COUNCIL

The University Council met in rooms D2.01 and D2.02, Cradle Coast Campus, Burnie on Friday 16 April 2010. This is a report from that meeting.

Your Voice @ UTAS Project Update and Presentation

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) & Provost presented an update to Council on the current status of the Your Voice@ UTAS project, the next steps and the wider implications of the project.

In late February, the 3 working parties that were established to investigate the results of the Your Voice @ UTAS staff survey in more detail and to develop recommendations on University-wide actions submitted their reports. The working parties focused on the priority areas of culture and communications, people and technology. University-wide consultation took place throughout March with staff invited to provide comment and feedback on the working parties’ recommendations. The advice, comments and feedback received through the consultation process will inform the development of the Voice Project Action Plan, which is due to be completed by the end of April. After consideration by SMT and Academic Senate, the Action Plan, it is anticipated a final Voice Project Action Plan will be presented to Council in June.

Council thanked the Acting Vice-Chancellor for the presentation and update on the progress of the Your Voice @ UTAS Project and commended him on the action taken to date.

EDGE2 Strategic Plan - Extension to 2011

The EDGE2 Strategic Plan currently runs until the end of 2010 when the Vice-Chancellor will also finish his term at UTAS. Given that a new Vice-Chancellor will commence at the start of 2011, it would be sensible for the incoming Vice-Chancellor to manage the development of a new strategic plan from the outset rather than start their term with a plan developed in 2010 with which they will not have had any involvement.

Council approved the extension of the EDGE2 Strategic Plan 2008-2010 through 2011. Council also approved minor modifications to ensure continued relevance. These changes are:

- Change terminating date from 2010 to 2011
- Mission – add reference to a commitment to free inquiry [this is a requirement of the National Protocols for Higher Education Approval Processes, where our compliance will be assessed by AUQA in preparation for the 2011 audit]
- Vision – add references to international development and preparation of students for life in a globalised society [this was recommended by the Adams Review of International Education in 2008-9 and noted by Council in July 2009]
- Institutional Goal 6 – raise the EFTSL target to 16,000 during 2011 [this is broadly consistent with the level required if UTAS is to meet Commonwealth enrolment targets by 2025]
- Priority A Action Areas – add a reference to implement key recommendations from the Your Voice Action Plan [this will incorporate a number of significant developments]
• Priority B First Action Area – broaden the reference from ‘UTAS College’ to reflect the wider participation agenda [to ensure consistency with Commonwealth policy and emphasise the need for a number of actions beyond the UTAS College project]
• Priority E Third Action Area – add a specific reference to ensuring that capital investment supports the University’s academic strategic objectives
• Performance Indicators – minor changes to reflect national changes.

Council received the Draft Communication Plan and commended the Communications and Media Manager on that plan.

Academic Senate meeting – 5 March 2010

Professor Judi Walker, Acting Chair of Academic Senate, reported that major items discussed at Academic Senate on 5 March 2010 were –

• Progress Report on the Implementation of the Web Services Strategic Action Plan
• Academic Promotions Success Rates 2005-2008
• Quality Management Presentation
• Voice Project
• 2009 Review of Academic Senate
• University Charter Working Party
• Generic Associate Degree Specification
• Student Reservist, Emergency Services, Elite Athletes and Performers Support
• Course Proposal – Graduate Certificate in Research
• Amendment of abbreviation for Doctor of Philosophy in Quantitative Marine Science
• Research College Board Report
• Service and Quality Standards for Tutorial Groups
• Honours Degrees
• The Vice-Chancellor’s Reports-
  o Matters of Current Interest and Importance
    - TEQSA
    - Changing national environment
    - Council Planning Session
    - Faculty of Education
    - Visiting Fellows Program
  o 2010 Load Report
  o Update on Excellence for Research in Australia

Council also received the draft Minutes of the meeting of Academic Senate held on 5 March 2010.

Financial Management Reports 31 December 2009

Council approved the summary Financial Management Reports as at 31 December 2009.

Draft UTAS 2009 Annual Report
In accordance with the University of Tasmania Act 1992, Council is required to present to the Governor and the Minister for Education an annual report of the proceedings of the University during a financial year by 30 June the following year.

Council approved the 2009 Annual Report and authorised the Chancellor and Acting Vice-Chancellor to sign it, subject to there being no significant changes.

**General Investment Policy**

Council approved the revised General Investment Policy. Changes made to the policy are-
- Dynamic Asset Allocation – Governance framework added
- The Approved Investments schedule (B) updated to include the new fund managers and delete fund managers no longer utilised.
- The new Strategic Asset Allocation included at Schedule A.
- Statement on derivatives use - added.

**Academic Promotions Policy and Procedures**

Council approved the revised Academic Promotions Policy and Procedures for 2010. The University Promotions Policy and University Promotions Procedures have been revised, to clarify expectations regarding external referees, document the information considered in recommending promotion and clarify arrangements where a member of the University Promotion Committee may be seeking promotion.

**University Teaching and Learning Plan 2008-2010**

Council approved the revised University Teaching and Learning Plan 2008 – 2010. The University Teaching and Learning Committee endorsed the revised University Teaching and Learning Plan for 2008-2010. The Plan has been updated to reflect current priorities and to refresh targets and completion dates for initiatives, and Academic Senate has endorsed the revised University Teaching and Learning Plan 2008-2010.

**Academic Senate Annual Report**

Council received the 2009 Academic Senate Annual report. Clause 4.3 of the Ordinance of Academic Senate states Academic Senate is to report to Council once a year on the exercise of delegations under the Ordinance.

