NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR UTAS

The University of Tasmania has welcomed its new Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen. Prof Rathjen, formerly the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University of Melbourne, was appointed by the University Council after an extensive search both nationally and internationally.

Prof Rathjen, a Rhodes Scholar, is a biochemist who has specialised in embryonic stem cell research. With his wife Dr Joy Rathjen, Prof Rathjen established an internationally recognised research program into stem cell biology and stem cell therapies.

SCIENCE HOT TOPICS FOR TEACHERS

The Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) recently delivered a professional learning program Partnerships in Teaching Excellence, in collaboration with the Department of Education.

During three days in February, 26 primary and secondary teachers took part in the program that aimed to update and broaden their science content knowledge and to look at how they might incorporate this knowledge as they implement the new Australian Curriculum in their classrooms. The program included current developments in science research at UTAS, including "hot topics" sessions in Zoology, Chemistry, Astronomy and Marine Science. Teachers undertook activities in university laboratories, as well as hearing from researchers and visiting related facilities, such as the Mt Pleasant Radio Observatory.

Teachers also looked at approaches to help students engage with science concepts and become effective science learners, including science enquiry tasks. They were asked to trial ideas in the classroom with a follow up day held in the Easter break. Teachers who completed the program also had the option of enrolling for a Graduate Certificate in Science Education. To find out more about this course, visit www.utas.edu.au/courses/S5W or contact Jeannie-Marie Leroi on ph: (03) 6226 7477 or email: jeanniemarie.leroi@utas.edu.au.

NEW QUALIFICATION TO RECOGNISE SKILLED POLYTECHNIC TEACHERS

A new teaching qualification for Polytechnic teachers was launched on the 3 March 2011, under a joint partnership between the Tasmanian Polytechnic and the University of Tasmania (UTAS).

The proposed tertiary qualification, which will be delivered by UTAS, will recognise and build upon the teaching and industry experience these teachers bring to their role in the delivery of Vocational Education and Training (VET).

For more information about the proposed degree that is aimed at teachers in the vocational education filed, please contact Jillian Downing on ph: (03) 6226 2577 or email: Jillian.Downing@utas.edu.au.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR TASMANIAN PATHWAY PLANNERS

The School of Pharmacy will be hosting a professional learning workshop for Tasmanian Pathway Planners on Wednesday 8 June, from 2 - 4pm in Hobart. The purpose of this event is to discuss the breadth of career opportunities in pharmacy and provide information about the UTAS Bachelor of Pharmacy degree, including pre-requisites and ATAR scores.

The workshops will include a panel-style discussion involving pharmacy professionals, academics and some students perspectives on studying Pharmacy at UTAS.

Details about the 2011 Pharmacy Taster Day program will be discussed and participants will have a chance to take a tour of the Pharmacy building. Afternoon tea will be provided for those wishing to attend the workshop.

Department of Education employees can contact Lynne Hanlon for further information by email: lynne.p.hanlon@education.tas.gov.au. Alternatively, Alice Burns from the School of Pharmacy can be contacted by ph: (03) 6226 1084 or by email: Alice.Burns@utas.edu.au.
CENTRAL MALL PROJECT IN HOBART COMPLETED

The redevelopment of the central mall in the Sandy Bay Campus was completed in December. This vibrant redevelopment provides more opportunity for staff and students to socialise on campus.

REFURBISHED MORRIS MILLER LIBRARY LAUNCHED IN HOBART

The refurbished Morris Miller Library was launched on 6 April, 2011 by Senator Carol Brown. Studying is now more comfortable, more convenient and more accessible than ever for UTAS students, with the completion of a multi-million dollar upgrade to the Morris Miller Library.

Features of the refurbishment include:
- Secure 24/7 access to level 2 plus access to the “Learning Hub” on level 3 of the library
- The entry to the library has been improved with window panels that wrap around the entrance and much of the client service area on level 2, to integrate the space with the outdoor courtyard and introduce more natural light into the library
- More than 50 new quiet study spaces in the expanded and redesigned Reserve/Reference area
- Expanded display and exhibition space to showcase artwork and artefacts

UTAS will be attending Agfest 2011- being held on Thursday 5, Friday 6 and Saturday 7 May, 8am - 5pm, at Quercus Rural Youth Park, Carrick. The UTAS site will be located in the Tas Perpetual Trustees Trades Expo, situated between CWA Grove and First Avenue.

Come and have a chat about course and study options available at UTAS, or participate in the hands-on activities which will be offered by UTAS staff and students between 10am - 2pm daily. We hope to see you there!

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