COUNCIL

The University Council met in the Meeting Room 1, Newnham Campus, Launceston on Friday 3 September 2010. This is a report from that meeting.

Recognition of Acting Appointments

Council endorsed the Chancellor’s thanks to the Deputy Chancellors, Mr Rod Roberts and Mrs Yvonne Rundle, in their roles as Acting Chancellor during the absence of the Chancellor, and to Professor David Rich and Professor John Williamson in their roles as Acting Vice-Chancellor and Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) & Provost during the absence of the Vice-Chancellor.

Academic Senate meeting – 16 July 2010

Council received the report and draft minutes of the Academic Senate meeting of 16 July 2010.

AUQA update

The Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA) has approved 2 themes for the University’s institution-wide quality audit which will take place during the week beginning 26 September 2011 (slightly earlier than previously foreshadowed). The audit themes are:
- Internationalisation
- Learning outcomes.

Internationalisation, a mandatory theme for AUQA audits, will focus on internationalisation at UTAS, international students (onshore), offshore (transnational education) programs, other international activities and fostering understanding in the community.

The learning outcomes component of the audit will focus on academic governance and quality management of learning outcomes, learning outcomes and assessment methods and the development of discipline-specific learning outcomes.

The University's Quality Committee, chaired by Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor David Rich, oversees quality arrangements at UTAS and preparations for the AUQA audit. The Quality Committee works closely with Academic Senate and its sub-committees and with the Senior Management Team and Planning & Resources Committee.

Operationally, the quality work will be run as two separate but parallel and closely interconnected projects:
1) The development and implementation of a quality framework, including review policies and procedures;
2) Preparations for the AUQA audit, including the development of the performance portfolio document, due to be submitted in late June 2011.
Dr Peter Colbourne (Manager, Quality Processes and Improvement, Office of the DVCAP) is responsible for the further development and implementation of our quality framework and quality improvement process.

Dr Angela Boyes (Senior Executive Officer, Office of the DVCAP) is responsible for the coordination of preparations for the AUQA audit, including coordination of the preparation of the performance portfolio.

A Quality web site has been established at http://www.dvc.utas.edu.au/quality; this site will be progressively populated with more information.

Academic Rankings of World Universities

The 2010 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), issued by Jiao Tong University, was released on 15 August 2010.

The rankings are based on 6 criteria –
1. Alumni of an institution winning Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals – weight 10%.
2. Staff of an institution winning Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals – weight 20%.
3. Highly cited researchers in 21 broad subject categories – weight 20%.
4. Articles published in Nature and Science – weight 20%. (For institutions specialising in humanities and social sciences such as London School of Economics, this criteria is not considered, and the weight is reallocated to other indicators).
5. Articles indexed in Science Citation Index-expanded (SCI), and Social Science Citation Index (SSCI) – weight 20%.
6. Per capita academic performance of an institution – weight 10%.

Outcomes summary

Table 1 provides a summary of our overall performance in the ARWU over the period 2004 to 2010. UTAS has not maintained any of its previous rankings in 2010:
- World ranking – UTAS has slipped from the 303-401 bracket to the 401-500 bracket;
- Regional (Asia Pacific) ranking – UTAS has slipped from the 43-67 bracket to the 69-106 bracket; and
- Australian ranking – UTAS has slipped from the 10-13 bracket to the 14-17 bracket.

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Table 2 provides a summary of our performance in the ARWU, for each of the six performance indicators, over the period 2005 to 2010.
Table 2 – UTAS Performance in ARWU Performance Indicators 2005-2010

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Definitions of Indicators

**Alumni**
The total number of the alumni of an institution winning Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals. Alumni are defined as those who obtain bachelor, Master's or doctoral degrees from the institution. Different weights are set according to the periods of obtaining degrees. The weight is 100% for alumni obtaining degrees in after 1991, 90% for alumni obtaining degrees in 1981-1990, 80% for alumni obtaining degrees in 1971-1980, and so on, and finally 10% for alumni obtaining degrees in 1901-1910. If a person obtains more than one degree from an institution, the institution is considered once only.

**Award**
The total number of the staff of an institution winning Nobel Prizes in Physics, Chemistry, Medicine and Economics and Fields Medal in Mathematics. Staff is defined as those who work at an institution at the time of winning the prize. Different weights are set according to the periods of winning the prizes. The weight is 100% for winners in after 2001, 90% for winners in 1991-2000, 80% for winners in 1981-1990, 70% for winners in 1971-1980, and so on, and finally 10% for winners in 1911-1920. If a winner is affiliated with more than one institution, each institution is assigned the reciprocal of the number of institutions. For Nobel prizes, if a prize is shared by more than one person, weights are set for winners according to their proportion of the prize.

**HiCi**
The number of highly cited researchers in 21 subject categories. These individuals are the most highly cited within each category. The definition of categories and detailed procedures can be found at the website of Thomson ISI.

**N&S**
The number of papers published in Nature and Science between 2005 and 2009. To distinguish the order of author affiliation, a weight of 100% is assigned for corresponding author affiliation, 50% for first author affiliation (second author affiliation if the first author affiliation is the same as corresponding author affiliation), 25% for the next author affiliation, and 10% for other author affiliations. Only publications of 'Article' and 'Proceedings Paper' types are considered.

**PUB**
Total number of papers indexed in Science Citation Index-Expanded and Social Science Citation Index in 2009. Only publications of 'Article' and 'Proceedings Paper' types are considered. When calculating the total number of papers of an institution, a special weight of two was introduced for papers indexed in Social Science Citation Index.
PCP

The weighted scores of the above five indicators divided by the number of full-time equivalent academic staff. If the number of academic staff for institutions of a country cannot be obtained, the weighted scores of the above five indicators is used. For ARWU 2010, the numbers of full-time equivalent academic staff are obtained for institutions in USA, UK, France, Canada, Japan, Italy, China, Australia, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Belgium, South Korea, Czech, Slovenia, New Zealand etc.

Web Rankings

The three current leading web rankings for Universities are published by:
- The Spanish National Research Council's Cybermetrics Lab, known as Webometrics (http://www.webometrics.info)
- 4 International Colleges and Universities (http://www.4icu.org/)

The web rankings are an indicator of a University’s presence and profile on the web, taking into account elements such as the number of pages, regular content updates and a variety of file types, and the number of external links on other websites.

UTAS has made a great move up the rankings on websites, post the launch of the new homepage and the media-rich content now being added daily to www.utas.edu.au

In particular, the July 2010 rankings are now out on http://www.webometrics.info/ showing that UTAS has moved from 17th in Oceania in Jan 2010 to 13th in July 2010.

