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Faculty of Arts Report

Faculty of Arts
- Dr Maggie Walter was awarded a Dean’s Award for Extraordinary Service for her exceptional contribution to Indigenous Education by the Faculty and School of Sociology & Social Work.

School of Sociology & Social Work
- Prof Sandy Taylor has been awarded a Social Work, Health Workforce Australia [Commonwealth Government] grant to support expanding training capacity for social work field education, along with some other health-related professional disciplines at UTAS. The funding is to support proposed projects that were proposed to support this growth some of which are in conjunction with DHHS and amounts to $444,285 for the period 2011-2013 inclusive.
- Prof Jan Pakulski, co-edited (and wrote two chapters) in the special issue of Humanities Research, launching in Dec ’10 and organised the 4th annual Public Leadership Workshop, co-sponsored by ANZSOG and UTAS (25-26 Nov) held at Parliament House, Hobart
- Prof Rob White was the keynote speaker at this year’s INTERPOL Conference on international environmental crime, Lyon, France and United Nations Panel on Eco-Crime, at American Society of Criminology Conference, San Francisco, USA. Prof Rob White has also been very prolific in relation to co-writing/editing the following books in 2010;

Riawunna
- The School in agreement with the Faculty of Education is developing two core units for the Bachelor of Education and Masters of Teaching programs. Work has commenced to prepare these for delivery in Semester 2, 2011 both online and face to face.
The recruitment of a Cadet in 2010 has enabled strong links to be established with year 11 & 12 college students in the south of the state.
The School has been actively promoting the opportunities to enrol in an Aboriginal Studies unit as part of professional development, helping to meet teacher registration requirements, for teachers.
Thirteen ‘Springboard to College’ bursaries have being awarded to grade 10 students to encourage completion of years 11 & 12 and promote higher education.

School of Philosophy
The School of Philosophy has had nine PhD completions and one MA completion in 2010.
Staff from the School have delivered conference papers at the Universities of Otago (NZ), Edinburgh (UK), Oxford (UK), Dundee (UK), Copenhagen (Denmark), Melbourne and Queensland (Brisbane) as well as City University (London).
Two co-authored books and one co-edited book are due to be published in December by Oxford University Press, Continuum and Acumen, respectively.
Dr. Linn Miller has received a new AIATSIS grant for a project titled ‘Commencement of Tasmanian Aboriginal Placescape Atlas’ in collaboration with the Wilderness Society and Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council.
Dr. Natasha Cica, through the Inglis Clark Centre for Civil Society, in 2010 initiated a series of public debates focused on values in civil society (the Denison Debates), which generated lively discussions and a gratifyingly positive level of community engagement.

School of Asian Languages and Studies
Community Engagement - SALS is supporting the up-coming Japanese Film Festival (13 – 16 December, 2010).
The Japanese In-Country Program is operating three courses over the Spring/Summer break in order to accommodate increased interest in the program. SALS students are also participating in courses at Mie University in Japan, Shaanxi Normal University in Xian, the University of Mataram, Lombok and Sanata Dharma University, Jogjakarta.
Dr Mark Harrison received a Rising Star Award for his three-year project China’s Futures.

School of Government
Dr William Bostock has been appointed to the Editorial Board of the new journal Politics, Culture and Socialization.
Associate Professor Kate Crowley convened a meeting of the newly established School of Government Advisory Committee comprising the State Service Commissioner; Clerk of the House of Assembly, Parliament of Tasmania; State Director, Dept of Foreign Affairs & Trade; Commissioner of Police; State Manager, AUSTRADE; State Director, Australian Broadcasting Corporation; Director, Department of Premier and Cabinet; Director, Public Sector Management Office. The Committee will advise on School activities, plans and engagement.
• Associate Professor Kate Crowley convened a meeting of the Tasmanian Climate Action Council to determine advice for the Minister for Climate Change on the setting of interim emission reduction targets for Tasmania.

• Associate Professor Marcus Haward has been appointed to the Research Committee of the Australian Institute of International Affairs.

• Professor Aynsley Kellow with Professor Jan Pakulski organised a joint SOG/ANZSOG Workshop on *Public Leadership in Australia: Global, State and Local* held on the 25-26 November, 2010 at Parliament House, Hobart covering:
  o Leadership and elites at the time of change
  o Levels of leadership: interaction and inter-dependence
  o Leadership, governance and administration, and
  o Effectiveness and ethics in public leadership.

• Tony McCall has been recently appointed to the government's North East Working Group investigating options for Dorset's economy.

• Professor Richard Herr (HRA) taught a professional development workshop with Dr Peter Patmore in Apia, Samoa from 8 - 11 November for the parliamentary staff of six regional parliaments. The workshop was organised by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) in London and facilitated by the CPA regional secretariat in Wellington and hosted by the Parliament of Samoa.

**Tasmanian Institute of Law Enforcement Studies (TILES)**

• Prof. Jenny Fleming and Dr. Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron received a Vice-Chancellor’s Community Engagement grant for their project "Integration & Collaboration: Building Capacity and Engagement for the provision of criminal justice services to Tasmania’s Mentally Ill".

• Dr. Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron received a $10,000 New Appointee Research Grant. She will document and evaluate cultural awareness training for police officers and refugee communities in regional areas. The project will result in a series of publications which include: a report to administering agencies, a ‘how to’ manual that will be made available online via the TILES website and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and academic publications.