**Tasmanian Law Reform Institute 2009 Annual Report**

Council received the 2009 Annual Report for the Tasmanian Law Reform Institute.
Entities

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Provost and Director, Governance & Legal, have been working together to develop a comprehensive framework for the effective governance of all UTAS entities. The aim is to provide a system of classifying University entities and to regulate the establishment, administration, approval and review of those entities. A draft University Entities Governance policy was considered by SMT on 29 March prior to the commencement of a period of formal consultation with divisions, faculties and institutes. A report is expected to go to the May Finance Committee and then to the June Council meeting.

Honorary Appointments

In accordance with the Honorary, Visiting, Clinical and Adjunct Appointments Policy, Professor Gail Hart has been appointed Adjunct Professor in the School of Nursing and Midwifery for the period 19 March 2010 to 18 March 2013.

Foundation Governors

Council noted that Mr Gerald Loughran has been elected President of the Foundation Governors and appoints Professor Don Chalmers, Dr Daphne Cooper and Mrs Charlotte Gilbertson as Governors of the Foundation.

Graduation in Absentia and Conferring of Awards

Council approved the applications for the conferring of awards on these people, and the Chancellor conferred degrees in absentia on them -

- Moustafa Hesham Mohamed Abouelseoud - Bachelor of Engineering Technology
- Manal Mahmoud Ebrahim Al-Damkhi - Bachelor of Business
- Mohammad Abdullah Mohammad Al-Dhamer - Bachelor of Business
- Saleh Fares Saleh Al-Fares - Bachelor of Business
- Mohammad Hasan Mohammad Al-Ghareeb - Bachelor of Engineering Technology
- Aishah Khaled Ahmad Al-Haider - Bachelor of Business
- Loulwah Farhan Awad Al-Mutairi - Bachelor of Business
- Abdulaziz Yousef Jasem Al-Qattami - Bachelor of Engineering Technology
- Radhi Alshammari - Bachelor of Medicine
- Alistair Kenneth Atkinson - Doctor of Philosophy
- Adrian John Beswick - Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Science
- Christopher Michael Chesham Blake - Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Laws
- Leanne Irene Bryant - Graduate Certificate in Nursing
- Stefan Bulatovic - Bachelor of Arts
- Hanqing Cai - Bachelor of Nursing
- Cai Rongchang - Bachelor of Business
- Genevieve Nicola Carr - Bachelor of Nursing
- Saad Chaara - Bachelor of Engineering Technology
- Andrew Chi-Cheung Chung - Bachelor of Economics
Additional reports for Council

Media Highlights

*February- late March 2010*

Research News:

The latest funding round of the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program
Four projects have shared in $75,000 allocated by the Program, directly from contributions to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Appeal. An international collaboration into understanding how DFTD cells escape the immune system, has received $10,000 of the $75,000 allocated.

Dr Hannah Siddle from the University of Sydney, is currently conducting tests from the Pathology Department at the University of Cambridge, to explore why the devil’s immune system fails to recognise the tumour and mount an immune response.

Dr Siddle’s research is being conducted in partnership with Professor Jim Kaufman from the University of Cambridge, Associate Professor Katherine Belov from the University of Sydney and Professor Greg Woods and Dr Alex Kreiss from the Menzies Research Institute at UTAS.

**Coverage:**
Hobart Mercury
Launceston Examiner
ABC 936 Hobart
7LA Launceston

**Discovery of genetically different Tasmanian devils offers new hope for species’ survival**
In a discovery of consequence for efforts to save Tasmanian devils in the wild, scientists have recently found some devils from north-west Tasmania are genetically different and potentially resistant to the deadly cancer threatening the species.

The discovery by University of Sydney and University of Tasmania researchers will have implications for efforts to contain the spread of Devil Facial Tumour Disease (DFTD) which has decimated 70 per cent of the devil population since the first diagnosis in east Tasmania in 1996.

Results from the collaboration, published in the latest edition of the journal *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, describe levels of diversity in key immune genes in Tasmanian devils.

**Coverage:**
ABC Northern Tasmania
Hobart Mercury
Heart FM
7LA
Heart FM
Burnie Advocate
Southern Cross News
The Australian
ABC Illawarra
Courier Mail
Radio 2UE
Channel 10
ABC 774 Melbourne
The Times
Earthweek online
Courier Post online
Yahoo news Philippines
Winnipeg Free Press
Herald Sun

**University News:**

550 medical text books donated to medical students in Cambodia
Dr Jamie Chapman recently organised the huge donation, which came about as a result of a conference presentation on the lack of textbooks for the Cambodian students late last year.

Dr Chapman said he has been overwhelmed by the generosity of his work colleagues and now is looking for innovative ways to raise money to get the books to the International University in Phnom Penh.

“The presentation at the conference gave an historical overview of Cambodia and mentioned how the Medical Schools were in desperate need of textbooks,” Dr Chapman said.

“It was apparent that many were either very old or entirely in French.”

The conference came just as staff at the School of Medicine started to prepare to move to the new University Medical Science Building in Hobart’s CBD.

Coverage:
Heart FM
Hobart Mercury
Launceston Examiner

UTAS Medical Science Precinct Showcased
UTAS Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew recently welcomed Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to the architecturally-stunning $58 million Medical Science 1 building.

It is the first stage of the new UTAS Medical Science Precinct in Hobart’s CBD.
Prof Le Grew said the new Medical Science Precinct is an important development not just for the University but also for Hobart and the State as a whole.

“This is a state-of-the-art development that puts Tasmania in the lead in terms of providing facilities for medical research and education,” he said.

“MS1 is the new base for the Menzies Research Institute and the Faculty of Health Science’s School of Medicine.