Visiting Fellows and Scholars Program

The UTAS Visiting Fellows and Visiting Scholars Program Selection Committee met on Monday 28 June 2010 to assess nominations received during the third round. The Selection Committee comprised: John Williamson (Chair and Acting DVCAP), Sue Dodds, Allan Canty, Margaret Otlowski and Judi Walker. The Committee received three nominations for Visiting Fellow and six nominations for Visiting Scholar and considered each of the nominations in turn in order to determine eligibility, the level of value adding and benefit, and whether the visiting classification being sought was appropriate. The following nine nominations have been funded under Round 3 of the Visiting Fellows and Visiting Scholars Program:

- **Professor Godfrey Baldacchino**, Canada Research Chair in Island Studies at the University of Prince Edward Island (Canada), will visit the School of Geography and Environmental Studies as a Visiting Fellow from 1/2/11 until 1/4/11.
- **Professor Barry S. Godfrey**, Professor of Criminology and Director of the Research Institute for Law, Politics and Justice at Keele University (UK) will visit the Schools of History and Classics and Sociology and Social Work as a Visiting Fellow from 21/2/11 until 30/4/11.
- **Professor Wolfgang Thormann**, Head of Analytical Laboratory at the Institute of Clinical Pharmacology and Visceral Research at the University of Bern (Switzerland) will visit the School of Chemistry and the Australian Centre for Research on Separation Science (ACROSS) as a Visiting Fellow from 3/4/11 until 16/4/11.
• **Dr Hernan J. Cortes**, Research Scientist with Hernan J. Cortes Consulting, LLC (USA) will visit the School of Chemistry and the Australian Centre for Research on Separation Science (ACROSS) as a Visiting Scholar from 7/8/10 until 22/8/10.

• **Associate Professor Peter Teasdale**, Senior Lecturer in Chemistry at Griffith University (Aus) will visit the School of Chemistry as a Visiting Scholar from 13/3/11 until 31/5/11.

• **Professor Erik T. Brown**, from the Large Lakes Observatory and Department of Geological Sciences at the University of Minnesota (USA) will visit the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) and the Antarctic and Climate Ecosystems (ACE) CRC as a Visiting Scholar from 15/2/11 until 15/5/11.

• **Dr Jan P. A. M Jacobs**, Research Associate in the Faculty of Economics and Business at the University of Groningen (Netherlands) will visit the School of Economics and Finance as a Visiting Scholar from 1/10/10 to 17/12/10.

• **Dr Elizabeth Engberg**, Head of Data Entry at the Centre for Pollution Studies, Demographic Database, Umeå University (Sweden) will visit the School of History and Classics as a Visiting Scholar from 9/2/11 to 1/3/11.

• **Associate Professor Leonard Imas**, Director of the undergraduate naval engineering program at the Centre for Maritime Systems, Department of Civil, Ocean and Environmental Engineering, Stevens Institute of Technology (USA) will visit the National Centre for Maritime Engineering and Hydrodynamics (NCMEH) as a Visiting Scholar from 14/8/10 to 3/9/10.

The fourth round will open with a formal call for nominations in early September 2010, with a deadline of mid October 2010. The Selection Committee will meet to discuss submissions in early November 2010.

**Your Voice Project Implementation**

The Your Voice @ UTAS Project has now moved into its fourth, or implementation stage. As a consequence the Voice Project Steering Committee (VPSG) has been reconfigured with revised terms of reference to reflect its role in guiding and making recommendations on the implementation of the Your Voice Action Plan. The VPSG will also oversee the work of three newly formed Reference Groups. Memberships are based on nominations from Deans, Heads of Institutes and the Joint Consultative Committees, and have been selected to ensure equitable campus, gender, institute and faculty representation across all Your Voice committees. This provides a diversity of perspectives and expertise. All groups met during August. The Culture and Communication Reference Group is responsible for actions including the development of a UTAS Statement of Values, the establishment of a communications framework and the implementation of programs to develop improved practices of communication. The People Reference Group is responsible for actions including the development of a UTAS Staffing and People Strategy and a UTAS Wellness Strategy, improving career and professional development opportunities for all UTAS staff, reviewing specific HR practices and addressing concerns raised about occupational health and safety and bullying and harassment. The Technology Reference Group is responsible for actions including improving the videoconference experience, adopting a base operating environment, expanding wireless access, improving IT resources for students, participating in the eResearch agenda and expanding the use of innovative teaching and learning technologies. Further information on the Your Voice @ UTAS project is available by visiting www.yourvoice.utas.edu.au
Academic Staff Agreement 2010-2012

Council received the Vice-Chancellor’s report on the Academic Staff Agreement 2010 – 2012.

Distinguished Service Medal

Nominations for the second round of nominations for the Distinguished Service Medal were called for on 5 August. This medal is awarded to an individual member of staff who, over a number of years, has made an outstanding contribution and provided distinguished service to the University. The conditions specify that there should have been ‘a level of service which has not only been of high distinction but has significantly exceeded the scope and commitment of usual expectations’. Distinguished service may come in the domains of teaching, research and scholarship, administration and/or community service. Only one medal is awarded in any one year; it comes with a grant of $25,000. While the medal scheme was initiated in 2004, it has only been awarded once, to Professor Jim Reid.

UTAS Foundation

The UTAS Foundation Board has begun holding Board meetings outside of Hobart. The Board met at the Cradle Coast Campus on 12 August 2010 and it will hold a Board meeting in Launceston in 2011. The Foundation hosted a successful dinner at Penguin on 12 August with over 60 people in attendance, including a number of important donors to the University, prospective donors and influential people from the North West Coast.

Events and Protocol

The Awards for Excellence Ceremony will be held on Thursday 23 September in the Stanley Burbury Theatre, celebrating my (the Vice-Chancellor's) Teaching Excellence Awards, the Awards for Research Excellence including the inaugural Research Excellence Medal, the Award for Excellence in Postgraduate Supervision, and the Distinguished Service Medal.

This year a dinner will be held following the ceremony, and staff will be strongly encouraged to attend to support colleagues who have achieved recognition in these awards.

Graduation in Absentia and Conferring of Awards

These students graduated in absentia at the meeting-

- **Law** Xiao Yu Benny
- Laura **Paton**
- Mandy **Roller**
- Weiwei **Wang**
- Meredith **Hagger**
- Abdullah Hassan **Al Shamran**
- Yaqoub Bader Yousef **Al-Anzi**

Bachelor of Business (Maritime and Logistics Management)
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts
Bachelor of Fine Arts
Master of Business
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws with Honour in Laws
Bachelor of Engineering Technology
Hamad Abdulmenem Ali Al-Elewa
Mohammad Jasim Mohammad Al-Ghanim
Bachelor of Engineering Technology
Bachelor of Engineering Technology

Bashayer Mershed Al-Rashidi
Abdulwahab Hamed Sayed Abdullah Al-Refai
Bachelor of Engineering Technology
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Thamer Mohsen Jaser Al-Shemari
Salaiman Jasem M. Al-Somait
Hussein Hassan Dashti
Ahmad Afif Ghader
Khaled Mohammad Abdullah Humoud
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Sarah Mansour Sager Hussain
Ghalia Abdulaziz Mahmoud Kamal
Abdullah Ali Nayef Mohammad
Anas Mohammed Jawda Saleh
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Bashayer Ali Al-Hendi
Abrar Hasan Yaseen Ali
Abdullah Abdul-aziz Y Ali
Jouliana Kamal Barghouth
Maha Mohammad Ali AlSumaiti
Aroush Wazir Ahmed
Mohammed Ahmad Hasan Theyab
Amal Sifeddine
Ahmad Muti'e Mohammad Assa'd
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News from Faculties and Institutes

Faculty of Arts

- The Faculty of Arts participated in the 2010 Open Day with the theme ‘Open your mind to diverse disciplines and careers.’