• Dr. Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron received $15,000 Federal Attorney General Proceeds of Crime funding for a project coordinated by Albury City Council, Albury Youth Family Services, New South Wales Police and the local Court.

• A/Prof. Julian was appointed to the selection panel for the Tasmanian Commissioner of Police.

**School of English, Journalism and European Languages**

• A/Prof Libby Lester’s book *Media and Environment: Conflict, Politics and the News* has been published by Polity Press, UK.

• Prof Ralph Crane and Dr Lisa Fletcher have signed a book contract with Reaktion Books (UK) to write *Cave* for their new ‘Earth’ Series. The book is a cultural history of caves.

• Dr Elle Leane has signed a book contract with Reaktion Books (UK) to write *South Pole* for their new ‘Earth’ Series. The book is a cultural history of the South Pole.

• Dr Billy Badger and Dr Eva Meidl conducted the annual Goethe Institute examinations for Tasmania.

• Dr Rose Gaby has signed a book contract with Broadview Press for a scholarly edition of *Henry IV Part I*. This contract for a print edition of the play is additional to the 4 online
editions she has prepared for Internet Shakespeare Editions (http://internetshakespeare.uvic.ca/Foyer/plays/1H4.html).

Tasmanian School of Art

- New Academic Research Grants (NARGs) for 2011 granted to Associate Lecturers Dr James Newitt, Dr Martin Walch, Dr Yvette Watt, Dr Meg Keating, Neil Haddon, Dr Brigita Ozolins and Lucy Bleach.
- ACUADS (Australian Council of University Art and Design Schools) national conference in 2010 co-hosted at Inversesk by the TSA and School of Visual and Performing Arts.
- ACUADS Distinguished Teaching Fellowship 2010 to Milan Milojevic (Head of printmaking, PG Coursework coordinator).
- Benjamin Kluss (Sessional Lecturer) - recipient of Rosamond McCulloch Studio Residency at the Cite Internationale des Paris, 2011.
- The Art School held its FUTURE LEGENDS Graduate, Honours and Coursework Masters exhibition in November, 2010.
- The Good Listener: Neil Haddon (Assoc Lecturer Painting, Core Studies) solo exhibition, Criterion Gallery, Oct 14th – Nov 30th. Artwork Three Dogs acquired by TMAG.
- Dr Yvette Watt (Assoc Lec Painting), Dr Meg Keating (Head of Painting, acting Head of Visual Communication); included in group exhibition Not for Legal Tender, Stable Gallery, Moonah opened 7 November.
- Leigh Hobba produced and recorded a CD of music by Tasmanian composer Don Kay, published by Move Records (Melbourne) with the assistance from Arts Tasmania, launched at the Conservatorium of Music on Tuesday, 23 November.

School of History and Classics

- The School has had two successful visiting scholar applications for 2011. Professor Barry Godfrey of Keele University will be working with Mike Davis and Hamish Maxwell-Stewart. Dr Elizabeth Engberg from Sweden will be working with Pam Sharpe.
- Adrian Franklin (Sociology) and Hamish Maxwell-Stewart were successful with an application for a Community Engagement Grant. The project was called "The Research Life of Arts Objects - An Exhibition Showcasing the Contribution that Arts Research Makes to Community Engagement".
- Anya Reading (Earth Sciences), David Roe (Port Arthur Historic Site) and Hamish Maxwell-Stewart were successful with a Cross Theme Grant application. The project "Believing without seeing": High-resolution Geophysics in the Discovery of Tasmania's Buried Heritage. The amount awarded was $20,000 to conduct a survey using ground penetrating radar of the site of the first convict barracks at Port Arthur.
- Pam Sharpe was elected to the Executive Council of the Academy of Humanities as Honorary Treasurer.
- Pam Sharpe has been selected for the Australian Academy of the Humanities and Royal Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities, Sweden Exchange Program for 2011. One fellow is selected every two years from Australia.
- Peter Chapman received an ARC grant for the next stage of Historical Records of Australia

Conservatorium of Music

- The annual Australian International Symphony Orchestra Institute commenced in November 2010 culminating with a major orchestral performance conducted by Jeffrey Schindler and featuring works by Stravinsky, Gershwin, Korngold and the world premiere of an especially commissioned work by Conrad Pope.
The Southern Gospel Choir directed by Dr Andrew Legg presented its annual Christmas concert at Hobart City Hall in December.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra will be signed off within the next few days. An outcome of this new partnership will be the engagement of several of the TSO’s most prominent and highly sought after musicians to teach in the Conservatorium’s undergraduate and post graduate programs.

School of Visual and Performing Arts

- The graduating cohort of 2010 had a successful exhibition titled Make me a Sandwich, curated by Melanie Kershaw. For the first time, the exhibition expanded to include the Bachelor of Contemporary Art students, as well as Honours and postgraduate students.
- The launch of a publication 20 Years, celebrating the pro-am theatre company CentrStage operations from 1990 to 2009, was held in late November.
- The Tasmanian Creative Arts Summer School 2011 was a great success, with over 200 students participating in the program. Courses ranged from photography to theory to dance and culinary design, connecting many new and continuing students to UTAS as many are first time participants in higher education.
- SVPA will host Visiting Scholar Professor Deb Verhoeven in early 2011. Professor Verhoeven, recently appointed Chair of Cinema Studies at Deakin, will bring her expertise in screen studies to the School, with a view to reviewing the viability of developing courseware in the area after scoping the activity in film and screen in the state.