“We are co-locating for the first time our medical research and education, which will enable the highest levels of collaboration between our health professionals.”

Prof Le Grew said MS1 will soon be augmented by stage two of the development, which will see the $90 million Medical Science 2 building erected by the end of 2012.

Coverage:
ABC 936 Hobart
SBS TV
ABC TV
Win News
Southern Cross News
Launceston Examiner
Hobart Mercury

Jon English donates to Tas devils
Rock Legend Jon English recently donated the proceeds of his Hobart and Launceston ‘Rock Show’ benefit performances to help save the Tasmanian devil.

The Rock Show is a concert theatre show starring Jon English and a cast of eight young multi-instrumentalists playing classic 60s and 70s rock music, which came to Tasmanian in February 2010.
Jon has been performing the show around Australia, helping to boost awareness of the plight of the Tasmanian devils. The devils are suffering from the ravages of Devil Facial Tumour Disease which has seen a decline in their population of 80 per cent in recent years. Jon said that he will continue to do whatever he can for the Tasmanian devil.

Coverage:
Hobart Mercury
Win News
Southern Cross News
ABC 936 Hobart

Crown Princess Mary Scholarship winners 2010
The 2010 Crown Princess Mary Scholarship was recently awarded to two students studying nursing and science at the University of Tasmania.

The Crown Princess Mary Scholarship is awarded to high achieving students from Tasmania or Denmark and provides the recipient with $3000 towards the cost of their studies in Tasmania.

Marie Mortensen is on a student exchange from VIA University College in Aarhus Municipality in Denmark while Kirke Munch is coming to Tasmania to study for her full Bachelor of Science degree.

“The Crown Princess Mary Scholarship allows students to experience another country and to enrich their academic experience by studying away from their homeland,” UTAS Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew said.

“The partnership between the Universities of Tasmania and Copenhagen encourages an exchange not only of students, but of culture, which benefits both institutions involved.”

Coverage:
Win News
Southern Cross News
Hobart Mercury

Tassie showcased as choice for interstate students
UTAS recently hosted 21 interstate secondary school Career Advisors from Victoria and NSW for three days as part of the annual UTAS Career Advisor Symposium.

The event showcased UTAS’ world class academics and facilities at the Sandy Bay and Inveresk campuses.

“The university’s relationship with interstate Career Advisors and schools has continued to develop over recent years. Symposium,” said Jo Bailey, UTAS Manager of Marketing and Student Recruitment. Ms Bailey said the number of interstate students at UTAS continues to grow.

Coverage:
Launceston Examiner
Southern Cross News
ABC Northern Tas

Expertise

Expert academic panel to host post-poll public forum
Local and international experts on multi-party systems recently discussed how Tasmania can be governed successfully under a minority government, at a free public forum at the University of Tasmania.

Academics discussed the topic, *Making multi-party systems work: Governing Tasmania beyond the 2010 election*, at the School of Government hosted event at the Centenary Lecture Theatre.

Event coordinator and speaker from the UTAS School of Government, Dr Richard Eccleston, said the forum aimed to shift the focus of Tasmanian political debate on the critical issue of how Tasmania should be governed.

**Coverage:**
- ABC Stateline
- ABC 936 Hobart
- Hobart Mercury
- ABC Northern Tasmania
- Heart FM
- Southern Cross News

**News from the Faculties**

**Faculty of Arts**

*School of Art*

*Plimsoll Gallery Exhibition - Directors Cut*. An exhibition showcasing new Academic Staff including Neil Haddon, Yvette Watt, Meg Keating, Ruth Frost, Martin Walch, James Newitt, Brigitta Ozolins and Lucy Bleach.

Dr Mary Scott has exhibited her work in *Lookout* at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, as well as *Wilderness a* Balnaves Painting Exhibition at the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

**School of Asian Languages and Studies**

Professor Barbara Hatley is making excellent progress of funding the ‘Cultural Performance in post-New Order Indonesia’ workshop in Yogyakarta in June:

- Australia-Netherlands Research Collaboration based at ANU - $43,863
- International Science Linkages: Humanities and the Creative Arts Program administered by the Australian Academy of the Humanities - $6,790
- Australia Indonesia Institute - $8,000

**School of Government**

The School of Government has launched the first of the UTAS School of Government ‘In Service Training of Police Recruits’.

The School hosted a post-election public forum 'Making Minority Government Work: Government Tasmania Beyond the 2010 Poll' with a combined International and National panel.

School staff have provided state election commentary in print; the Examiner, Age, Sydney Morning Herald and Herald Sun. Radio commentary on ABC local radio Hobart and Launceston; ABC radio national: Bush Telegraph, the National Interest and Breakfast with Fran Kelly. Head of School Kate Crowley has published coverage on New Matilda, Online Opinion, the Examiner and SBS Online, television with Sky News national cable network and radio with ABC local programs.

The School is co-hosting the Sir James Plimsoll Lecture - The Keating-Howard Inheritance: The strategic foundations of Australian Foreign Policy - Paul Kelly Editor-at-Large, The Australian.
School of Visual and Performing Arts
The School of Visual and Performing Arts formally welcomed their new Head of School, Professor Marie Sierra on 18 March. Over one hundred people attended her formal welcome at the Annexe Theatre with the Dean, Faculty of Arts, several politicians and a Launceston Alderman attending.

Associate Professor Michael Beresford has commenced teaching for the School. He is currently lecturing in 'Effective Speaking' and 'Body, Voice, Play' in Hobart. Associate Professor Beresford is a specialist in public presentation skills and the Faculty wishes him every success in being the 'face' of the School in the South.