School of Asian Languages and Studies

- Asian Languages and Studies are running in-country programs for language study in Japan. As part of its NALSSSP supported project the School is setting up a new Japan in-country program for College Program students aged 18 or over in addition to its other in-country programs.
- Isabel Wang is trialling her Chinese Writing Skills CD, which has been developed in collaboration with the Faculty of Arts Flexible Learning Team, the School of Computing and UTAS Web Services.
- Emeritus Professor Barbara Hatley hosted an international workshop in Yogyakarta in June, with 30 participants from five countries, supported by funding from the Australia-Netherlands Research Collaboration, the Australia Indonesia Institute and the International Science Linkages - Humanities and Creative Arts (ISL-HCA) Programme.
- Dr Nicki Tarulevicz was awarded a NARGS grant for her project *Eating the Nation: A Cultural History of Singapore.*
- Dr Taufiq Tanasaldy has received NARGS support for his project *Political Role of the Ethnic Minority in Indonesia: The Case of Chinese in West Kalimantan.*
- SALS hosted a public seminar by the esteemed Japanese to English translator, Professor Paul McCarthy. His lecture covered the issues faced by those working into or out of Asian Languages.
- The School will host workshop events and a lunch for Indonesian delegates in the second *Uniting Through Faith* tour of Victoria and Tasmania. The tour is to build relationships between Australia and Indonesia.
- In July, SALS convened a second meeting of the Tasmanian Chinese Teachers Forum. In this meeting teachers compared Chinese language textbooks and their use in schools, and discussed a move towards being able to use a limited number across the state, so that students can easily move from one program to another.

School of Government

- Associate Professor Marcus Haward has been invited to attend and present a paper at the Law of the Sea Institute Conference in Hamburg, Germany. He will also present a keynote address to the SEGRA (Sustainable Growth for Regional Australia) conference in Townsville.
- Reports for Government (Climate Change) – Associate Professor Kate Crowley, Chair of the Tasmanian Climate Action Council, handed the Hon
Nick McKim the Council’s advice on reducing Tasmanian emissions by 60% by 2050.

- Dr Megan Alessandrini – Has achieved $20,000 Contract research funds for a project with Unions Tasmania Investigation of Women’s Participation in the Tasmanian Labour Market.
- Dr Tony McCall (and Karen Eyles) submitted a report titled ‘Northern Tasmania Regional Profile 2010’ to Northern Tasmania Development and the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

**Conservatorium of Music**
- Produced by Professor Kevin Purcell and presented as part of the Lumina Festival, the inaugural Australian Shakespeare Festival featured the works of Shakespeare in the guise of play, opera, revue, music and film. Conservatorium staff and students featured in the Australian premiere of Ralph Vaughan Williams’ opera, *Sir John in Love* conducted by Myer Fredman.
- On July 11, the Tasmania Discovery Orchestra, conducted by Luke Dollman, gave its second performance of the season at the Stanley Burbury Theatre.
- Representatives from the Conservatorium, including PhD candidates and undergraduate students, performed in the Devonport Jazz Festival.

**School of History & Classics**
- International scholars Professor Richard Drayton, (Kings College, London) and Professor Jorge Canizares-Esguerra, (University of Texas, Austin) presented a seminar to PhD and Honours students a Newnham on themes of science and empire.
- **Kay Daniels Prize**
  Associate Professor Hamish Maxwell-Stewart has won the Australian Historical Association’s Kay Daniels Prize for the best book in Australian colonial and social history for his publication “Closing Hell’s Gates”.
- **Curiosity Symposium**, (sponsored by the Thomas Jefferson Foundation and the Faculty of Arts, UTAS). The Centre for Colonialism and Its Aftermath and the School of History & Classics hosted the Curiosity Symposium in Hobart on 13 August and in Launceston on 16 August, 2010. In Hobart, international speakers from the Robert H. Smith International Centre for Jefferson Studies spoke on Thomas Jefferson, including the Director Professor Andrew Jackson O'Shaughnessy. They were joined by leading US and UK scholars on empire, including Professors Richard Drayton, Associate Professor Maya Jasanoff (Harvard University), and Professor Jorge Cañizares-Esguerra.
- **Centre for Tasmanian Historical Studies Annual Conference - 4 September 2010**
  This year is the 25th anniversary of the centre and the theme of the conference is “History on the Edge”. The conference will include guest speakers Professor Henry Reynolds, Professor Marilyn Lake and Professor Joy Damousi.
School of English, Journalism and European Languages

- Professor Ralph Crane opened Solid Air (remembering John Martyn) a collection of works by Ian Munday at the Red Wall Gallery, North Hobart on 11 July.
- A/Prof Anna Johnston gave the annual address to the Hamilton Literary Society at Government House on 15 July.

Faculty of Business

The Faculty hosted, for the Open Day in Hobart on 8 August, a public lecture by Todd Sampson, CEO of advertising agency Leo Burnett, and regular on the ABC’s Gruen Transfer. The lecture was extremely successful with up to 1000 people attending. Todd spoke on creativity and business, and the importance of overcoming fear within a corporate environment. Todd spoke generally of the importance of a broad-based education that included not only technical knowledge and skills, but also creativity.

The Faculty has begun screening television ads in regional Victoria around the theme of ‘Business is the art of making a living doing what you love’. The ads are designed to raise awareness of business amongst school leavers, as well as those interested in flexible postgraduate study.

School of Accounting and Corporate Governance

- David Kronenberg, as State President of Australian College of Educators (ACE), hosted the Selby Smith Oration on 15 July, with Prof Brian Caldwell. The topic was: Where have creativity, innovation and passion gone in the great education debates of the 21st century?
- Dr William Maguire’s co-authored Australian adaptation of the internationally-leading management accounting text book Cost Accounting: a managerial emphasis (Horngren et al) has now been published.

School of Economics and Finance

- The School hosted a public lecture on Monday 2 August in the Stanley Burbury Theatre featuring the winner of the 2001 Nobel Prize for Economics, Professor Joseph Stiglitz of Columbia University. Introduced by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Daryl Le Grew, Professor Stiglitz spoke on whether we can prevent another global financial crisis. The lecture was very successful with up to 450 people attending.
• Professor Mardi Dungey gave an invited presentation to a panel on the Global Economy at the Bellwether Series, run by the Economist Group in Sydney on 28 July.

