our website to see how we can help you.

Please note

The Development & Alumni Office must move with the times and will no longer post out invitations. If you wish to receive event invitations, please email Alumni.Office@utas.edu.au telling us your name and city, or login to www.utasalumni.org.au and update your contact details.
Alumni events around the world

**Edinburgh**

A wonderful evening with UTAS alumni in Scotland.

**Singapore**

The Singapore alumni dinner was a chance to make new friends.

**London**

Aimee Heuzenroeder, Emma Field and Moina MacAskill.

**Launceston**

(L-R) Becci Fryatt, Luyi Liu, Leoni Blaker, Fei Fang and Shan White.

Hau Vu and Pierre Richardson.

Eric Gooi, Oummy Tepkumkun and Jencie Harrington.

Tony Fist, Kally Bushby and Nick Clements.

Hugh Reeves, Melanie Roome and John Williamson.

John Perry and Jim Reid.
Andrew Harmer and Sophie Hobbs.

Jo Le Grew and Moya Fyfe.

Nickola Orr and Cristina Serra.

Diana Reale and Rod Palmer.

Simon Longstaff and Michael Tate.

Gideon Polya.

Mark Bennett and Peter Cooper.

Marian Schoen and Mariann Fee.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew (centre) with artists Les Blakebrough (left) and Belinda Winkler.

Peter West and Lisa Riddell.

Ralph Hobbs.

Nicholas and Natalie Marshall, with Nina Fudala.

Andrew Harmer and Sophie Hobbs.

Ralph Hobbs.

Nicholas and Natalie Marshall, with Nina Fudala.
On 13 June, 2010 Dr Leon Wescombe, 29, disappeared while kayaking on the Consumnes River in the United States.

Assoc Prof Justin Walls, from the UTAS School of Medicine, was one of the speakers at Dr Wescombe’s memorial service, which was attended by more than 500 people. This excerpt was taken from that eulogy…

A drive to make a difference

DR LEON WESCOMBE WAS A MAN of contrasts. Quiet, considered and focused while at work, but exuberant, outward-looking and passionate while at play.

Over the past 10 years the staff at the University of Tasmania, School of Medicine, feel that they have come to know what sits behind the quiet work exterior, and glimpsed the drive that Leon had to really make a difference in the world of medical research. That drive wasn’t linked to personal or professional gain, but a genuine attempt to make a difference to everyday people.

Leon first enrolled at UTAS in 1999 in a Bachelor of Science. Once he had completed his undergraduate degree, he enrolled in an honours program in the School in 2005. It was during this year that Leon found a true passion for medical research. Leon obtained first-class honours for his research into the production of the toxin cyanide by bacteria that live in the lung of people affected by cystic fibrosis (CF). This work represented the first ever description of cyanide production in the human lung disease setting and was published in the prestigious European Respiratory Journal. This work has driven a worldwide interest in this field.

In this way, Leon has left a very important research legacy. His honours project supervisor, Dr David Reid, would like to reassure the family that Leon’s research work continues to evolve and that the importance of cyanide production in the CF lung continues to drive the search for more effective treatments.

After completing his honours, the natural progression for Leon was to undertake a PhD, which he did at the University of Sydney. He received the Isobel Corin Travel Award, which he used to travel to a research conference in Italy. Then, at the annual Nepean Scientific Day in 2007, Leon won the award for the Best Emerging Researcher with his oral presentation on Graves’ disease.

Leon’s PhD work into aspects of Graves’ eye disease was published in Clinical Endocrinology and Orbit. It provides the basis for ongoing and future research at the Sydney Medical School.

After this study he returned to Tasmania, where he worked as a tutor and lecturer in the School of Medicine. Staff and students fondly remember his academically-rigorous, but often light-hearted teaching sessions and will miss his enthusiasm and generosity.

What everyone who came into contact with Leon will remember will not only be his passion for living life to the full, but also his drive to make a real difference in medical research.

With the establishment of an ongoing fund to support medical research, Leon’s name will go on – and his wish to really make a difference will be fulfilled.

For more information on the Dr Leon Wescombe Memorial Fund, go to: http://www.utas.edu.au/foundation/donations-and-support/current-appeals

Dr Trevor Cory Beard
Died 2 September 2010, aged 90 years.

DR TREVOR Beard’s lifetime was devoted to human health. In the 1950s he moved from the UK to Australia and began general practice at Campbell Town (TAS). During this time, Dr Beard vigorously spearheaded a successful campaign to eliminate human hydatid disease in Tasmania – the first state or territory in the world to declare provisional eradication of hydatid disease. He was formally recognised for this work and awarded an Order of the British Empire in 1966.
In the 1970s, Dr Beard joined the federal Health Department in a senior public health policy role, and in the early 1980s he moved into cardiovascular research at Canberra’s Woden Valley Hospital.