CentrStage has received generous sponsorship from Country Club Tasmania.

Faculty of Business
The Faculty currently has four senior positions under selection, and expects to make excellent appointments in each of these: Professor of Accounting, Professor of Enterprise Development (New Star position), Professor of Management and Professor of Marketing.

School of Accounting and Corporate Governance
Helena Mitev won the only Rotary International Grant for University Teachers awarded in Australia in 2009, to teach fraud examination and forensic accounting at the University of the South Pacific, Fiji. She has since been awarded a certificate of appreciation for her work and been invited to offer similar programs in Fiji in 2010.

Kerri O'Donnell became a Certified Fraud Examiner, a global qualification involving Financial Fraud Types, Law, Investigation, and Criminology.

Tom Baxter has been interviewed By Rowan Dix and Tim Cox on ABC Radio, and was interviewed by Philippa Duncan and quoted in the Sunday Tasmanian on 17 January 2010.

School of Economics and Finance
Professor Mardi Dungey was a discussant at the American Statistical Society Association Meetings in Atlanta, 3 to 5 January. She then visited Professor Eric Renault at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, to work on a joint paper arising from Professor Renault's visit to UTAS last July. Professor Dungey also attended the Reserve Bank of Australia's 50th Anniversary Symposium on 9 February.

Head of School, Dr Sarah Jennings, has been appointed as a member of the Steering Committee for the Office of the Auditor General’s review of productivity in the Public Services.

On 16 February Professor Charles Goodhart from the London School of Economics, presented the 2010 Giblin Lecture ‘Financial Regulation and the Crisis’. The lecture was chaired by the Vice-Chancellor and attracted a large audience from the State Public Service, the banking fraternity, University staff and members of the public. The School of Economics and Finance also hosted the inaugural Giblin Workshop on the day preceding the Giblin lecture. The keynote speaker was also Professor Goodhart. Other Australian academics were invited – Peter Swan (UNSW) and William Coleman (ANU) – to give papers and a number of other visiting academics conducted discussions. An important feature of the day was a panel on bank deposit insurance which was attended by representatives from the Reserve Bank of Australia, the Commonwealth Treasury, the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority, representatives of the local financial institutions and academics from University of Melbourne, La Trobe University, University of Technology Sydney and ANU.


Dr Satoshi Yamazaki, Professor John Tisdell, Dr Sarah Jennings and Emily Ogier attended the launch of the Australian Fisheries Economics Network at a mini symposium held in conjunction with the ARRES conference in Adelaide. This is part of the Fisheries Research Development Corporation Capability Building
Project run through the School. The event attracted good media coverage with Dr Jennings giving an interview to ABC Radio National, an article in *The Mercury* and an article in *The Weekend Australian* (forthcoming).

**School of Management**

The School of Management hosted the CAUTHE (Council for Australian University Tourism and Hospitality Education) Conference from 8-11 February in Hobart, with 244 delegates attending. The conference included a drinks reception at Government House. The event was a significant undertaking for the School and bolstered its reputation for tourism education.

Dr Kim Lehman taught at the Bordeaux School of Management in France in December 2009. He joined the teaching team for a program aimed at providing early career French artists with marketing skills.

Dr Kim Lehman was interviewed by Tim Cox on ABC Local Radio regarding damage to the brand of Pura Milk, and its potential recovery, following contract issues with farmers. The interview aired on Monday 18 January.

Professor David Adams has spoken at a range of workshops and conferences over the last few months:
- Public Sector Management Course (on the subject of managing complexity);
- Tasmanian Young Leaders (on leadership);
- Grants Commission Annual Conference (on local government relativities);
- Tasmania Together Board (on measuring progress);
- Suicide Prevention Conference (on social inclusion);
- Regional Development Australia (on regional development);
- Council on the Ageing (on demographic change);
- Anti Discrimination Conference (on human rights); and
- Premier’s Local Government Committee (on the future of local government).

Prof Adams has also been appointed as the Chair of the Tasmanian Food Security Council (TFSC). The TFSC will oversee the development of a Food Security Strategy for Tasmania, oversee the Food Security Fund, and identify the means by which all Tasmanians can have access to food that is sufficient, reliable, nutritious, safe, acceptable and sustainable.

Adjunct Professor Pascale Quester visited the School in February and delivered the following professional development lectures:
- On 17 February, Professor Quester gave a talk at Launceston Town Hall entitled ‘Sponsorship: creating meaning and delivering value’. The event was hosted in consultation with the Launceston Chamber of Commerce and Launceston City Council, with 80 people attending; and
- On 18 February, Professor Quester spoke in Hobart on the topic of ‘Hard sell: can marketing ever be ethical?’ with 110 people attending.

**Australian Innovation Research Centre (AIRC)**

Nick McKim MP presented at the (AIRC) Research Seminar Series on 11 February 2010. He spoke on *Innovation and the Tasmanian economy, community and environment.*

Associate Professor Jack English has entered an agreement with the NSW Department of Industry and Investment to develop an online version of his IDEAS system. The Victorian, ACT and Western Australian governments have also expressed interest in sub-licensing the system when it is completed.

There are 72 students enrolled in the AIRC’s new undergraduate Minor in Commercialisation for Semester 1, 2010.

**Faculty of Education**

**New Staff**
The following academic staff were welcomed into the Faculty of Education in January and February 2010:
- Associate Professor Ruth Fielding-Barnsley: Literacy, Launceston;
- Dr Angela Thomas: Senior Lecturer in Literacy, Launceston;
- Dr Jeanne Allen: Senior Lecturer Education Studies, Hobart;
- Mr Marcus Morse: Associate Lecturer in Outdoor Education and Health and Physical Education, Launceston; and
- Mr Simon Shaw: Associate Lecturer in Outdoor Education and Health and Physical Education, Launceston.