• As part of the CSIRO's Scientists in Schools program, which incorporates the sub-program Mathematicians in Schools, about 40 Grade 9 Mt Carmel mathematics students visited the Faculty on 29 June for. Dr Paul Blacklow explained what University life was like and provided basic information on degrees and majors. Dr Blacklow then applied and extended some year 9 mathematics to simple economics problems, such as finding the demand curve and maximising revenue.

• Professor Mardi Dungey gave a talk to the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Tasmania, on Policy Making With Numbers on 30 July.

School of Management

• Dr Angela Martin presented on 14 July at the International Congress of Applied Psychology, on Stigmatisation of employees with depression: Exploring the role of managerial characteristics and organisational climate.

• Dr John Byrom visited Malaysia from 10-16 August, attending a series of student fairs, meeting with agents, and discussing advanced standing arrangements with a range of colleges.

Australian Innovation Research Centre (AIRC)

• Research Associate Kieran O’Brien provided a project brief detailing required contract work for the Tasmanian Innovation Census II to Enterprise Market and Research Services (EMRS). Two temporary staff members have been working on updating the population frame in preparation for the data collection phase of the project. Final amendments are being made to the survey questionnaire prior to entering the field in late August and early September. Externally funded questions may be included in the final questionnaire. There have been a number of meetings between AIRC staff and Government agencies to discuss the content of the survey questionnaire.

• On 12 July, the AIRC hosted an event to launch Associate Professor Jack English and Babette Moate’s new book Managing a Small Business in Tasmania. The launch was presented by Deputy Premier Lara Giddings. Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew also spoke at the event.

• On 15 July, Professor Jonathan West was a keynote speaker at the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association’s Biennial Conference, Tasmania as the Country’s Foodbowl: Fact or Pipedream? Professor West’s presentation was entitled “Food and Tasmania’s Economic Development”.

• In October, Dr Polly McGee will run two workshops for women at the TCCI Small Business Expo in Hobart, using a new iteration of IDEAS aimed at
mumpreneurs' (women who are business intenders, after having left work for family activities and commitments.

Faculty of Education

Workshops and Professional Seminars

- Dr Angela Thomas presented a public lecture as part of the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery’s Museum Talks on Saturday 28 August in the Nuala O’Flaherty Auditorium. An industry expert on Second Life, she discussed her thoughts on how computer generated virtual worlds can impact and influence education, with particular references to her Virtual Macbeth project, which has gained international attention and acclaim.

- Dr Donna Satterthwait, a palaeobiologist and science educator, presented a National Science Week Public Lecture, entitled “Reconstructing the Past from Living Animals and Fossil Records” on Tuesday 24 August at the Sandy Bay campus in Hobart, in which she discussed her findings related to the Burgess Shale fossil deposit.

- Career Day: On 23 July, 30 July and 6 August, Dianne McHenry (Associate Lecturer in the School of Education) coordinated three Career Day information sessions for fourth year Education students. Numerous guest speakers gave presentations on pertinent topics such as the Department of Education and Catholic Education systems, teaching in the UK, voice care for teachers, teaching in remote Australian communities, the Tasmanian Teacher Registration Board, pebble pad, resume writing, and what schools expect of a graduate employee.

- Experience UTAS Workshops: On 27 August, at the Newnham Campus, approximately 90 year 10 and 12 students visited from Devonport High, New Norfolk High and Hobart college to participate in a variety of Experience UTAS workshops across all Faculties. School of Education academics presented workshops introducing Outdoor Education as a specialisation, as well as Design and Technology, Maths, Music, Science and English.

New Publications


- Winn, S., Hay, I., Parmenter, T., & Riches, V., (2010). Making the move: The transition of young people with a disability from secondary schools to the community. Department of Aging Disability, and Home Care (DADHC), New South Wales, Australia.
Awards, Grants, Scholarships

- Bachelor of Human Movement student, Megan Brown, has been awarded a Governor-General’s Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship of $25000p.a. for the period of her studies. The scholarships are prestigious awards that form part of the government’s commitment to closing the gap in education outcomes between indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. The program supports indigenous students in every state and territory to obtain a teaching degree. The awards ceremony was held on the 9 August 2010 and Her Excellency, the Governor-General presented the awards to the recipients.
- Dr Jeanne Allen has recently been informed that her application to the UTAS Getting aHead program was successful. This leadership development program was introduced by the University in 2005 and designed to prepare those with leadership aspirations for senior roles at the University.
- Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC) awards: Associate Professors Rosemary Callingham and Kim Beswick were successful with their application to the ALTC. The University of Tasmania’s Faculty of Education is the lead Faculty in a national consortium of mathematical educators investigating the project entitled, ‘Building the culture of evidence-based practice in teacher preparation for mathematics teaching assessment.’ ALTC national funding is prestigious and highly competitive. In total, this ALTC project is valued at approximately $330,000 over two years. It further enhances the Faculty’s and the University’s national profile.
- Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning: Maureen Innes (Lecturer in Visual and Performing Arts) was recently a recipient of a 2010 UTAS Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning. Maureen’s citation was for unique and engaging teaching and assessment pedagogy, inspiring hundreds of pre-service teachers in art and drama education, and for her leadership in the field. One of only seven individual recipients, Maureen has earned well-deserved recognition for her work at the highest university level.
- Adult Education Course – Hobart: On 20 July twenty very keen participants took part in an Adult Education course in pre-service teaching at the Hobart campus. Yoshi Budd, Tim Jetson and Donna Satterthwait provided some ‘tastes’ of university study in the School of Education, while Jeanne Allen presented a course overview. On 27 July, Jill Downing, who organised the course, provided students with the opportunity to explore online learning.
- Success at Trailblazer: Scott Pedersen, Casey Mainsbridge and Dean Cooley (Human Movement lecturers) enjoyed success at the UniQuest Trailblazer...
2010 innovation ideas and early-stage research competition in June, achieving the runners up award for their EXERTIME software in the open competition. The trio were the only non-science-based faculty team against other science-based faculty teams. The head of the judging panel described the team’s EXERTIME software as a high quality product and suitable for commercialisation.

**Student News**

This semester, the Faculty of Education is hosting six exchange students from Butler University. They report that they are enjoying the experience of studying in Australia and at UTAS.

