WELCOME!

Welcome to the August edition of UTAS eNEWS. UTAS eNEWS is sent out every February, April, June, August and October; the next addition will be coming out in the middle of October.

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We hope that you find UTAS eNEWS a valuable resource.

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BROADWAY TO AUSTRALIA

Broadway to Australia is a unique partnership between the UTAS Conservatorium of Music and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP). The initiative, created by Michael A. Kerker, Director of Musical Theatre at ASCAP, and Professor Kevin Purcell, Head of UTAS Conservatorium of Music and Australian Musical Director and Conductor, enables for the first time in Australia, real development and collaboration opportunities for writers and performers of commercial musical theatre, cabaret and contemporary popular music to learn from and engage with Broadway’s most illustrious creative practitioners.

Lyricist Lynn Ahrens and Broadway and Film Composer, Stephen Flaherty will make their first visit to Australia between September 4 - 13 2009. The major events as part of this tour will be concerts in Hobart, Melbourne and Sydney that celebrate the triumphs of their work that include: Ragtime, Seussical, Anastasia, A Man of No Importance, Once on this Island, Dessa Rose, My Favourite Year, The Glorious Ones and The Dancer’s Life for Chita Rivera. This event will also feature the Southern Gospel Choir, directed by Andrew Legg. A truly unique opportunity to hear one of Broadway’s most successful writing teams sharing their stories on stage.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit http://broadwaytoaustralia.com or call 1300 795 257.

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

This year’s National Science Week program, hosted by the UTAS Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology, offers an amazing range of activities and opportunities: well known environmentalist Tanya Ha will be visiting UTAS Open Day, ‘Sharks, Devils and You: Up Close and Personal’ (for more information see UTAS Open Day below), Young Tassie Scientists on the Road, and a hands-on, minds-on engineering workshop at QVMAG will all feature in Launceston.

The National Science Week program in Hobart includes CSIRO’s Labs on Legs, Scinema – Science and Fame, tours of the Grote Reber Museum and Radio Telescope and a guest presentation by paleontologist Scott Sampson, while the Cradle Coast program offers students and visitors the chance to undertake hands-on workshops, see Young Tassie Scientists on the Road, and ‘Sharks, Devils and You: Up Close and Personal.’

Details of the program throughout Tasmania can be viewed at www.scieng.utas.edu.au.

UTAS ACCOMMODATION FOR SCHOOL GROUPS

Accommodation Services have vacancies statewide following the conclusion of Semester 2. School groups can utilise a range of accommodation options at affordable prices for overnight excursions or camps. For groups staying during November, on-campus activities can also be arranged through the Student Recruitment & Marketing team.

For further information, contact Accommodation Services on (03) 6226 6400.
Looking to unlock your future? Want to see how you can take your career further?

Open Days are your chance to see what UTAS can offer you. Tour facilities, talk to staff, attend information sessions and find out everything you need to know about moving forward in the world.

UTAS Open Days will be held as follows:

**LAUNCESTON**
Sunday 16 August, 10am – 3pm

**HOBART**
Sunday 23 August, 10am – 3pm

**CRADLE COAST**
Saturday 29 August, 10am – 2pm

Highlights of this year’s program include:

**Australian Maritime College** – visit AMC to hear from one of Australia’s golden boys. Scott Brennan, Olympic Gold Medalist talks about his tips to success.

**The Castle** – visit the School of Architecture & Design and find out more about this collaboration between the School and two local youth-service organisations.

**The Global Financial Crisis** - the Faculty of Business presents two experts on the global financial crisis to explain to you why this has come about, the causes and consequences, and how it affects you. Featuring ‘The Barefoot Investor’ Scott Pape – a successful stockbroker, media commentator and author – and Mardi Dungey – a Professor of Economics and Finance who has recently moved from the University of Cambridge to UTAS.

**HIT LAB (AU)** – tour the new virtual/mixed reality technology teaching and research facility to see the VisionSpace and three screen immersive stereo projection system.

**How Science is used (and mis-used) to sell you stuff** – writer, television presenter, environmentalist and recognized sustainable living advocate Tanya Ha presents this engaging lecture distilling the real meaning in advertisements and show you what you can trust and what you should question.

**Media Lab Tours** – experience the $500,000 media labs which include five radio and video production studios, a 20-space editing suite and a newsroom.

**Sharks, Devils & You** – presented by the Bookend Trust this documentary showcases the research and filming work on Great White Sharks, and the management of injured and orphaned wildlife.

**Taste of Ag Science** – an event demonstrating the importance of science in sustainable food production and the wide range of careers in Agricultural Science.

**The UTAS Big Ad Break** – Tasmanian budding film makers created 30 second ads to inspire people to attend Open Day. Watch the top 5 entries for the UTAS Big Ad Break competition.

**What might happen under a future of rising tides?** – UTAS Associate Professor Elaine Stratford and Dr Aidan Davison will discuss the global challenge of climate change mitigation and adaptation and how this affects us in Tasmania.

**What will sustainable communities look like in the 21st century?** – UTAS Senior Research Fellow Dr Tony McCall addresses some of the policy and skill challenges/opportunities for communities as they develop a response to the increasing opportunities within the globalised political economy.

A full program outlining the activities on each campus is now available online at [www.utas.edu.au/openday](http://www.utas.edu.au/openday). For more information, contact the Uni Info Centre on 1300 363 864.
NEW FUTURE STUDENTS WEBSITE

As part of a major project to redevelop the UTAS website, the new Future Students website will be going live next week. The new website will have a fresh new look and a wide variety of updated content.

Feedback about the new site is welcomed and can be lodged through a feedback link at the bottom of the website’s pages.

UTAS DVD

“A Day in the Life of a UTAS Student” is a new UTAS DVD which has been developed as a resource for showing at parent evenings, careers events and to class groups. The DVD is available on the new UTAS Future Students website, on YouTube and via a link from the UTAS Facebook page.

If you would like to receive a copy of the DVD in the mail, please email Kim.Anstee@utas.edu.au.

UTAS ON FACEBOOK

Career Advisors, prospective students and members of the community can now become “fans” of UTAS on the social networking site, Facebook. To join the University of Tasmania group, simply log in to Facebook (www.facebook.com) and search for “University of Tasmania”.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE HECS-HELP BENEFIT

In the 2009 Budget, the Australian Government announced an extension to the HECS-HELP benefit (an annual benefit offered through the taxation system to reduce compulsory HELP repayments) which will increase eligibility to students who graduate from courses leading to initial registration in teaching and nursing professions from Semester 2, 2009 onwards. (This extension is subject to an amendment of the HECS-HELP Benefit Guidelines being passed by Parliament.)

Eligible education and nursing graduates who take up employment in these professions will be eligible to apply for a HECS-HELP benefit which will reduce their Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) repayments.

The benefit will be available for the 2009–10 income year onwards. The maximum benefit for that year will be $1,536.

For further information visit www.ato.gov.au.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 3 August applications opened for 2010 (visit www.utas.edu.au/apply)
Sun 16 August Uni Open Day (Launceston)
Sun 23 August Uni Open Day (Hobart)
Sat 29 August Uni Open Day (Cradle Coast)
Wed 30 September on-time applications close – late applications for Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) will not be accepted
Sat 31 October applications for scholarships close