The following Secondees joined the Faculty of Education in 2010:
- **Launceston**
  - Mrs Nicole Maher: Associate Lecturer in Secondary Mathematics;
  - Mrs Tania Pickett: Associate Lecturer on Primary/Secondary SOSE;
  - Ms Fiona Reilly: Associate Lecturer in Secondary English/Drama/Dance;
  - Mrs Dianne Ashman: Associate Lecturer in Primary Literacy/Numeracy;
  - Ms Ros Ashenden: Associate Lecturer in Primary Literacy/Numeracy; and
  - Mrs Debbie Youd: Associate Lecturer in Behaviour Management/Inclusion.
- **Hobart**
  - Ms Kathryn Gardner: Associate Lecturer in Primary Literacy/Numeracy; and
  - Mrs Wendy Fletcher: Associate Lecturer in Primary Literacy/Numeracy.
- **Cradle Coast**
  - Mr Neville Barnard: Associate Lecturer in Early Childhood/Numeracy; and

**Book Launch**
University of Tasmania academics Emeritus Professor Bill Mulford and Mr Bill Edmunds released important research about Tasmanian primary schools as they launched their new book, *Educational investment in Australian schooling: Serving public purposes in Tasmanian primary schools* on 25 February at Lansdowne Primary School.

**Workshops and Professional Seminars**
Dr John Kenny’s approach to teaching science has the potential to open up science for teachers and most importantly students. John brought together primary school teachers and student teachers at the University of Tasmania to work together on science projects for students.

**Publications**
Associate Professor Dawn Penney together with Jeff Emmel has a published article included in *The National Education Magazine*. In this publication Dawn and Jeff Emmel, the National Executive Director of ACHPER (the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation) address why health and physical education has a proper place in the future national curriculum.

In addition, Associate Professor Dawn Penney also had a paper published in *Sport, Education and Society*.

**Awards and Congratulations**
An event was held on 23 March in the Faculty of Education to welcome and congratulate Mike Brakey, CEO of the Tasmanian Academy, on his appointment to Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Education. Professor
David Rich and Professor Ian Hay both spoke to welcome Mike to both the University and the Faculty of Education.

Professor Neil Cranston has been awarded the annual Nganakarrawa Award from The Australian Council for Educational Leaders. In the Ndjebbana language of central Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory the term Nganakarrawa means ‘those who move about, all seeing, all knowing, knowledgeable and well regarded.’ Professor Cranston was recognised for three decades of loyalty to the education profession. Professor Neil Cranston has also been appointed to the Teachers Registration Board.

Associate Professor Ruth Fielding Barnsley has been appointed as Associate Dean of Research in the Faculty of Education.

Careers Fair 2010
The Careers Fair was recently held on the Sandy Bay campus and drew large crowds. The Faculty of Education was represented and the MTeach promoted under the coordination of Jessie Stanley and with the assistance of Wendy Fletcher and Kath Gardner.

Cradle Coast News
Enrolments are very strong at the Cradle Coast Campus for 2010. Media and events officer Merian Ellis quoted in the Burnie Advocate on 9 February noted that last year’s inaugural graduation ceremony had lifted the profile of the campus, and may have contributed to the large number of enrolments.

NEW Gallery
The Tail of a Dog exhibition was opened by Associate Professor Rosemary Callingham on 17 December 2009. A/Prof Callingham was invited to open the exhibition because she has an interest in textiles and a fascination with the mathematical sequences apparent in repeat patterns designs. In the opening address she acknowledged the skill of the African artisans, who have created textiles which nurture and inspire.

Scholarships
The Faculty of Education and the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation awarded Sally Giacon a $30,000 scholarship aimed at promoting professional development in early education. The scholarship pays $10,000 a year for three years to candidates undertaking postgraduate research.

New Research Project – Project Pause
Project PAUSE (Physical Activity Using Short-Burst Exercise) is a research project that involves a collaborative scientific study undertaken by the Dean Cooley and Scott Pedersen of the Faculty of Education and Tasmanian Police. The study is funded by Department of Premier and Cabinet and Tasmania Police. The main focus of the study will involve developing and implementing computer generated prompt software (EXERTIME) that reminds employees engaged in desk based work to take part in short bursts of exercise. The aim of the project is to make a detailed scientific field study of the efficacy of EXERTIME to make changes in the health status of Tasmania Police employees.

AusAID Global Education Project
Congratulations to Marion Myhill and Greg Ashman who have worked towards the signing of a new research contract between AusAID and the University of Tasmania.

Project components:
1. Faculty pre-service unit/s (eg BEd);
2. Professional development (in-service with teachers in 3 regions of Tasmanian schools); and
3. Faculty postgraduate program (eg MEd [Global Education]).

North West Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centre Advisory Committee
Professor Ian Hay has been invited to join the above committee. The object of this committee is to encourage and strengthen support networks of agencies providing services to children with autism.

Early Intervention Program
Associate Professor Ruth-Fielding-Barnsley is running trials in conjunction with Beaconsfield Primary School on an Early Intervention Program.

**Conferences**
Professor Ian Hay and Associate Professor Geraldine Castleton presented at the National Numeracy and Literacy Forum held in Canberra, held on 18 March, opened by the Deputy Prime Minister, Julia Gillard.

**Faculty of Health Science**
A number of School of Medicine staff have received Vice Chancellor’s Awards for outstanding contributions to teaching and learning. Dr Jenny Barr and the team from Launceston Clinical School received the ‘Award for Programs that Enhance Learning’, in the Innovation in Curricular, Learning and Teaching category, for their success with the Patient Partner Program (P3).