In 1988, in his post ‘retirement’, he began working at the Menzies Research Institute Tasmania. As an Honorary Research Fellow, Dr Beard remained active in his research relating to hypertension and salt. He was involved in various research projects including the first large community survey of sodium intakes in Australia.

He passionately promoted low-salt diets for the prevention of hypertension and vigorously lobbied many areas of the food industry and government. He played a pivotal role in having the official sodium intake recommendations in Australia.

One of the many privileges of working with Dr Beard was seeing his passion for his work. Dr Beard was a man of formidable intellect, tenacity, good humour and personal warmth.

Lady Loyal Burley
Died 21 May 2010, aged 94 years.

Lady Burley was a powerhouse who assisted many in an unassuming way with practical advice and unceasing help.

Naturally spiritual, with a deep sense of beauty and truth, she majored in mathematics at UTAS – and had a lifelong passion for music.

She was active in Tasmania in the Save the Children Fund, the Australian Federation of University Women and the Girl Guides Association – in fact she invented the Girl Guide biscuit at Cadburys, with the help of her husband.

She also served as Secretary and President of Musica Viva (Tasmanian branch) and was the Tasmanian representative on the Musica Viva Board for a number of years. She was a member of the Hobart Orchestral Subscribers’ Association from 1969 until 1990, during which time she had two three-year terms as President.

Lady Burley was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in 1991 in recognition of her community work and, in 2000, received a UTAS Distinguished Alumni Award for service to the community.

Lady Burley’s husband, Sir Victor Burley CBE, predeceased her in 2002. The family set up two scholarships on his death – one in music, and a second in engineering.

Dr Anthony Endrey QC
Died 26 May 2010, aged 87 years.

Dr Anthony Endrey was a doctor of law with honours from the University of Budapest. He also fought against the Russians as part of the Royal Hungarian Army in World War II, and was taken prisoner of war.

Upon his release in 1945, he resumed legal studies and was admitted to practice in 1947.

Two years later he migrated to Australia. He was appointed as a barrister and was permanent adviser to an Australian Senate Committee. He held office as a master of the Supreme Court of Victoria and was appointed Queen’s Counsel in 1975.

In 1979, he retired to his farm in rural Victoria and at the end of 1982, returned to Hungary.

Mavis Fagan
Died 18 June 2010, aged 99 years.

Born Mavis Isabel Smith, Mrs Fagan completed her Bachelor of Arts degree at UTAS in 1951. It was during her university years that she met the love of her life, solicitor Roy Frederick Fagan. Following their marriage in 1947, Mrs Fagan supported her husband throughout his long political career – he served as deputy premier for more than 20 years and was attorney-general for more than 20 years.

When Roy’s health began to fail, Mrs Fagan cared for him at home until she could no longer manage his illness. Aware of the lack of proper facilities available to cope with dementia, she devoted herself to founding an institution dedicated to patients suffering from Alzheimers and related diseases. The ADARDS Nursing Home opened at Warrane in 1991, followed in 1999 by the Roy Fagan Centre for ADARDS at Lenah Valley.

Her contribution in raising funds and awareness was recognised with the award of an Order of Australia Medal in 1996.

Photo kindly supplied by Margaret Mason-Cox.

Sue Napier
Died 5 August 2010, aged 62 years.

Mrs Sue Napier was a pioneering politician known for her integrity and for speaking out against injustice.

For 18 years she served in the Tasmanian Parliament as a member for Bass, and was the first Liberal woman to become a minister, the first female deputy premier and first woman to lead the Liberal Party.

Born in Latrobe and raised on a farm, the daughter of Legislative Councillor Harry Braid entered Parliament in 1992. Prior to that, she worked for 20 years for the Tasmanian College of Advanced Education, which later became part of the University of Tasmania.

She was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1975, followed by honours in 1978. Mrs Napier had a long and active association with the Faculty of Education, and she was a highly respected lecturer in physical education. Before her death, she made arrangements to endow a scholarship at the University in education.

Mrs Napier was diagnosed with breast cancer in December 2008 and retired in February this year. More than 1,000 mourners from all walks of life attended her state funeral at Launceston’s Albert Hall.

Alfred Roy Parsons
Died 19 June 2010, aged 85 years.

Born in Hobart, Mr Parsons was educated at the University of Tasmania before joining the Department of External Affairs (now Foreign Affairs and Trade) in 1947.

He described his second posting to Jakarta, from 1964 to 1967, as probably one of the most rewarding of all his postings.

In 1983 he was made High Commissioner in London – only the second of two professional diplomats to hold the job, which for nearly all of the previous 70 years had been the preserve of former politicians.

Mr Parsons was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 1986 and was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2001.
Levée Line and Martial Law: A history of the dispossession of the Mairrmener people of Van Diemen’s Land 1803-1832
By Graeme Calder, (Fullers Bookshop, 2010)

THIS WORK WAS INSPIRED BY THE PhD thesis of Dr Graeme Calder (BA Hons 2005, PhD 2009) and his interest in the prehistory of Australia, particularly Van Diemen’s Land.