The School of Education currently has two Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education/Primary) students, Cara Turner and Alex Veldums, undertaking a remote Professional Experience placement at the Purnululu Community School in Western Australia. Cara Turner writes from Purnululu:

> We arrived safely in Purnululu after nearly 8 hours of driving yesterday. [...] It's getting closer to the wet season which means high 40s which is not so nice! I love this place already. The kids are so beautiful, they have been so friendly and welcoming. They hang all over us, touching us and playing with our hair. They keep commenting on my 'red' hair and poking our white skin to make it go red. The elders in the community have not yet acknowledged us, and most probably won't very much while we are here. The teachers are so lovely (all three of them). Ben (my colleague teacher) and Liz are married and they had us over for a lovely dinner last night. They have a 6 month old baby called Mabel and she spends most of her days in the classroom. All the kids pass her around and look after her, it's gorgeous. There are dogs and puppies running around everywhere. Even a few horses, but no one really seems to know who they belong to. There's a wild pig who hangs around too but we haven't met him yet. I have started teaching straight away which is great and have gotten stuck into my planning too. Alex (the principal) has given us his house while he is living in the new teacher house which is not yet furnished. We have an outdoor kitchen, toilet and shower. I love it, it's the coolest house. I had a shower last night and looked up to see the moon and hundreds of stars, it was beautiful. I can't wait to go out on camp next week with my class, they are very excited too! [...] I feel really positive and excited about being here, and Alex is loving it also.

**Conferences**

Staff members Associate Professor Rosemary Callingham, Professor Ian Hay and Professor Jane Watson, and PhD students Colin Carmichael and Anthony Bill presented refereed conference papers at the 8th International Conference on Teaching Statistics (ICOTS), held in Ljubljana, Slovenia between 11-16 July 2010. Faculty of Education academic staff also delivered a strong set of presentations at the recent Mathematics Education Research Group of Australasia (MERGA) conference, held in Fremantle WA between 3-7 July. At this conference, Professor Jane Watson was awarded the inaugural outstanding career research award. This is
a new award to be presented to a mathematical researcher who has made a significant contribution to mathematical education. This is a great honour and a tribute to Professor Watson’s national and international contribution to knowledge.

**Higher Degree Completions**

The following School of Education students were awarded higher degrees:

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**NEW Gallery**

- **Birchalls Tertiary Art Prize:** On Thursday 2 September at 6pm, the NEW Gallery will host the opening of the Finalists’ Exhibition at which the winner for the 2010 Birchalls Tertiary Art Prize will be announced. This is one of the most significant art prizes for tertiary students in the country and this year will be judged by Raymond Arnold, respected Tasmanian artist and winner of the 2007 Glover Prize for landscape painting, and Bala Starr, Senior Curator at the Ian Potter Museum of Art in Melbourne.

- **Objects of Design,** an exhibition curated by Education student Isis St Pierre, opened on Thursday 15 July and continued until 26 August. The exhibition showcased work from creative disciplines ranging from millinery to light fixtures, from jewellery through to production of creative paper works. The featured young designers came from all over the State and included: Benjamin Cook and Lisa Peisto; Maya McDonell and Sam Beckman; Loz Abberton; Emily Snadden; Anna Weber; Jemima and David Boyer; Joanna Pinkiewicz; and Tanya Trotter.

- The NEW Gallery is open weekdays from 9am – 5pm and entry is free.
Faculty of Health Science

School of Pharmacy

- The School of Pharmacy will be undertaking a joint external accreditation and internal university review in November. Curriculum review is still ongoing within the School and several course enhancements have been made with more currently underway.
- The School has initiated discussion with the Tasmanian pharmacy profession, focusing on marketing that broadens general public perception of the role of the pharmacist, and improving collaboration on marketing practices, targeting year 9 – 12 students.
- A software solution for Australia’s community pharmacists, based on School of Pharmacy research innovation, could save $900 million in health care costs over the next 5 years. The results of research developed over 10 years by the School’s Unit for Medication Outcomes Research and Education Unit (UMORE) has culminated in the Federal government investing $97 million to roll out the software that assists community pharmacists perform and record clinical interventions.

School of Medicine

- Medical students of UTAS played an important role in planning and running the National Australian Medical Students’ Association Convention and Global Health Conference. This was a rewarding academic and networking event, with our own students serving as excellent ambassadors for our School and State.
- Dr Derek Choi-Lundberg and Professor Sankar Sinha were awarded Citations for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning by the Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC). Dr Choi-Lundberg received his citation for excellent contributions to teaching and learning in human anatomy, and Professor Sinha’s award was for developing innovative active learning programs for clinical sciences. In recognition of his tremendous contributions to student learning, Professor Sinha was appointed ‘Professor Of Wound Care’ in the School from 2010.
- The School commenced its public lecture series “Perspectives on Health” in the Medical Science 1 building with a presentation from Professor Margaret Morris (UNSW) on the brain’s role in obesity.
- The School was very fortunate to be supported by the Medical Council of Tasmania by way of a $1 million donation to the UTAS Foundation to establish scholarships to support Tasmanian secondary students undertaking studies in Medicine at UTAS.
- A Community Heritage Grant from the National Library of Australia was awarded to Dr Sorrel Standish-White to commission a Significance
Assessment of the R.A. Rodda Museum of Pathology. The School has recently received the significance assessment from Cultural Connotations – from the Executive Summary, “The collection is comprehensive in the range of specimens represented. It is rich, varied and of great current and potential interest to the existing users, University stakeholders, medical historians and the general public. It tells us about the history of disease in Australia and the study of pathology world-wide. In these ways it contains rare and representative material. The collection overall is primarily of historic, scientific and research significance, but many items are also of social or spiritual significance. It has great interpretive potential.”

- Associate Professor Greg Woods recently stepped down from the role of Associate Head of Student Affairs and Course Administration. Greg had been in this role since 2008 and contributed significantly to both the complex tasks of admissions and enrolments as well as to individual student guidance and support. In addition, Greg has had major input into the development of a range of policies across these areas as well as clinical placements. The new Head of Student Affairs from June 2010 is Dr Emma Warnecke.
- On a sadder note came news of the death of Leon Wescombe in a tragic accident in the United States. Leon had completed Honours in the Discipline of Pathology on a research project on cystic fibrosis previously and was engaged in teaching across a number of School programs.

**School of Human Life Sciences**

- The first cohort of Bachelor of Exercise Science students have graduated in August. Jeffery Beckett, who identifies as Aboriginal, graduated with a PhD and the University Medal at the August Graduation ceremony.

**School of Nursing and Midwifery**

- At the Newnham Campus Nursing and Midwifery staff were recently pleased to open new offices and an expansion of laboratory and simulated learning environments and new offices for postgraduate nursing are expected to be completed in a few weeks.
- Professor Mary Fitzgerald has been appointed as the Acting EDON at the Royal Hobart Hospital and she has also been appointed to the National Health Workforce Agency. The School welcomed the appointment of Adjunct Professor Gail Hart who has now commenced work in the Teaching and Learning Program within the School. Professor Hart is engaged in mentoring and developing academic staff and other Teaching and learning projects.
- Further new streams and courses are being developed in Postgraduate Nursing Studies including Orthopaedics, Rural and Remote Nursing Practice,
Practice Nursing and a Master of Nurse Practitioner. Within Undergraduate Studies strategic teaching and learning projects designed to strengthen the implementation of the QA cycle within the Bachelor of Nursing (BN) have been conducted. These projects include: Referencing and plagiarism; extension and penalties for late submissions; moderation and criterion referenced assessment; portfolio and competency based assessment and grade entry. Continuation of the trial of UNIselect for the Two year fast track BN program continues and all staff are working on the implementation of the newly accredited BN for 2012.