Professor Sankar Sinha received the Vice Chancellor’s Award for Teaching Excellence. The UTAS Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Teaching and Learning were awarded to both Associate Professor Craig Zimitat and Dr Derek Choi-Lundberg.

These awards reflect the excellence demonstrated by both the team and individual efforts of the recipients and sets the standard of the School.

The School of Medicine has commenced teaching in the new MS1 building. This includes the delivery of the new Bachelor of Paramedic Practice degree. Feedback from students and staff has been extremely positive.

The students from the first Fast Track Bachelor of Nursing, in Hobart, Rozelle and Darlinghurst, completed the course requirements in February, in preparations for Graduation in August.

In February, the Nursing Board of Tasmania granted the School of Nursing and Midwifery (SNM) unconditional accreditation until February 2015, for the Bachelor of Nursing. SNM agreed to be the first school in Australia to be assessed against the new National ANMC standards for pre-registration nursing courses. The Board acknowledged the additional work undertaken by SNM in preparing the submission, in using the new ANMC standards and evidence criteria to attain the new accreditation.

**Faculty of Law**
As at 1 January 2010, the Faculty of Law has a new Dean and Head of School. Longstanding Dean and Head of School, Professor Don Chalmers, stepped down from the role in December 2009 and continues his involvement with the Law Faculty in the role of Distinguished Professor conferred on him earlier by UTAS. The former Deputy Head of School, Professor Margaret Otlowski, has now taken on the role of Dean and Head of School and Professor Dianne Nicol is the new Deputy Head of School.

Professor Chalmers was honoured by the NHMRC as recipient of one of the 2010 NHMRC Excellence Awards, namely the NHMRC Ethics Award. This was in recognition of his role as Chair of the NHMRC’s Australian Health Ethics Committee for 1994 to 2000 and of the Australian Red Cross Ethics Committee from 2000 until 2010. Professor Chalmers is also currently Chair of the NHMRC Gene Technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee, Deputy Chair of the NHMRC’s Embryo Research Licensing Committee, and member of the HUGO Ethics Committee.

Alumni and Adjunct Professor Tim McCormack, leading international law expert based at the University of Melbourne, has been appointed the Special Adviser on International Humanitarian Law to the International Criminal Court Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo at The Hague in the Netherlands. As special adviser to the Officer of the Prosecutor, Professor McCormack will focus on the application and interpretation of humanitarian law in relation to crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court, as well as on general principles and criminal law and legal issues related to military structures.

The Jessup International Law Moot team performed very well in the recent competitions in Canberra, ranking 9th overall and narrowly missing out on the finals. One of the team members, Zoe Lippis, received an
individual award for being amongst the top ten individual oralists in the preliminary rounds. Senior Lecturer Peter Lawrence, is the Jessup coach and gave an interview for ABC Southern Tasmania radio explaining the Jessup competition and the University’s involvement. Many staff supported the competition by assisting in judging run throughs. There was also assistance from law academics and practitioners external to the Law School. The Faculty was particularly grateful for the assistance of his Excellency, Governor Peter Underwood AO (former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court) who ran two excellent mooting workshops.

Honorary Professor, the Reverend Michael Tate, has been invited by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to attend the Treaty Conference on the International Criminal Court in Kampala Uganda as Legal Adviser to the Australian Delegation later this year. This conference is provided for in the Rome Treaty to mark seven years of the operation of the Treaty and to allow amendments to the Treaty to be made. This will be the most significant conference in the field of international law to be held in 2010.

Following the recent death of Law Alumni and former lecturer, Professor Enid Campbell, the Faculty was contacted by the press for comment. This allowed us the opportunity to recognise her remarkable contribution to legal education in Australia. Professor Campbell, who became the first female Law Professor in Australia and the first female Dean of Law (at Monash), was an eminent expert in the constitutional law, administrative law and civil liberties, authoring numerous books and learned articles. She was recognised for her contribution to legal scholarship and legal education through her election in 1972 as Fellow of the Academy of Social Science in Australia and her appointment in 1979 as an Officer in the Order of the British Empire, in the Commonwealth of Australia list. She kept in contact and remained a friend to UTAS Law School and the University. In 1990 she was bestowed with the degree of Doctors of Law honoris causa by the University of Tasmania.

Senior Lecturer, Rick Snell recently visited Ghana in Africa. The primary purpose of the trip was to be involved in the Carter Centre Conference on FOI in Africa held in Accra, Ghana. He was one of 130 invitees (including former President Carter, seven African Ministers, representatives of African and International NGOs and the African Media). He was one of only a handful of non-African experts invited to the conference and the only one from the South-East Asia, Oceania, Australasia region.

In connection with this visit, he also visited:

- The UK – where he was the invitee of the UK Ministry of Justice to participate in a restricted workshop on Constitutional Developments in the UK;
- Cape Town – where he was a guest of the Cape Town University Law School and delivered two lectures and presented a staff seminar on teaching practice; and
- Sydney – where he carried out a workshop for 15 ABC journalists from The 7.30 Report and Lateline.

During this trip he carried out several activities which contributed to the reputation and profile of the Law School and UTAS, delivering in total one International Conference Presentation (Ghana), two Lectures (Cape Town), and five talks (Sydney, Botswana, UK and South Africa).

