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WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY by Head of School, Professor Allan Canty

Staff in Hobart and Launceston joined on 1 January 2001 to form a new School of Chemistry. As for staff on both campuses prior to this development, the School has a strong commitment to excellence in teaching and research, has innovative teaching programs and has a vigorous and modern research program covering major areas of chemistry.

In addition to teaching Chemistry in the Bachelor of Science degree, chemistry is taught to students enrolled in degrees in the Bachelor of Applied Science during the teach-out of this degree, Agriculture, Aquaculture, Biomedical Science, Engineering, Health Science, Human Movement, Medicine, Pharmacy and students at the Australian Maritime College. The School is active in a wide range of research programs in both fundamental and applied chemistry. The fundamental chemistry programs relate directly to applied programs and underpin their success.



The School has made a series of important new appointments in recent months. These include Drs Michael Gardiner and Jason Smith as Lecturers, Dr Vicki Tolhurst as an Associate Lecturer (25%) and ARC Postdoctoral Fellow, Dr Mirek Macka as an ARC Australian Research Fellow and Miss Ann Parkin as School Secretary in Hobart.

Operation of the cross-campus school, with a separation of approximately 105km between campuses, has been a challenge for staff. Monthly staff meetings have been held by video conference, but the inter-semester break provided an opportunity for staff from both campuses to meet face-to-face at the Man 'O' Ross hotel for an all-day strategic planning and staff meeting on 19 June.

Some of the 19 attendees are shown at left.

Seated from left: Martin Hitchman, Greg Dicoski, John O'Reilly, Brian Yates, Allan Canty, Don McWilliam, Barry O'Grady, Marshall Hughes, Di Crow. *Standing:* Rudi Thomas, Andrew Seen, Peter Traill

VISITING LECTURESHIP SCHEME IN 2001

Four visitors funded by Tasmanian industries and CSIRO Molecular Science are visiting the School during 2001. The visitors interact with research groups, industries and other organisations in Tasmania, and contribute to the teaching program:

- **Eckart** Visiting Lecturer: Professor Sam Adeloju from the University of Western Sydney
- **Pasminco Hobart** Visiting Lecturer: Professor Ian Ritchie from Murdoch University, to visit later in 2001.
- **Woolmers** Visiting Lecturer: Dr Noni Johnson, CSIRO Molecular Science
- **Tasmanian Alkaloids** Visiting Lecturer: Dr Malcolm McLeod, University of Sydney, to visit later in 2001.

NEW INITIATIVES BY TASMANIAN ALKALOIDS

In a remarkable demonstration of support for the new cross-campus School, our friends at Tasmanian Alkaloids have initiated several new avenues of support in addition to the Visiting Lectureship.

- 2 Tasmania Scholarships for students majoring in Chemistry
- 2 Honours Scholarships for students to enrol in Honours in Launceston
- Stipends for undergraduate students to undertake vacation research at the Launceston campus
- Paid work experience for students at Tasmanian Alkaloids.

CONGRATULATIONS

Award of Member of the Order of Australia (AM) to:

- Professor Frank Larkins, former Head of School
- Professor Richard Russell, former student and DSc graduate
- Professor Lloyd Smythe, former staff member

Professor Allan Canty who has been elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science (FAA).

Professor Paul Haddad who has been elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (FTSE), awarded the Federation of Asian Chemical Societies Foundation Lectureship for 2001, and the Royal Society of Chemistry's Australasian Lectureship for 2001.

Dr Brian Yates who was awarded a Teaching Merit Certificate for 2000.

Recent Postgraduate Graduations

Michael Breadmore	Emily Hilder	Andrew Lee	David McGuinness
Jim Patel	Scott Stark	Narumol Vachirapatama	

2001 Honours Class

Clive Brettingham-Moore	HU	Rebecca Brotheridge	HU	Jarrold Coad	HU
Joe Hutchinson	HF	Tim Jordan	HF	Stephen Rowlings	HU
Shane Seabrook	HU	Daniel Southam	HU	Lauren Wise	HU

Chemistry Prizes for 2000

RACI Prize (1 st Year)	Anita Madaen & Shaun Breaden
JN Baxter Memorial Prize (1 st Year)	Sarah Jones
JN Baxter Memorial Prize (2 nd Year)	Lee Martin
EJ Browne Memorial Prize (3 rd Year)	Erland Lunstedt
RACI Prize and Medal (3 rd Year)	Bronwyn Larner
EJ Browne Memorial Prize (4 th Year)	Joe Hutchinson
Harry Bloom Memorial Prize (4 th Year)	Joe Hutchinson
University Medal	Tim Jordan

COLLEGE AFFILIATIONS (TASMANIAN)

of School students or former students mentioned in this edition of ChemNews Selects:

Shaun Breaden	Hellyer College	Daniel Southam	Launceston College
Michael Breadmore	Launceston College	Lauren Wise	Don College
Clive Brettingham-Moore	Elizabeth College	Brian Yates	St Virgils College
Rebecca Brotheridge	Don College	Philip Zakaria	Friends' School
Andrew Grosse	Rosny College	Jeff Mason	Hobart College
Emily Hilder	Mt Carmel College	David McGuinness	Hobart College
Martin Hitchman	Hobart College	John O'Reilly	Claremont College
Joe Hutchinson	Guildford Young College	Jim Patel	Rosny College
Owen Johnston	Hobart College	Stephen Rowlings	Launceston College
Sarah Jones	Hobart College	Richard Russell	Friends' School
Tim Jordan	Launceston College	Shane Seabrook	Hobart College
Bronwyn Larner	Launceston College	Andrew Seen	Don College
Andrew Lee	St Patricks College	Daniel Southam	Launceston College
Bjorn Lunstedt	Newstead College	Lauren Wise	Don College
Anita Madden	Marist Regional College Burnie	Brian Yates	St Virgils College
Andrew Seen	Don College	Philip Zakaria	Friends' School

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