Faculty of Business

Australian Innovation Research Centre
Tasmanian Innovation Census 2010

The 2010 Tasmanian Innovation Census is in the last weeks of data collection. The current response rate is approximately 58%, which is slightly higher than the 2007 Census response rate.

The Australian Innovation Research Centre (AIRC) has been coordinating ongoing follow-up strategies, and liaising with the data collection contractor, to maximize the Census response rate, data quality and maintenance of the firm population throughout the data collection phase. In addition to this, staff have been dealing with ongoing queries from respondent firms.

The project is about to enter the data output phase, which will involve data processing (data cleaning, editing, derivations, and output generation), data analysis, and publication of resultant reports and academic papers utilizing the 2010 data.

Work has been ongoing on academic papers using the 2007 Census data within the broader Tasmanian Innovation Census research program.

Interactions with Government Agencies

Kieran O’Brien and Professor Anthony Arundel completed the research project “Exports and Innovation Indicators for Priority Sectors in Tasmania” for the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts

The Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts have agreed to run the first workshop based on IDEAS for the Public Sector. This is an adaption of Associate Professor Jack
English’s Innovation Development Early Assessment System (IDEAS), designed for public sector organisations.

Kieran O’Brien is in discussions with the Federal Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR) regarding a funded research project on R&D activities in Tasmanian firms, including R&D activities in the food industry (for early 2011)

Dr Polly McGee attended the presentation of the outcomes of the Small Business Focus Groups report (co-authored with Strategic Economic Solutions) at the Small Business Forum. She attended the dinner afterward with a small group of business group representatives, then Minister Lara Giddings, and Parliamentary Secretary Rebecca White.

Associate Professor Jack English has been working with the Enterprise, Small Business and Regional Development Unit of Industry and Investment NSW, to develop an online version of his IDEAS workshop. “IDEAS Online” is based on the book Discovering New Business Opportunities by Jack English and Babette Moate, and is now live on the NSW Government’s Smallbiz website. It can be accessed at www.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au/ideasonline.

Dr Polly McGee met with Ally Mercer from Dorset Council to discuss the provision of entrepreneurship training (postgraduate and B2BIDEAS) for a new innovation and food incubator proposal to be funded by the Commonwealth Government.

Kieran O’Brien and Professor Jonathan West are meeting with Sarah Jones (Innovative Regions Facilitator – Tasmania of the Innovative Regions Centre [Enterprise Connect], DIISR) to discuss potential research on innovation and the dairy industry.

The recently appointed Director of the AIRC, Anthony Arundel has been giving presentations at workshops and conferences in Europe and in Australia. On 23 November 2010, he attended the annual Eurostat Working Group Meeting on Statistics on Science, Technology and Innovation in Luxembourg and gave two presentations on methodological issues in innovation surveys. The first presentation, “Errors in the interpretation of ‘innovation’: preliminary results from Australia”, used results from the 2007 Tasmanian Innovation Census where respondents were asked to describe their business’s most important innovation. The second presentation, “Improving the Quality of CIS data for Innovation Expenditures and Turnover: Results of the NSO survey”, used the results of a survey of European National Statistical Offices to identify best practice in innovation survey methodology and other methods for improving the quality of interval level innovation survey data.

Two other presentations concerned preliminary analyses of the European Public Sector Innovation Survey (EPSIS), which obtained responses from over 4,000 public administration organisations across Europe. This is the largest survey, so far, on public sector innovation in the world. The first presentation in Brussels on 30 November 2010, titled “Some preliminary results of the Innobarometer public sector innovation survey” (with Hugo Hollanders of UNU-MERIT), gave initial results on collaboration within the public sector and on the importance of various barriers to innovation. The second presentation was able to provide more detailed results on the effect of different strategies, information sources and policy drivers on innovation outcomes. The presentation “Strategies, information sources and policy drivers for innovation: Preliminary results of the European Public Sector Innovation Survey (EPSIS)” was given to the L21 conference ‘Innovation in the Public Sector – Building Individual and Institutional Capabilities and Achieving Better Outcomes’, held in Sydney on 7–8 December 2010.

The final presentation presents some of the results of a project on innovation policy to address climate change. The presentation “Innovation to prevent dangerous climate change: Is there a less
painful option?” was given at the INNO-Grips – Innovation Intelligence Studies workshop on “Implications of climate change, resource scarcity and demographic developments for innovation policy”, in Brussels on 1 December 2010.

School of Management
Following presentations and interviews in the School on Friday 19 November, Dr Rob Macklin, who is currently at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga, has been offered the position of Senior Lecturer in Management. Rob shall commence with the School on Monday 7 February. Assoc Prof Mark Dibben commenced with the School in Hobart in late November.

Dr Angela Martin presented a seminar outlining her ARC-supported Business in Mind project at beyond blue in Melbourne on 3 December. Dr Martin’s project was covered in an article in the Business Review Weekly holiday edition, as well as November’s Unitas.

Dr John Byrom has had the following article accepted for publication: Pal, J., Medway, D. and Byrom, J. 2011. Deconstructing the notion of blame in corporate failure. Journal of Business Research, in press. [Journal of Business Research is ranked ‘A’ in the ERA list].