The Tasmanian Law Reform Institute (TLRI) released the *Law of Easements in Tasmania* Final Report no.12 on 16 March. The reference for this project came to the TLRI from a member of the public who had experienced considerable emotional, personal and financial costs from a dispute over the establishment and use of a right of way. The initial research for the project was undertaken in 2008 as a supervised research project by Kirsten Muskett (an undergraduate student) under the supervision of Senior Lecturer Lynden Griggs. The Issues Paper (released February 2009) was largely based on Kirsten’s research and prepared by Lynden Griggs. The Final Report consists of a combination of the Issues Paper and the submissions received by the TLRI in response to the Issues Paper. The report was prepared by Esther Newitt and Lynden Griggs.

Professor Kate Warner and Adjunct Associate Professor Julia Davis presented a paper ‘Using the jury to educate and inform the public about sentencing issues’ in the first plenary session of ‘Sentencing 2010’, at a conference jointly organised by the National Judicial College of Australia and the ANU College of Law and held on 6-7 February. The paper presented findings on one aspect of a project funded by the Criminology Research Council. The project team is Professor Kate Warner, Associate Professor Julia Davis (UniSA), Dr
Maggie Walter (Sociology, UTAS), Dr Rebecca Bradfield and Ms Rachel Vermey (UTAS). The final report for the project is due at the end of this month. Because the project is the first time juries have been used to ascertain their views of the sentencing outcomes following guilty verdicts it has attracted national and international attention.

Faculty of Science, Engineering & Technology

Centre of Environment

The Minister for Environment, Heritage and the Arts announced on February 19 that $730,000 (GST inclusive) had been allocated to extend the CERF (Commonwealth Environmental Research Facilities) grant to UTAS for the project ‘Landscape Logic’ by up to six months, subject to negotiation of a work plan with his department. The proposal is due with DEWHA by March 22, with an announcement expected from the Minister in July. This follows a proposal put by Landscape Logic to DEWHA in September 2009 for additional funds to support a communication and adoption phase of this research project.

School of Architecture & Design

Two internationally renowned architects and urban planners, Jan Gehl and Lars Gemzøe of Gehl Architects (Denmark), recently visited Hobart and Launceston to work in partnership with the Hobart City Council (HCC) and Launceston City Council (LCC) on commissioned Public Space and Public Life studies in both cities. During their time in Tasmania, Mr Gehl, Mr Gemzøe and project architect Sia Kirknaes conducted urban design studies with the help of UTAS Masters of Architecture students. The students had an essential role in the study, collecting data to determine the use of public space and public life, and participated in professional workshops.

Two School of Architecture and Design students, Alysia Bennett and Keith Westbrook, have received two of the three major national student prizes announced at the inaugural Australian Achievement in Architecture Awards (AAAA) of the Australian Institute of Architects (AIA). Alysia Bennett won the Student Prize for the Advancement of Architecture and Keith Westbrook won the 2010 COLORBOND® Steel Student Biennale Prize. AIA National President Melinda Dodson said the prize had been awarded to Alysia Bennett for “a significant contribution to architecture through her outstanding support for the architectural student community and her local design community.” The 2010 COLORBOND® steel Student Biennale Prize was presented to Keith Westbrook for the most outstanding design work from a student of architecture in 2008/2009.

School of Chemistry

The School of Chemistry is delighted to report on the receipt of a number of awards and fellowships by staff. Dr Robert Shellie and Dr Rosanne Guijt have both received Rising Stars fellowships, while Dr Rosanne Guijt has also been the recipient of the Rod Rickards Award to accompany her Australian Academy of Science travel grant to undertake research in Europe. Dr Emily Hilder was the recipient of the 2009 RACI Analytical Chemistry Division Robert Cattrall Medal, which was awarded for ‘excellence in analytical chemistry based on publications and national and international standing in the field and teaching of the discipline within Australia’. Dr Hilder has also recently been awarded the 2010 University of Tasmania Foundation Graduate Award. The School would like to congratulate these staff members on their impressive achievements. There have also been a number of staff changes within the School of Chemistry and we would like to farewell Mr Barclay Sayer, Ms Julie Wills and Ms Maree O’Sullivan, and welcome Dr Christopher Hyland, Ms Jennifer Nield and Ms Catherine Tyson.

School of Computing and Information Systems

The HITLab Australia is pleased to announce participation in a consortium that was recently awarded an EU FP7 co-ordinating action grant valued at $1.5m called BRAID (Bridging Research in Ageing and ICT Development).

Alexander McKeown and James McHugh, 2009 Graduates who were members of an ICT Project team sponsored by the CSIRO Tasmanian ICT Centre, have won first prize in the 52° North Student Innovation Prize for Geoinformatics 2010 for their proposal ‘Developing an SOS Client for Use by the General Public’.
They have been awarded a cash prize of 2000 Euros and a sponsored five week return-trip to Germany to work with the 52° North organisation to develop their proposed software.

School of Engineering
The School congratulates Dr Bernardo León de la Barra who, in January, was awarded the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Community Engagement in the category of Creative Partnerships with the Community. Two high achieving students have also been recognised recently for their achievements: Ms Jessica Andrewartha will be a finalist for the Southern Cross young Achievers Award for Science and Technology, and Electronic Apprentice Mr Hayden Honeywood has been awarded the Skills Institute Tasmania Skills Excellence prize. The School also welcomes new Geomechanics lecturer, Dr Hongyuan Liu.

In February, First Year students participated on the Mystery Bus Tour to Repulse Dam and Power Station, the Ouse River Suspension Bridge and Waddamana Power Station Museum.