It forms part of a series on the Aboriginal peoples of Tasmania — the first of which, Beyond Awakening: The Aboriginal Tribes of North West Tasmania, by Dr Ian McFarlane, was published in 2008.

A study of the peoples of north eastern Tasmania, by Patsy Cameron, is forthcoming.

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Managing Small Business in Australia
By John English and Babette Moate (Allen and Unwin, 2010)

If you’re standing on the sidelines and tempted to go into business, this book shows you what is involved. It is a guide for anyone who wants to build a future in their own small business. The authors have a unique blend of professional training and practical experience combined with skill in making information clear and understandable.

Assoc Prof English’s role at the AIRC is to encourage the development of an enterprising culture in Tasmania. He serves on the Tasmanian Innovations Advisory Board and has developed and introduced a variety of programs around Australia focused on entrepreneurship, innovation and commercialisation.

Babette Moate (BCom LLB 1994) has worked in a variety of policy roles for the Tasmanian government.

Managing a Small Business in Australia is the companion book to Discovering New Business Opportunities, launched last year.

Algae of Australia: Phytoplankton of Temperate Coastal Waters
By Gustaaf Hallegraeff (CSIRO Publishing, 2010)

This monograph, the product of more than 30 years of research by Professor Gustaaf Hallegraeff (DSc 2002) and 11 collaborators, provides descriptions and illustrations of 541 species known from the estuarine, coastal and offshore waters of southern Australia.

It includes more than 1,100 light, scanning and transmission electron photographs and drawings, and represents the first comprehensive guide for the identification of these fundamentally important microscopic algae in the temperate Australasian region.

Algae of Australia, which incorporates bibliographies and a glossary of technical terms, will become an indispensable resource for oceanographers, fisheries biologists, aquaculture managers, as well as inquiring non-specialists.

Growing Sideways
By Nick Glade-Wright (40° SOUTH, 2010)

It’s the early ’70s. Mal Staines, from working-class Burnie, dreams of living the Romantic life of an artist, like his hero Marinetti. But when he leaves art school, he falls prey to the distractions of a hedonistic lifestyle, ploughing his way through inertia, booze, dope and sex – as well as the grimy chaos of his revolting share house.

Things begin to shift when Mal befriends Joe, an immigrant bee keeper, who has quite a different way of seeing how the world works. Through this friendship, Mal learns about himself.

Growing Sideways gives a human insight into different art-making processes and the motivation behind them. It finds humour in the darkest places and has an optimistic sense of the future, no matter what burdens are being carried. It is a story of dark and light – and lots of red paint.

Author Nick Glade-Wright (Dip Arts 1975, BEd 1979) said there’s one more thing about Growing Sideways. It’s set around Hobart and Burnie, so you might even find yourself in there!

Safarnama
By Ikram Naqvi (Self published, 2010)

In 1964 a six-year-old Indian boy, playing in the courtyard of his home in Uttar Pradesh, was told by a gypsy fortune teller that his future lay on a small island in the Southern Ocean.

In Safarnama, Ikram (Ike) Naqvi (BSc Hons 1966) tells of the life journey that realised this prediction, as captured in the intimate letters he wrote home to his mother.

Ike arrived in Tasmania in 1966 to study geology and geography at UTAS. For years he was too poor to afford new clothes and once, while surveying in the Huon Valley, he was mistaken for a spy by police.

From these humble beginnings Ike has gone on to become a community and business leader, and a devoted family man. Safarnama contains Ike’s original letters that were written in Urdu, his mother tongue. To preserve the flavour of the originals, he has translated them literally.

Proceeds from the sale of Safarnama go to the charity work of the Amroha International Society.

Power and Majesty
By Tansy Rayner Roberts (Voyager, 2010)

A WAR IS BEING fought in the skies over the city of Ausfeur. No-one sees the battles. No-one knows how close they come to destruction every time the sun sets. During daylight, all is well — but when the sky turns bright, someone has to step up and lead the Creature Court into battle.

Power and Majesty is the debut novel from Hobart author Tansy Rayner Roberts (BA Hons 1999, PhD 2007).

It is the first book in her new trilogy, Creature Court, a fantasy novel set in a made-up world where the idea of power and heroes is challenged. It combines urban fantasy, set primarily in a city setting, with the more traditional imaginary world of fantasy.

The second book in the Creature Court trilogy is due to be released early next year.

Management in Focus: the Global Financial Crisis
By Tom Valentine and Megan Woods (Pearson, 2010)

MANAGEMENT IN FOCUS, by Tom Valentine and Megan Woods (BCom Hons 2001, PhD 2009), introduces the global financial crisis and fosters analysis of its relevance to managers and organisations.

The opening chapter summarises how the GFC evolved, how the crisis affected real economies around the world and the policies that were created to deal with the crisis. The authors go on to explain the business and management implications of the crisis by analysing how the crisis has influenced organisational environments.
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