Dr John Byrom attended the official opening of the School of Architecture and Design’s LARC Gallery in George Street, Launceston, on 5 November.

Dr Kim Lehman took up the position of Chair of the NEW Gallery Management Committee on 1 December. Along with Dr Robyn Glade Wright from the School of Education, Dr Lehman has also been nominated for the 2010 Vice Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Community Engagement for his work with the NEW Gallery.

Dr John Byrom visited Singapore and Malaysia from 28 November to 7 December. During this time he undertook external examiner duties at Singapore Polytechnic, and met with various agents and college representatives in Singapore and Johor Bahru.

School of Economics and Finance
Dr Sarah Jennings was elected as academic staff representative on University Council (term January 1 2011 – December 31 2012).

Professor Mardi Dungey's book "Transmission of Financial Crises and Contagion: A Latent Factor Approach" by Mardi Dungey, Renee Fry, Brenda Gonzalez-Hermosillo and Vance Martin has been published by Oxford University Press, NY. Copies are expected any day.

Professor Andrew Harvey visited the School funded by a Faculty of Business Grant and conducted a short course on Time Series Econometrics on the 8th and 9th of December.

Professor Jan Jacobs from Groningen University completed his visit on 17 December 2010.

Dr Firmin Sabro Doko Tchatoka commenced his two-year Post Doctoral appointment in the School on Monday 22 November.

Dr Sarah Jennings attended an initial gathering hosted by the School of Art to explore possible involvement in developing a proposal for a UTAS Arts, Science and Environment Network on 7th December.
The Finance in Primary Schools has been taught to two more classes of Grade 6 students at Taroona Primary School. A meeting was held with teachers who have been involved in the course over the past 2 years to garner ideas for the best way forward with this program.

School of Accounting and Corporate Governance
Dr Gail Ridley has had a paper accepted in an A* journal: Ridley, G. and Young, J. (forthcoming), Theoretical Approaches to Gender and IT: Examining some Australian evidence, Information Systems Journal.

Gail Ridley was honoured as the "Best Associate Editor", at the 21st Australasian Conference on Information Systems (ACIS 2010), 1-3 December, Brisbane. There were 75 associate editors and almost 900 reviews; ACIS is an ERA A-ranked Conference.

Tom Baxter presented a paper at the National Environmental Law Association Conference, which was held at University House, ANU, 20-22 October 2010

Sonia Shimeld, Trevor Wilmshurst and Sha May Lim’s paper “Red Dust – There She Blows – An Environmental Incident, Corporate Disclosure and Legitimacy Theory” was presented by Trevor at the 9th CSEAR Australasian Conference 2010.

Susan Conway, Wilmshurst Trevor and Belinda Williams’ paper ASX Guidelines for Disclosure on Australia Company Websites Changing Times Is the ASX perception of stakeholders information needs met? was presented by Sue Conway at the 9th CSEAR Australasian Conference 2010.

Sue Hrasky attended the World Accounting Frontiers Series conference at the University of Western Sydney from December 9 – 10.

Bernadette Smith has been nominated for an Individual Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning as well as an Individual Award for Teaching Excellence in the VC’s teaching awards.

Sue Hrasky presented the paper she co-authored with David Kronenberg, “Curriculum redesign as a faculty-centred approach to plagiarism reduction” at Teaching Matters in Launceston on November 24.

Professor Roger Willett formerly of the University of Otago commenced with the School on November 29.

Tom Baxter chaired Chartered Secretaries Australia’s Annual Public Sector Update, held at the Henry Jones Art Hotel, Hobart on 6 October 2010.

Tom Baxter has accepted an invitation from the Integrity Commission to speak as a panel member at its International Anti-Corruption Day Forum in Hobart on 9 December 2010. Details were published in UTAS Staff News on 18 November.

David Kronenberg undertook a Quality Assurance visit to our partner institution, the Australian College of Kuwait (ACK), in November.
Faculty of Health Science

The Faculty has commenced the Tasmanian Clinical Placement Project which is being led by Diana Purcell. The primary focus of the project is to establish a framework and structure for a clinical partnership model of practice, which accommodates a number of disciplines and their unique requirements in expanding clinical placements. The key stakeholders include i) School of Medicine, ii) School of Nursing, iii) School of Pharmacy, iv) School of Psychology and v) School of Physiotherapy. The intent underpinning this project is to expand the university’s clinical placements to remote community agencies by providing support to both the agencies and students.

In late November the Faculty held a successful Reception in Hobart to acknowledge the work of the Faculty and members of the community in health, community and government services, and members of the professions for their support of teaching and research throughout the year. The Faculty also took the opportunity to farewell Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew.

School of Nursing and Midwifery

In the December 2010 Graduation round, there were 141 graduates from the Bachelor of Nursing and 417 from postgraduate courses, plus two Doctor of Philosophy graduates. In addition, over 80 students from the Bachelor of Nursing were placed on the Dean’s Roll of Excellence for 2009. Several academic staff received teaching merit certificates for 2010.

Spring School is now nearing completion, with enrolments for semester 1, 2011 steadily increasing for undergraduate and postgraduate studies at all campuses.

At the Newnham Campus, postgraduate staff from the School of Nursing and Midwifery recently moved into newly refurbished space in J Level 0. The space includes offices for both academic and professional staff, a distance education unit, simulation laboratories, as well as tutorial and seminar areas equipped with the latest technologies.