- The Rotational Teaching Program is now established with the private and public health sector with the aim to develop capacity in simulation based learning. A Mobile and In Situ simulation program has also been developed and implemented with Calvary Health Care. Nigel Chong (SNM Manager of Simulation) has been invited to speak at SimTect Health 2010 and California Institute for Nursing and Healthcare ‘Magic in Teaching’ conference with an invited expert visit to Stamford University.

- During July and August each school hosted the School specific workshop with groups of students attending from schools throughout Tasmania. Throughout the day grade 10, 11 and 12 students were given a taste of life as an undergraduate student and experienced hands on activities in the areas of nursing, paramedics, medical research, medicine, pharmacy haematology, medical microbiology and clinical biochemistry. Feedback from both students and Pathway Planners who attended the various workshops was excellent. Attendees left the workshops equipped with greater knowledge in the field which they were exposed to and now better enabled to make future career choices.

- The Faculty welcomed Associate Professor Tony Barnett as the new Director of the University Department of Rural Health. Tony has extensive experience in rural health education generally and rural health nursing programs in particular, most recently through his roles at Monash University Rural Clinical School.

Faculty of Law

Faculty activities and representation

The Law Faculty has been accepted to join the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) Academy of Environmental Law; this should ensure greater involvement in IUCN conferences and closer linkage to the environmental community worldwide. This is particularly timely given that the Faculty’s existing Environmental Law expertise, Senior Lecturer, Peter Lawrence, will be augmented next year when Environmental Law expert, New Star Professor Jan McDonald, joins the Faculty.

There have been a number of Council of Australasian Law Deans (CALD) related events:
The Dean, Professor Margaret Otlowski, attended the CALD meeting held on 3 July 2010, in conjunction with the Australasian Law Teachers Association annual Conference that was held in Auckland, New Zealand.

Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning, Terese Henning and Dr Jeremy Prichard attended a meeting of Associate Deans of all Law Schools in Australia who are working on the Threshold Learning Outcomes for law. This project is supported by the ALTC and is also being developed in conjunction with the CALD.

Mr John Blackwood attended the second Sino-Australian Law Deans conference in Shanghai in July 2010 in conjunction with the World Expo, as the Dean’s delegate, representing the Faculty. This entailed:

- attendance at the CALD preliminary meeting of all Law Deans and delegates attending the second Sino-Australian Law Deans conference (from both Australia and China) held on 15th July in Shanghai at the Grand Central Hotel;

- attendance at the Legal Education Dinner held on Friday 16th July in Shanghai at the Australian pavilion of the Shanghai World Expo to celebrate the strong links between Australian and Chinese legal educators in preparing lawyers for international practice. The dinner was attended by 25 Australian Law Deans/delegates and a significant number of Law Deans and Deputy Deans from universities from all over China, as well as a number of senior representatives from significant law firms in the Shanghai area;

- participation in the second Sino-Australian Law Deans conference held on 17th July in Shanghai at the Australian pavilion of the Shanghai World Expo. The conference commenced with an official welcome by Lyndal Sachs, the Commissioner General for the Australian pavilion, followed by a welcome from Roger Wilkins, secretary of the Commonwealth Attorney General’s Department. Papers were delivered by a number of Australian Law Deans and their Chinese counterparts including Professor David Weisbrot, Macquarie Law School, Professor Gillian Triggs, Sydney University, Professor Jianfu Chen, La Trobe University, Professor Zhang Wenxian, Jilin University, and Professor Shen Sibao, Dean of both the Law School at the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) of Beijing and the Law School at Shanghai University.

On 20th August, a special meeting of CALD was held in Sydney regarding the AQF to discuss key matters including the status of the JD degree, Law Honours, and the nomenclature for the Law degree. Senior Lecturer Lynden Griggs represented the Law Faculty at this meeting.

Whilst in Singapore for research related meetings, the Dean, Professor Margaret Otlowski, visited the IDP and Temasek Polytechnic and had fruitful meetings, organized by UTAS agent, Pang Lim, to discuss student recruitment opportunities.

The Law Faculty's involvement in the Hobart Open Day 2010 was successful, with many visitors to the general exhibition stall (near the Sir Stanley Burbury Lecture Theatre) and at the Faculty building. Four student representatives coordinate Open
Day events for the Faculty, under the supervision of Dr Peter Lawrence. This year, the Faculty of Law has organised new brochures and a new information banner. Both provide updated information on the range of combined degrees available and course structure. Marketing materials appeared to be successful. Informal and friendly tours were run each half hour. Many visitors were especially impressed with the moot court and the library renovations. Three presentations were run. The Dean, Professor Margaret Otlowski and a student representative (TULS President, Jennifer O’Farrell) ran two sessions, with former Dean Professor Don Chalmers attending a third session. Other staff members were present throughout the day to answer students’ questions. A small quiz was run to attempt to stimulate interest in the law. The quiz, entitled ‘how well do you know the law?’ required participants to answer bizarre questions which shed some light on the quirks of the law. Music vouchers were awarded as prizes. A similarly positive report has been received about events run at the Launceston Open Day.

On the 17th August a special presentation ceremony was held at the Law Faculty to mark the handing over by Rhonda Ewart of a special memorial photo of the late Professor Enid Campbell that she had had developed and framed as a gift to the Faculty, in recognition of Professor Campbell’s links with the Faculty of Law and UTAS. Professor Enid Campbell was an alumni of the Law School, the first female staff member, then went on to become the first female professor of Law in Australasia at Monash University and later became the first female Dean of Law in Australasia. She contributed significantly to legal education in Australia and had been awarded an Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) by UTAS. This presentation ceremony was well attended by staff and postgraduates of the Faculty, and gave the Faculty an opportunity to thank Rhonda for her thoughtfulness in ensuring that the legacy of this outstanding scholar and alumni would be remembered into the future.

**Tasmanian Law Reform Institute**

Racial Vilification Project
The Racial Vilification and Racially Motivated Offences Issues Paper was released on 11 June. After receiving disappointing media attention and only few responses to the paper, the TLRI extended the submission deadline to mid-August.

To date, the TLRI has received 14 written submissions, including from the Office of the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner, TILES, Colony 47 and Professor Gail Mason, Director of the Sydney Institute of Criminology. The TLRI has also held a number of consultations with interested organisations and groups including staff at Migrant Education (Polytechnic) and ‘Students Against Racism’ at Hobart College. These consultations have provided an interesting insight into the experiences of ethnic minorities in Tasmania. The TLRI will release its Final Report later this year.

