

## *School Newsletter*

*August 2017 report*



### *Message from Lizzi*

Dear all,

Thank you to everyone who participated in organising the final year exams and to our students who have been working so hard over the year to get to this point. The exams went well and our students had the opportunity to demonstrate the skills they had learnt. We look forward to finding out the results. We were excited to see many of our final year students have been offered intern posts to stay on at Burnie, all the current posts have been offered to RCS students.

We had some lovely media coverage about our new Rural and Regional Postgraduate Training Hub. We are looking forward to increasing opportunities for young doctors in the North-West and North of the state to stay and undertake most of their specialist training locally.

On Sunday, 6 August our staff and students engaged with hundreds of people of all ages at the University's Open Day event which was held at the Cradle Coast campus. This was a fantastic opportunity to showcase what we offer at the Rural Clinical School through medical training for fourth and fifth year students, as well as our fun and educational community engagement programs. You can see all the highlights on page 3.

On the next page there are details of our latest staff appointments within the Rural Clinical School and the Hub - please join me in warmly welcoming these new and familiar faces when you see them around campus. Meanwhile we say farewell to Dr Sarah Prior for now who commenced maternity leave at the end of last week and we wish her all the very best.

All the best for the remainder of August.

Yours,  
Lizzi

## Tasmanian Rural and Regional Postgraduate Training Hub update

Earlier this month, the University publicly announced the establishment of the new Rural and Regional Postgraduate Training hub in Burnie. The development was first featured on ABC State-wide Mornings on Friday, 4 August with program host Leon Compton revealing the news during a live interview with A/Prof Lizzi Shires at the Burnie studio. A big thank you to Lizzi for stepping in for further media interviews with Tasmanian Broadcasters and ABC Drive later in the day while Clinical Director A/Prof Deb Wilson worked in theatre. Click the following links for further media coverage: [The Advocate](#), [The Examiner](#), [The Mercury](#). Pictured: Leon Compton interviews A/Prof Lizzi Shires, photo courtesy of the ABC.



### Staff appointments



Dr Elisabeth Robin has joined the Rural Clinical School as an Academic Registrar. Dr Robin will be helping in the delivery of the RCS teaching program for medical students and will be on site in Burnie one day each week.

There have also been further appointments within the new Tasmanian Rural and Regional Postgraduate Training Hub:

Sarah Jordan has been appointed

to the position of Project Officer in a 0.8 FTE and Lynn Hemmings to the position of Medical Education Advisor in a 0.5 FTE. (Pictured right alongside Clinical Director of the Hub A/Prof Deb Wilson).



Sharee Taylor (below) has also been ap-



pointed Administration Support Officer for the Hub in a 0.2 FTE capacity. Further appointments will be announced shortly.

Professor Richard Hays (right) will join the Rural Clinical School after completing his appointment as Associate Head—Division of Medicine with the University's Faculty of Health earlier this year. Professor Hays will support the Rural Clinical School in a 0.1 capacity, and will be working closely with the research team.



# Rural Clinical School

## Cradle Coast campus Open Day

On Sunday (6 August), Rural Clinical School staff and students converged on the Cradle Coast campus to lead a number of activities in this year's University of Tasmania Open Day program for Burnie. Highlights included a life-size game of operation, bandaging with bears, the Dr Cuddles colouring in corner and learning about the human body with anatomical model Ken and Skele the skeleton. A big thank you to the fourth year students and staff who headed along to support the Rural Clinical School's program.



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## Sprent Primary School & Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School visits

Last month, RCS students and staff delivered a health education program to Sprent and Sacred Heart Primary students. The sessions covered healthy hearts/foods and fats, hand hygiene/operations, understanding human behaviour, the brain and sleep.



## Smithton Science Gig

On Monday night (14 August), RCS medical students participated in an evening community science gig held in Smithton for National Science Week. The RCS representatives demonstrated how ultrasound works and why it is used. They also invited young school students to put anatomical model Ken back together while learning about different organs in the body. Thanks to fourth year students, Ria Mittal and Callum Norris.



## Year 4 Class Photos

A big thank you to staff who participated in the Year 4 Class Photo last month.



## Garden initiative

In late July, Dr Nick Towle delivered a fruit tree pruning demonstration for staff and students. For anyone who was unable to attend and is keen to learn more, please contact Nick at a convenient time: [Nick.Towle@utas.edu.au](mailto:Nick.Towle@utas.edu.au)



## NAIDOC Week

A number of activities were held across the University of Tasmania during July to mark NAIDOC Week in celebration of the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Rural Clinical School Aboriginal Health Careers Promotion Officer Vicki Eather participated in a student, community and staff BBQ hosted by Riawunna at the Cradle Coast campus, as well as a cultural weaving session led by Elder in Residence



Aunty Olive Ralph. The Aboriginal flag was also raised at the RCS entrance accompanied by cultural information.

## Burnie Ten

The Rural Clinical School will be sponsoring staff and students to participate in this year's Burnie 10 which will take place on Sunday, 22 October. In exchange for the RCS covering entry costs, staff and students are asked to wear their Rural Clinical School polo tops. Hardcopy entry forms are available at Students Services and at the RCS receptions at Burnie and Mersey. [Click here](#) for more information about the event.