School of Medicine

The School of Medicine has recently expanded significantly into postgraduate coursework degrees related to building the capacity of health care professionals to adapt to modern health care settings. The postgraduate program in Clinical Supervision and Clinical Leadership was developed originally by Professor Judi Walker in partnership with the Sydney South West Area Health Service. This program focuses on developing the expertise of health professionals to demonstrate leadership within their organisations, with development of skills to enhance their capacity to engage in effective management.

The postgraduate program in Health and Human Services was also established by Professor Walker, with the UTAS Faculty of Business and Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services as partners, and has a particular focus on developing expertise in health services and management. For both of these programs, there are opportunities to develop qualifications from the Graduate Certificate through to the Masters level, the latter focussed on translating these skills into workplace-based research projects focused on positive change and translating research into practice. In 2011, these programs will be opened up for wider participation, and will be augmented by a new postgraduate program in Public Health. In addition, the Professional Doctorate of Health will be implemented through 2011, giving health care professionals further opportunities to develop translational research capacity.
The School of Medicine established a State-wide curriculum committee covering the final two years of the program. This committee, led by Associate Professor Jan Radford, has been highly successful in harmonising curriculum content and assessment across the Hobart Clinical School, Launceston Clinical School and the Rural Clinical School based in Burnie. The excellent work of this committee has established very strong ties between clinical academics in all regions of the State. This has led to a high degree of cohesion for MBBS students on clinical placement and underlies the growing reputation of the School as a leader in medical education in Australia.

The new Bachelor of Biotechnology and Medical Research commences in 2011. This undergraduate program is a partnership between the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology with the School of Medicine and focuses on producing graduates with strong foundations in biological sciences and a preparedness to advance into postgraduate research careers and/or a career in the biotechnology sector. The new program utilises a common first year with foundations in Human, Plant and general Animal Biology, Genetics, Chemistry and Statistics with students selecting course paths that focus on aspects of medical research and/or biotechnology. Medical research-related course pathways focus on fields such as Physiology, Biochemistry, Neurosciences, Pathology, Human Genetics and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

In 2011, the Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre expands its partnership base from the Menzies Research Institute and the School of Nursing and Midwifery to include the School of Medicine. This reflects the School’s growing investment into developing geriatric medicine and the collaboration with the School of Nursing and Midwifery on new teaching programs related to dementia care, such as the establishment of ‘teaching nursing homes’.

2011 also sees the substantial growth of the School’s program in Paramedic Practice. The new Bachelor of Paramedic Practice has proven to be a very popular choice for Tasmanian students enrolling at UTAS through the Hobart and Rozelle campuses. New appointments have been made to support this program at both campuses, leading to substantial capacity in clinical academic faculty with backgrounds in emergency care. The first graduations from this accelerated degree will be held at the end of the year.

**University Department of Rural Health (UDRH)**

Highlights for the UDRH have been the graduation of 3 doctoral candidates (Martin Harris, Susan Johns and Shandell Elmer), our first Master in Health (E-health) graduate Marcin Gadzinski, and maintaining strong enrolments in both research and coursework graduate programs.

Partnerships was critical to much of the research work undertaken in 2010 as evidenced by work undertaken by staff around: healthy ageing, farmer and fisher health, the mobile skilled workforce, social norms, climate change, community health mapping and; migrant health and well-being. Three staff members have also either written or edited books published in 2010 (Erica Bell, Quynh Lê and Peg Levine).

Key tasks for the UDRH in 2011 will be to position itself to actively respond to changes to its funding agreement and the KPIs issued by the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA). Changes to KPIs have been welcomed by the Department and provide for a stronger emphasis on activities related to indigenous and mental health in rural areas. We also look forward to progressing an active and vibrant collaborative research agenda and to commence work on recently funded projects around: rural health science student transition (ALTC, $209,000), food security (Social Inclusion, DHHS, $180,000) and chronic disease management (Transitions Unit, DHHS, $30,000)
School of Pharmacy
A number of teaching initiatives were implemented in the School which included: the development of a communication stream through the Bachelor of Pharmacy; the development of a software program that runs as an adjunct to dispensing software and facilitates simulated teaching; expansion of the School’s clinical placement program to include a medication review placement in an aged care facility; implementation of a management module for final year students; and content development in second year of the degree that seeks to bridge a perceived divide between the enabling and pharmaceutical sciences and pharmacy practice.

The year culminated with a site visit from the Australian Pharmacy Council as part of the School’s external accreditation procedure. Although formal feedback and recommendations have not been received, verbal feedback provided at the conclusion of the visit was exceptionally positive.

In research, PROMISE3 concluded in May, 2010. These research projects investigated the documentation of clinical interventions in community pharmacies. Following PROMISE3, the Federal Government committed $97m to the electronic documentation of clinical interventions in community pharmacy. The profession and the Federal Government is currently in negotiation as to how the funding and associated programs will be rolled out.

Dr Stuart Ferguson is Chief Investigator on a successful NHMRC grant titled “Efficacy of education and advice delivered by text message to aid smoking cessation”. Stuart is collaborating with the Menzies Research Institute on the project that will be undertaken over a three-year period.

Rural Clinical School
The School said a fond farewell to Chief Executive Professor Judi Walker whose visionary guidance had seen the Rural Clinical School (RCS) grow from just four medical students and operating from a residential unit behind the NW Regional Hospital through to a state-of-the-art educational facility with 49 medical students in 2010. Associate Professor Peter Arvier and Dr Lizzi Shires took up positions as Acting Co-Directors, late in 2010.