**Centre for Law and Genetics**

The Centre for Law and Genetics hosted the 2010 *Making Connections* workshop in Singapore on July 25 – 26. The workshop was comprised of 25 leading academics from across the globe who are working on developing best practice principles, guidelines and regulations for the governance of human genetic biobanks. This was the third of these annual workshops, the first being in Oxford (UK) and the second in
Banff (Canada). The location of this meeting was intended to facilitate participation from the SE Asian region. South Korea, Japan and Singapore were represented as was Canada, Australia, UK, USA and France. As a result of the workshop a comparative research project is being developed between the Centre for Law and Genetics, the HeLEX Centre (University of Oxford) and the Centre for Bioethics (University of Indiana).

Staff activities/appointments

- Professor Dianne Nicol met with colleagues from Monash University and Griffith University to progress their application for linkage funding from the Australian Research Council for a collaborative project on intellectual property and public sector research. Professor Nicol and Dr Jane Nielsen have a book chapter in Incentives for Global Health: Patent Law and Access to Essential Medicines published by Cambridge University Press.
- Professor Nicol presented a talk at the annual conference of Australia and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching in her role as Chair of the University of Tasmania Animal Ethics Committee.
- Professor Kate Warner and Dr Jeremy Prichard have been appointed by the Attorney General, Deputy Premier Lara Giddings, to the newly established Sentencing Advisory Council of Tasmania.
- Professor Kate Warner has had her appointment as member of the Board of Legal Education renewed by the Department of Justice.
- Anja Hilkemeijer, in her capacity as the Faculty’s Co-ordinator of the International Student Support Program, attended the Asia Pacific Student Services Association conference, ‘Supporting, Engaging, Building Capabilities’ in Brisbane 6-9 July.
- Professor Margaret Otlowski attended a meeting for the ‘LifePool Project’ (a collaborative breast cancer research program), of which she is on the Project Management Advisory Committee.
- Professor Graeme Laurie (University of Edinburgh) visited the Centre for Law and Genetics in August in order to participate in discussions about the proposed Menzies Tasmanian Biobank. Professor Laurie is the Chair of the UK Biobank’s Ethics and Governance Committee and was involved in the creation of the Scottish biobank, Generation Scotland. Professor Laurie was able to provide valuable feedback on the proposed governance structures and on the design of the public consultation program that will inform the development of the biobank. Professor Laurie has committed to continue providing input into the Tasmanian project and it is expected that Professor Nicol from the Centre for Law and Genetics will visit the Generation Scotland team in 2011.
- Contributors to the Faculty Staff Seminar Program in July/August included:
  - Rev Professor Michael Tate, Honorary Professor of Law, Faculty of Law UTAS, ‘The ICC and Arguments for the Crime of “Aggression”’;
• Professor Benjamin J. Richardson, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Canada: ‘The Dominant Animal: Human Evolution and the Limits of the Law; 
• Dr Qi Zhou, University of Sheffield, 'Damages for Repudiation: An Ex Ante Perspective on the Golden Victory Case’; 
• Emeritus Professor Jim Davis, and Visiting Fellow, ANU, ‘Misfeasance in Public Office, A Tort Rediscovered?’

• The Faculty of Law sadly acknowledges the recent passing of Professor Norman Dunbar who had joined the Faculty in 1959 to take up a Chair and remained until his retirement in 1981. During the time at the University of Tasmania he served as Faculty Dean and Head of School. Professor Dunbar was a graduate of Sheffield and Yale Universities and his main academic interests were in the areas of International and Comparative law, and particularly in regard to the latter, he had won world-wide acclaim. In 1971, he was given the honour of being invited to lecture at the Hague Academy of International Law and delivered a course of lectures, subsequently published, entitled Controversial Aspects of Sovereign Immunity in the Law of Some States’. Professor Dunbar contributed much to the life of the Faculty of Law and to the University as a whole, not only in his academic capacity but as a witty and supportive colleague.

• The Faculty recently had the opportunity to farewell our former colleague, Frank Bates, when he retired as Professor of Law at the University of Newcastle on 23 July 2010. Frank’s early academic career was spent at the Faculty of Law at the University of Tasmania, which he joined as a Lecturer in Law in 1970. That period saw substantial expansion in the academic staff of the law School, primarily driven by the then Dean, Professor Derek Roebuck, with a number of quality appointments. Of those, the most outstanding was Frank Bates, who soon proved to be an outstanding legal scholar with a prodigious publication record spanning a remarkable array of research areas. He was also gifted and entertaining teacher and a dynamic administrator who had a profound effect on the development of the Faculty during his time here. He served as Head of School in 1979 and 1981 and as Dean in 1983-84. He gained rapid promotions to a Readership (in 1979), and subsequently resigned in 1986 to take up the Professorship at the University of Newcastle where he continued his outstanding legal career and scholarship.

The Law Faculty at the University of Newcastle hosted a retirement function for Frank at which his former colleague, Ken Mackie, represented the Faculty of Law of the University of Tasmania. He was presented with a card signed by many of his former colleagues here and all the best wishes from members of the Faculty. He intends to continue his close relationship with the Faculty, his next visit being planned for early 2011.
Tasmanian University Law Society (TULS) and Student Activities

- In the Australasian Law Societies Association (ALSA) Student Competitions UTAS law student Pip Monk reached the semi-finals in the witness examination and Mark Bolonja was awarded best speaker in one of the preliminary rounds.

- The Faculty has supported a delegation of four students from the Tasmanian University Law Society to attend the Asia Pacific Student Services Association conference, ‘Supporting, Engaging, Building Capabilities’ in Brisbane 6-9 July.

Postgraduates

On 27 July, two clinical psychology interns from the School of Psychology, Leesa Green and Dana Adaway, conducted an interactive seminar to postgraduate law students. The seminar centred on the potential for times of heightened stress during postgraduate candidature and explored a number of issues, including:

- How to recognise stress as well as practical strategies for its management
- Looking after ones health and relationships (family and friends) in times of stress
- Understanding and taking care of your relationship with your supervisor
- Information on counselling services available within the university (i.e., University Psychology Clinic and Student Counselling).

The 90 minute seminar was well attended and generated very positive feedback.

Alumni

- An alumni of the Faculty, Peter Downie and his wife Anne, who have a farming property in Tasmania’s central highlands which has been in the family for six generations since the 1860s, have achieved national recognition through securing the nations’ first full Forest Stewardship Council certification for native forest harvesting. This certification proves that the native forests on the property are grown in a way that protects conservation values, conserves flora and fauna and maintains good relations with communities and stakeholders. This approach seeks to balance profitable logging with protection of high-conservation-value forests and is widely seen as the way forward for the sustainable future of Tasmania’s forest industry.