## Australian Masters Games

The University of Tasmania has partnered with the Australian Masters Games to recruit and train volunteers for this premier biennial sporting event which is taking place across the North-West between 21–28 October. Volunteers are currently being sought to perform roles in the following categories:

Accreditation; Administration; Brand; Community; Logistics; Media & Communications; and Sport.

Most roles will be required during the week of the games (21–28 October) although University and AMG staff are interested in hearing from people who are available now and in the lead-up to the event to assist in a variety of roles.

For further information, please contact Dee Kapene, Volunteer Workforce Coordinator: 03 6447 5028 or email [dee.kapene@unisport.com.au](mailto:dee.kapene@unisport.com.au)



## *Publications, Conference Presentations and Achievements*

### **ANZAHPE 2017 Conference—11 -14 July 2017**

This year's ANZHAPE (Australian and New Zealand Health Professional Educators) conference was held in Adelaide last month. Lizzi presented a workshop on supporting rural students in medicine as well as a collaborative workshop with other universities about running OSCE's and how to avoid common issues. The RCS came away from the conference with new skills in assessing and teaching professionalism, and learnt from other universities who have adopted electronic and open access exam systems. We will be piloting one of these assessments later in the year. Next year the conference will be hosted in Hobart, and the RCS is looking forward to the opportunity to present many of our educational initiatives at this forum.



**Richard Rozendaal**—Attended the Australasian University Safety Association Conference in Hobart (20–22 June).

Key information Richard took away from the event was that risk assessments and incident reports do not measure safety or a safe working environment

**Vicki Eather and Rosie Smith**— Attended the Education Transforms Symposium (12–14 July).

For Vicki, the conference highlighted a need to engage with Aboriginal young people and their families at the earliest possible stage of their education, to help families develop the skills they need to understand and respond to the education system in a positive way.

### **Rustica Rural Networking Dinner**

Last Friday, Rustica held its 5th Rural Networking Dinner in Hobart which was attended by a number of Rural Clinical School students as well as A/Prof Lizzi Shires who gave a presentation during the evening as one of the invited guest speakers. Rustica said the dinner was a wonderful evening and that students loved hearing stories about rural medicine and life from all over Australia and the world. *Photos courtesy of Rustica—to see more images from the evening, [click here](#).*



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### Publications



*Teaching bedside ultrasound to medical students; Co-authored by John Ang, Brian Doyle, Dr Penny Allen and Colleen Cheek*

Congratulations to John Ang, ex RCS student and Brian Doyle, Emergency consultant, who led the academic team that pioneered a project in teaching Ultrasound to undergraduates which has just been published in Clinical Teacher. Ultrasound is a useful tool in clinical bedside assessment and can be taught to undergraduates to give them these basic skills and to reinforce their anatomy

teaching. Please take the time to have a look at this paper by [clicking here](#).



### Warm wishes

A morning tea was held at the Burnie campus last Wednesday to wish Dr Sarah Prior, Rural Clinical School Postdoctoral Research Fellow all the best ahead of her maternity leave which she commenced at the end of last week.

*RCS Facebook Page*



Have you liked the RCS on Facebook? If not, you can like our page by clicking the blue Facebook logo above to receive regular updates on what we are doing! We also post various photos and media from our student and community engagement activities. If any students have an interesting story or update on what they have been doing on the NW coast (including a photo) and would like to share it on our Facebook page - please email Kayla at [rca.ce@utas.edu.au](mailto:rca.ce@utas.edu.au). NB: It doesn't need to be related to the clinical setting.

The Launceston Clinical School now has a Facebook page—if you would like to keep up to date with what the students and school are doing [click here](#). (*Pictured—LCS students lead engagement activities*)



### *Upcoming Events and Activities*

- 16 August: Marist 'Conversations in Careers'
- 25 August: Year 9 Health Careers (Mersey)
- 30 August: Year 9 Health Careers (Burnie)
- 4–8 September: Year 4 GLP 5
- 6 September: Rural Clinical School research evening
- 11–15 September: Year 1 Rural Week
- 18–22 September: Year 5 GLW 4 / Year 5 Prize Exams
- 20 September: Year 5 Portfolio Interviews
- 25–29 September: Rural Year 3 Program
- 27 September: Community Advisory Board (CAB) meeting—Mersey RCS
- 28 September: Visit to St Brigid's Catholic School
- 2–6 October: Rural Year 3 Program
- 6 October: Burnie Show Public Holiday
- 16–20 October: Year 4 GLP 6
- 22 October: Burnie Ten
- 23–27 October: Year 4 SWOT Vac
- 30 October–3 November: Year 4 Exam Period / Year 5 Intern Prep Week
- 31 October: Year 4 Summative OSCE
- 2 November: Year 4 MCQ
- 3 November: Year 4 EMQ
- 4 November: EOY Dinner
- 6 November: Recreation Day Public Holiday
- 6 November onwards: RCS student break / Year 4 electives
- 20 December: Year 5 Graduation (in Hobart)