The RCS has continued to produce excellent outcomes in 2010 with 18 RCS medical students passing their final exams and graduating at December ceremonies.

In late 2010, the RCS achieved accreditation to deliver Immediate Life Support (ILS) Training through the Australian Resuscitation Council (ARC). The plans for the new Centre for Rural Clinical Education at the Mersey Hospital were finalised, through collaboration with the Tasmanian Polytechnic, and will provide training opportunities for undergraduate and postgraduate medical and nursing students. The RCS was also successful in securing $30K for research into non-medical acute medical hospital admissions in a regional hospital from the Clifford Craig Medical Research Trust (led by conjoint Prof. Michael Buist).

Moving into 2011, a confirmed enrolment of 33 Year 4 and 24 Year 5 students (57 in total) reflects a trend in medical students ‘voting with their feet’ and actively choosing the North West for completing their education. All 24 Year 5 students are returning students and five RCS graduates will also be welcomed back as NW Area Health Service interns.
Faculty of Law Report

Faculty activities and representation
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Provost, Professor David Rich, visited the Faculty on Monday 29 November to discuss with staff current topics and issues, including Quality Management and the UTAS AUQA Audit, Voice Project Implementation and Strategic Directions for 2011-2013.

Professor Margaret Otlowski attended the Council of Australian Law Deans’ Meeting in Sydney on 22 November. Professor Otlowski and her husband attended the tribute dinner to farewell Daryl Le Grew at Meadowbank Estate on behalf of the Faculty.

Professor Don Chalmers and Dr Gail Lugten represented the Faculty at the Education Fair in Malaysia in January. Professor Chalmers also took the opportunity to visit KDU College and other academic institutes in Malaysia, and present a seminar at UKM, where he holds the position of Adjunct Professor.

Professor Kate Warner and Ms Terese Henning represented the Law Faculty at the opening of the Legal Year on 28 January.

Professor Reed Benson from the University of New Mexico visited the Faculty in early January to discuss our ongoing staff and student exchange programs.

The University Golf Day was enjoyed by the Law Faculty team, Lynden Griggs, Michael Stokes, John Liddicoat and Moira Mahony. Although the team didn’t quite get top points for playing, there was some success in that Lynden won a prize for “nearest the pin” on one of the holes, an ipad and a pair of binoculars and Moira won a “lucky door prize”, a lovely set of golf clubs. The Faculty extends thanks to the sponsors. Their generosity enables all participants to have a wonderful day. The competition is played in a very friendly manner and this year’s participants look forward to next year’s competition.

Staff, visitors, alumni and students
The Faculty joins with Peter Lawrence and Anja Hilkemeijer in mourning the loss of their dear daughter Emma.

The Faculty is delighted to report that one of our long serving staff members, Mr Rick Snell was successful in his application for promotion to Associate Professor in the 2010 round of promotions. Rick has won various accolades for his teaching over the years. Rick was recently notified that he was one of top nominees of the 2010 UniJobs Lecturer of the Year Award, placing him among the top ten Lecturers at University of Tasmania for 2010.

The Faculty extends warmest congratulations to our alumnus Lara Giddings on her appointment as Tasmania’s first female Premier.

Professor Kate Warner has been re-appointed to the Council of Law Reporting for Tasmania for a further 3 years by the Governor-in-Council, The Honourable Peter Underwood, AO. This continues a very long association that Kate has had with the Council of Law Reporting.

Professor Don Chalmers attended the International Cancer Genome Consortium annual meeting in November. Don is a member of the Data Access Committee for this 14 country Consortium that is
investigating specific cancers. In December, Professor Chalmers attended a special meeting of the Human Genome Organisation at the Brocher Foundation in Geneva to prepare a white paper, ‘Imagined Futures in Genomics’.

Dr Olivia Rundle has been working on a project on legal recognition of relationships in Tasmania beyond marriage, funded by a University Community Engagement grant. Over a period of two weeks in November and December 2010, three community forums were conducted, one each in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie. The Hobart forum was attended by forty three people, Launceston twenty and Burnie nine. At each forum Olivia and Rodney Croome spoke about the principles, structure and benefits of the Tasmanian Relationships Act. Questions were then taken from the audience. All forums attracted a diversity of attendees. At each forum there were attendees who identified themselves as opposite-sex partners, same-sex partners or companions. At least one forum included people who work with carers or transgender partners. The forums showed that there is a need for information about the Relationships Act, going beyond a simple outline of how the mechanics of how the law works. In particular there is need for information about Deeds of Relationship.

Professor Dianne Nicol’s book, *Australian Intellectual Property: Commentary, Law and Practice*, co-authored with Professor Kathy Bowrey and Dr Michael Handler from the University of New South Wales, has been published by Oxford University Press.

Dr Rohan Price, who has recently been appointed as honorary research fellow, has had four articles accepted for publication.

Professor Geraldine Mackenzie, Dean of Law at Bond and Pro Vice Chancellor of Research visited the Faculty on 19 to 21 January with Dr Caroline Spiranovic from the University of Western Australia. They were working on an ARC-funded project on Public Confidence and Sentencing. Dr Spiranovic is continuing with her work at the Law School, at least until the end of April.