- Staff of the Faculty were also very saddened to hear of the death of former student, Sandy Duncanson. Sandy came to the Faculty as a mature aged undergraduate student and had persevered with his studies despite a long battle with cancer. Originally from interstate, he became very committed to the
state of Tasmania and became manager of the Tenants’ Union Legal Service and a Legal Services Commissioner, as well as conducting campaigns to expand public housing and introduce a bill of rights. Also notable was Sandy’s time as volunteer serving at the Woomera detention Centre which energised his commitment to social justice and to using the law to serve his community. A number of staff represented the Faculty at Sandy’s funeral and contributed to the tree planting initiative that was organised in lieu of flowers. There is now a ground swell of support to ensure that Sandy’s legacy and passion for social justice issues can be recognized in some way.

- Former TULS President, Charlie Rae (graduating in 2009) has been very resourceful in setting up a North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) work experience program with the Faculty of Law, offering students the opportunity to take up a work placement in the Northern Territory. Charlie had previously undertaken such a placement and found it be a profound and life changing experience. He has since been proactive in negotiating between the NAAJA and the Law Faculty to set up a more formalised arrangement for one student to be financially supported by the Faculty (airfares) each year to participate in this placement.

**Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology**

The Faculty and its Schools have been heavily involved in a month of science-focussed activities around Science Week and will provide a full report of these for the next Council meeting.

In all, the Faculty has been involved in 170 activities statewide.
Research News:

Smoking/texting

Dr Stuart Ferguson, Senior Research Fellow in the UTAS School of Pharmacy, is investigating the use of technology in the fight against smoking: the humble mobile phone. Ferguson is about to embark on a study to investigate whether new technologies like text messaging can be used to support smokers trying to quit. The four-week study will involve 50 smokers who will be using education and support strategies to try to quit.

Local: Sunday Tasmanian
National: Sunday Mail Brisbane, Sunday Times Perth, Sunday Telegraph Sydney, Courier Mail
International: New Kerala.com, The Times of India, Big News Network

Jockeys have an extremely risky occupation

The Menzies Research Institute has been investigating the risk factors associated with jockey falls and results might improve occupational health and safety on the racetrack. Associate Professor Leigh Blizzard, Principal Research Fellow and Senior Member at the Menzies, began the research in 2002 and included the collection of data from 75,000 races. This was the first time anyone has looked into the risk factors for jockey falls. He found the most important risk factor for jockey falls was the grade of the race, with others including the experience and gender of the jockey. He has been working with the Australian Racing Board and the Australian Jockeys Association.

Local: HO FM, Hobart Mercury, Launceston Examiner, ABC 936 Hobart
Researchers unlock brain’s capacity for plasticity following injury

A Menzies Research Institute study, recently published in the international neuroscience journal *Cerebral Cortex* found that specific neurons in undamaged parts of the brain can remodel themselves. The research describes how nerve cells change their structure in response to the trauma. These studies are the first to describe how natural brain remodelling and healing may improve an outcome after acquired forms of brain injury. The research team is trying now to identify ways in which this healing response can be encouraged, which could form the basis of new therapies.

**Local:** Hobart Mercury, ABC 1, Launceston Examiner, ABC Northern Tasmania, ABC Darwin
**National:** Daily Mercury Queensland, Illawarra Mercury NSW, Border Mail Victoria, AAP Newswire, 7.30 Report, ABC 1 Melbourne, Sydney Morning Herald, ABC 720 Perth, ABC 666 Canberra, Radio National, ABC Riverina, ABC 612 Brisbane

Barbie, arvo, footy: Australians and shortened spellings research

Dr Nenagh Kemp, from the UTAS School of Psychology, has started a new research project attempting to discover why Australians like to abbreviate words and what effect shortened words convey to the listener.

**Local:** ABC 936 Hobart, Heart FM
**National:** ABC North Queensland, ABC Riverina, ABC 612 Brisbane, Daily Telegraph, ABC Illawarra, 4BC Brisbane, ABC 891 Adelaide, ABC Western Queensland, Triple J Radio, ABC 720 Perth, ABC News Radio Sydney, ABC Newcastle, ABC 1 Melbourne, ABC North West WA, ABC 774 Melbourne, ABC Central Australia, ABC Darwin, Australian Geographic, Australian Herald, MX Brisbane, MX Riverina
University News:

Antarctic Visions Conference

The international, interdisciplinary conference Antarctic Visions: Cultural Perspectives on the Southern Continent was run by the UTAS School of English, Journalism and European Languages. More than 60 delegates were in Hobart for the three-day conference, discussing the different ways that the Antarctic is culturally significant. Keynote speakers include Christy Collis, Senior Lecturer in Media and Communication in the Creative Industries Faculty at the Queensland University of Technology, and William L. Fox, a noted Antarctic researcher and author. The conference was a follow-up to the successful 2008 Imagining Antarctica conference, held in New Zealand and co-presented by UTAS. This was the first academic conference to focus on Antarctica as a site of significant cultural meaning, as well as scientific importance.

Local: Hobart Mercury, ABC 936 Hobart
National: Northern Territory News

Program aims to ease fear of flying

People suffering from fear of flying will hopefully be able to soar with the help of a new program at UTAS. The UTAS Psychology Clinic is running a free four-session program entitled “Fear of Flying”. Dr Caroline Schwerkolt, from the UTAS School of Psychology, said aerophobia can be isolating, preventing people from travel and enjoying experiences with their friends and family abroad. The program will aim to help people understand the causes of their anxiety, discuss it in a safe forum, and learn coping and relaxation strategies to help them overcome their fear. The program is coordinated by two UTAS Psychology Interns and features an experienced pilot with more than 18,000 hours of commercial flying time.

Local: ABC 936 Hobart, Hobart Mercury, Launceston Examiner, ABC1, Southern Cross TV
National: ABC News 24 Sydney, 2UE Sydney

UTAS welcomes new future Vice-Chancellor

The University of Tasmania’s Deputy Chancellor, Mrs Yvonne Rundle, has announced that Professor Peter Rathjen will be the new Vice-Chancellor of UTAS from 28 March 2011. The appointment of Prof Rathjen, who is the current Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University of Melbourne, follows an extensive search both nationally and internationally. “Professor Rathjen is an exciting appointment for UTAS and the University Council is very pleased to have been able to appoint someone of his calibre to take over from Professor Daryl Le Grew. We are excited to welcome him to Tasmania,” she said.
Shakespeare festival comes to Hobart

The inaugural season of the Australian Shakespeare Festival is letting Tasmanians (and visitors) experience the magical worlds of Shakespeare’s wits, wonders, and woes, with a variety of concerts, plays, film screenings and assorted musical events. Numerous reviews, event listings and articles are being produced by the media on the Festival.

Local: ABC 936 Hobart (x2) Sunday Tasmanian (x5), Hobart Mercury (x9), Launceston Examiner (x3)
National: Limelight, Qantas (x2), Kalgoorlie Miner, The Week, Out and About, Coast to Coast Country Style