School of Zoology
The School of Zoology is proud to recognise the important collaborative research being carried out by Dr Menna Jones with colleagues from the University of Sydney. Their research has found that genetic variation in Tasmanian devils may confer resistance to devil facial tumour disease. There is some variation in the diversity of immune genes (MHC) in the northwest of Tasmania. The devil tumour arose in eastern Tasmania and is so similar genetically to eastern devils that the devil's immune system cannot see the tumour. Close to 100% of eastern devils are susceptible to the tumour. This has caused drastic population declines (up to 94% locally) and has led to predictions of extinction in the wild, and the listing of Tasmanian devils as endangered on state, federal and international list.

In the Northwest of Tasmania, about 20% of the devils have only one of the two types of MHC genes. As the tumour and eastern devils have both types, this proportion of devils in the northwest may be able to see the tumour and could thus be resistant to the devil facial tumour disease. These results concord with results from a field study by Rodrigo Hamede, PhD candidate in the School of Zoology, that indicate a very different signal coming from a study site near the disease front in North western Tasmania, where the tumour is encountering these different genotypes for the first time. At this site (to the west of Cradle Mountain), in four years since disease arrival there has not been any population decline and disease prevalence has remained low, at less than 10%. This contrasts with 60% decline and 30-50% prevalence at eastern sites in a similar time frame.

These results offer some hope that the outcome of the disease epidemic may not be the extinction trajectory that has been observed in Eastern Tasmania to date. These results have been posted on the front page of the ARC web site as well as attracting much media coverage worldwide.

SET Faculty Office
Jeannie Marie Leroi from the SET Faculty Office has been awarded a 2010 National Science Week Grant of $28,770 by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (the largest grant in Tasmania, and one of the largest in the country) and a 2010 Science and Society Initiatives Grant of $39,975 from the Federal Government (one of six grants Australia wide).

Jeannie was also named this year’s winner of the Science Teachers Association of Tasmania’s Winifred Curtis Medal for excellence in Science Education, judged by science teachers.

News from Institutes

TAFI
TAFI’s Annual Research Showcase
TAFI’s annual Research Showcase will be held on 19 April 2010 at the Hobart Function and Conference Centre on the Elizabeth Street Pier with the morning focussed on estuarine and coastal environment and...
cross cutting issues and the afternoon being split into two focus groups: Sustainable Fisheries and Sustainable Aquaculture.

The showcase is a series of presentations on the outcomes of work in a diverse range of areas from resource assessments, future harvest and multiple use management to biodiversity assessments, climate change adaptation and aquaculture development. Over 100 stakeholders attended last year’s event. Members of Council are welcome to attend.

George River Water Quality Panel
Dr Christine Crawford is one of five scientists on the George River Water Quality Panel chosen by the Premier to address scientific research issues and risks linked to water quality in the George River. Dr Crawford’s area of specialty is natural resource management and she is providing shellfish aquaculture expertise on the Panel.

2010 RIRDC Tasmanian Rural Woman of the Year Award
Dr Catriona Macleod was runner-up for the 2010 RIRDC Tasmanian Rural Woman of the Year Award; as part of the award Catriona will participate in the national awards program in Canberra in May, a component of which includes attending workshops and other events associated with the Australian Company Directors Course.

UK-Australia Frontiers of Science Conference (Marine Science)
Dr Jennifer Cobcroft has been selected as one of eight Australian researchers to be a member of the Organising Committee of this year’s UK-Australia Frontiers of Science Marine Meeting. The Australian Academy of Science and the UK Royal Society are jointly hosting the 2010 UK-Australia Theo Murphy Frontiers of Science Marine Meeting, 9-12 October 2010, Perth, Australia. The Meeting will involve 70 selected early career researchers from the UK and Australia and aims to provide the opportunity for participants to form inter-disciplinary and cross-disciplinary networks within the marine science field, whilst learning about cutting edge science. The program is shaping up to have a strong focus on climate change. Dr Cobcroft will travel to the UK to attend the Organising Committee Meeting in London on 30 March.

Research Career Roundtable Workshop
Dr Gretta Pecl was an invited representative at the Research Career Roundtable workshop in Melbourne at the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research on 21 January. This workshop examined research career pathways to identify strategies to enhance retention of career academics.

Fisheries Research and Development Grant Success
Several TAFI scientists were recipients of FRDC research grants announced in the latest round. They include:

- Dr Kerrie Swadling was part of a successful multi-institutional ARC LIEF bid to obtain two laser Optical Plankton Counters. The bid was won by UNSW (lead institution), UTAS, UQ and UTS. $126,000;
- Drs Bridget Green and Caleb Gardner – FRDC 2009/058: Managing Inshore Stocks of Southern Rock Lobster for a Sustainable Fishery, $75,000 over one year;
- Drs Terry Walker (PIRVic) and Bridget Green et al – FRDC 2009/047: Sustainability of the rock lobster resource in the South Eastern Australia in a changing environment: implications for assessment and management. $895,042 over three years;
- Dr Caleb Gardner – Seafood CRC: Assessing the costs and benefits of changing fishing practices in the southern rock lobster fishery, $62,878 over one year;
- Dr Jeremy Lyle and Prof Colin Buxton et al – FRDC 2010/016 Assessing the impacts of gillnetting in Tasmania: implications for by-catch and biodiversity, $390,730;
- Dr Richard Morrison and Dr Jeremy Carson – FRDC 2010/032 Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture Subprogram: Aquabirnavirus vaccine development: Towards achieving pan-specific protection of cultured salmonids in Australia using multivalent vaccines, $629,282 for over three years; and
Visit by VIMS scientist
Professor John Hoenig of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and recipient of the UTAS Visiting Fellowship, will visit TAFI from 29 March to 13 April to collaborate on several research projects and to conduct an external review of the TAFI Abalone Assessment Research Program.