104 students were awarded degrees in law at the law graduation ceremony on 14 November, including 20 international students. In addition to the ceremony itself, various functions were held. An afternoon tea was held at the University Club on to celebrate the graduation of Duncan Campbell, the 11th Kable scholar. The John Kable Memorial Scholarships are provided by the estate of the late John Kable QC, a noted Tasmanian barrister. On 13 November a function was held at Professor Otlowski’s house for international students and their families. A pre-graduation function was held at the University Club immediately prior to the graduation ceremony for students and their families. Duncan Kerr SC presented the graduation address, a copy of which is available on the Faculty website.

One of our 2010 graduates, Caitlin Dwyer, has been awarded the eighth annual Tim Hawkins Memorial Scholarship for 2011. This scholarship is provided in memory of Tim Hawkins, one of our brightest young law graduates who was tragically killed in the Bali bombing in 2002. Caitlin completed her law degree with first class honours this year and is a worthy recipient of the award. In addition to the scholarship, the award provides Caitlin with a six month research assistant position in the Prosecutor’s Office at the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague. The Selection Committee for the Scholarship is chaired by Sir Guy Green, former Governor of Tasmania. Other Committee members are Professor Tim McCormack, Adjunct Professor in the Law Faculty and Professor at Melbourne University, the Reverend Professor Michael Tate, Professor Dianne Nicol and Dr Gail Lugten from the Law Faculty and Mr Bill Ayliff, who represents the Tasmanian Law Society.
Sophie Rigney, who graduated from the Law Faculty in 2008 with first class honours and was the fifth recipient of the Hawkins scholarship remained in The Hague at the end of her Hawkins tenure. She currently holds the position of Case Manager and Legal Assistant for the Defence of Lahi Brahimaj, accused in the case The Prosecutor v. Ramush Haradinaj, Idriz Balaj and Lahi Brahimaj. She is also Legal Assistant on the Standby Defence Team for Radovan Karadzic.

Another alumnus of the Faculty, John Baulch SC, has been appointed a Judge of the District Court of Queensland. John graduated with a Bachelor of Laws in 1969.

The Tasmanian University Law Society (TULS) actively encouraged law students at the University to participate in a study by the University of Newcastle on legal problem solving. Our students were successful in achieving greatest participation (proportionally) in the survey and as a result TULS received a reward of $2,500.

**Summer teaching program**

The Law Faculty regularly has a full summer teaching program. This year is no exception, with four summer school elective units and the Jessup moot competition being on offer to our own students and students from other institutions. Two of this year’s summer school units are taught by law staff. Mr Lynden Griggs taught Sports Law in the first summer school session. Professors Dianne Nicol and Don Chalmers are teaching Biotechnology Law in the second session. We are also delighted that we have able to offer two criminal law subjects by world-renowned experts in the field. Professor Tim McCormack is adjunct Professor in the Faculty, Professor of Law at Melbourne University and Special Advisor on International Humanitarian Law to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in The Hague. Tim taught International Criminal Law in the first summer school session. Professor Albin Eser is Professor Emeritus of Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Comparative Criminal Law at the Law Faculty of the University of Freiburg and Director Emeritus at the Max-Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law. Professor Eser is teaching Comparative and Transnational Criminal Law in the second summer school session.

The Jessup mooting competition is the world's largest moot court competition, with participants from over 500 law schools in more than 80 countries. The competition is a simulation of a fictional dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice. Each year, five students from the Faculty give up their entire summer to prepare written memorials and oral arguments for the Australian competition. This year’s group, Bridget Dunne, Simon McKenzie, Jesse Murphy, Daniel Teoh and Emily Woodgate will be heading to Canberra to present their oral arguments in the High Court in February. This year they have been ably assisted by their coach Ms Anja Hilkemeijer and advisor Mr Lionel Nicholls, our fourth Hawkins scholar and current Rhodes Scholar. Lionel was able to return from Oxford to spend three weeks with the team in December. The Faculty is most grateful to the Governor of Tasmania, the Honourable Peter Underwood, for providing the students with advocacy training and acting as judge for a number of their practice moots. We would also like to thank other members of the profession who volunteered their time, including Mr Duncan Kerr SC and Mr Tim Bugg.

This summer the Faculty also welcomed Assistant Professor Stephen Arnott and his class from Hamline University in St Paul, Minnesota in the US. Hamline University offers its students the opportunity to study overseas and this year Stephen organised for eighteen students to study in course on comparative constitutional law and policy in the Law Faculty. Rick Snell and Michael Stokes gave guest lectures.

*Professor Dianne Nicol, Acting Dean and Head of School, Law, 28 January 2010*
Faculty of Science, Engineering & Technology

School of Chemistry

**Staff** – Julie Wills (Office Manager) returned in January after a 10 month secondment as a Student Adviser in Transition Support with the Support & Equity Unit. Jennifer Nield (Acting Office Manager in Julie’s absence) commenced a new appointment in the School of Accounting & Government.

Marcus Guijt (Administration Officer) left in December to commence an appointment in the School of Pharmacy.

**Graduations** – Congratulations Ruth Amos, Sam Karpiniec and Elijah Marshall who graduated with a research higher degree during the December graduations. Visiting PhD student Reetaleena Rissanen, who is collaborating with Karen Stack and the Pulp and Paper Group, will visit from 5 Nov 2010 to 2 Feb 2011.

**New students** – Petr Smejkal commenced his PhD project on capillary electrophoresis of bioanalytes, supervised by Dr Mirek Macka.

**Awards, Grants & Promotions** – Congratulations to the following staff on their recent successes:
- **Prof Allan Canty** – UTAS Conference Support Scheme – Pacifichem Conference – USA.
- **Prof Mirek Macka** - UTAS Conference Support Scheme - International Nutrition and Diagnostics Conference and Euroanalysis - Czech Republic and Serbia.
- **Assoc Prof Michael Breadmore** – 2010 Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Research Excellence.
- **Mr Murray Frith** – 2010 Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Exceptional Performance by Professional Staff.
- **Staff Promotions** – Michael Breadmore, Greg Dicinoski Joselito Quirino to Associate Professor; Emily Hilder to Professor.

**Conferences** – The School organised and will host the 6th Organometallic Conference on 17-20 January 2011 with 130 registered participants. Pacifichem, Hawaii, USA (15-20 Dec 2010) was attended by Allan Canty, Michael Breadmore, Greg Dicinoski, Michael Gardiner, David McGuinness, Mirek Macka, Robert Shellie, and Brian Yates.

School of Psychology

**Awards, Grants & Projects**
- **Dr Jennifer Scott** successfully planned and executed the launch of an innovative world first program to support lay carers of people with dementia. The Carer’s Care Project was opened by the Federal Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, the Hon Mark Butler, in September. Funded by the Tasmanian Home and Community Care Program (HACC), a jointly funded State and Federal Government program, Carers’ Care involves collaboration between the Faculty of Science Engineering and Technology, Menzies’s Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre and Tasmanian branches of Alzheimer’s Australia, Carers Australia, Community Based Support South Inc, Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre. The program teaches skills
and strategies to help carers manage challenging situations. It includes a DVD that features real carers who share their experiences, and the skills they have learnt that help them manage the day-to-day reality of caring for someone with dementia. A state-wide evaluation of Carers’ Care is underway with the aim of a national trial in the future.

- **Dr Mathew Summers** and **Prof Jeff Summers** have been successful with a very significant NHMRC Grant with Prof Vickers and others in the Wicking Institute, for an extension over 5 years for the Healthy Brain Project, receiving over $1 million dollars in funding support. This is a collaborative project between Wicking Dementia Research & Education Centre (WDREC) – Menzies Research Institute, School of Psychology (UTAS), School of Psychiatry (UNSW), and INSERM (France).

- **Dr Nenagh Kemp** has won, and is currently working on, a Nuffield Foundation Grant with colleagues from Coventry University to examine the impact of texting and SMS messaging on the development of grammatical and spelling skills in children and adolescents. This is a very significant grant and a new international link for the School and UTAS.

- **Assoc Prof Frances Martin** received an Australian Learning & Teaching Council (ATLC) Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning, 2010, for sustained enthusiasm, commitment and passion to student-centred learning of scientific methodology which has inspired students to be excited and passionate about research.

**Staff Achievements**

- **Prof Douglas Paton** has been successful on a number of fronts. He presented the keynote address at the 2010 International Symposium on Disaster Medicine, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, in August on *Psychological Rehabilitation Planning for Disaster Survivors*. He was also appointed Editor in Chief for the journal *Disaster Prevention and Management* and invited to join the International Council for Science’s Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) Committee. In this role he will be working with colleagues from China, Europe and the US to develop international risk communication and risk management policy and practice for natural disasters

- **Dr Kimberley Norris** won the APS Clinical College Student prize for the best Clinical Psychology student completing in 2009. Dr Norris has also given radio interview on the impacts of the mining disaster in NZ in terms of how it effects the miners, as well as their families

- **Dr Nenagh Kemp** has been elected to the Board of the Society for the Scientific Study of Reading and also has been invited and has accepted a role as an Associate Editor for the journal *Scientific Study of Reading*.

**Tasmanian Aquaculture and Fisheries Institute (TAFI)**

**Redmap awarded an extended Tasmanian Community Fund for 2011**

Due to the success of Redmap in 2010, the Tasmanian Aquaculture and Fisheries Institute (TAFI) has been awarded a grant of $70,477 from the Tasmanian Community Fund to extend the project. This grant will allow Redmap to incorporate a wider range of fisher observations into Redmap, helping to develop and extend the Redmap database and website capabilities to collect and store information about benthic marine invertebrates, mega fauna (e.g. turtles and sharks) and other
species. Redmap will soon distribute a free waterproof information ID guide about species that may be extending or changing their current habitat ranges.

**Successful Bid for IMOS Equipment**
Dr Jayson Semmens led a successful bid under the IMOS Australian Animal Tagging and Monitoring System. The grant of approximately $300,000 is to purchase equipment for the tracking of marine animals utilising the latest acoustic tracking technology.

**UTAS Vice Chancellor’s Award for Outstanding Community Engagement**
Dr Rick Stuart-Smith (MRL) was recently awarded the Vice Chancellor’s Award for Outstanding Community Engagement in the category of Creative Partnerships with the Community for “outstanding commitment and dedication to marine research and conservation through the initiation and development of the Reef Life Survey program.”

**TAFI Promotions**
Dr Kerrie Swadling – Promoted from Academic Level B to Academic Level C.
Dr Sean Tracey - Promoted from Academic Level A to Academic Level B.
Dr Jayson Semmens – Promoted from Academic Level B to Academic Level C.