

## Welcomes

Welcome to **Honours students** commencing in Launceston: **Jason Barnett** and **Deb Hunter** (also with Geography). Both are picture below with the Governor after receiving the Governor's Environmental Scholarships, of which only 2 are awarded. Dr Trevor Lewis said he was "extremely pleased" as both Jason and Deb will be working under his supervision in the School.



## Grants & Awards

Congratulations to **Don McWilliam**, **Jason Smith** and **Emily Hilder** who all won Teaching Merit Certificates for 2007.

**Dr Emily Hilder** has been invited by the Tasmanian Government to join the Tasmanian Biotechnology Network. This is an advisory group (3 reps from UTAS - Anthony Koutoulis, Simon Foote, and Emily, as well as 7-8 from industry) charged with implementing DED's Tasmanian Biotechnology Strategy and to look for opportunities for Tasmania in biotechnology.

Meanwhile, **Dr Andrew Seen** has been invited to join the Scientific and Technical Committee of the Tamar Estuary & Esk Rivers (TEER) Program.

## Field Trip for Natural Products & Bioprospecting

The KRA331 (Natural Products and Bioprospecting) students participated in a field trip on 2 March. As usual the weather was kind to us and we enjoyed a sunny and calm day. The convoy of a bus and two support vehicles left the School of Chemistry at 9am. First stop was near Shelley Beach, Orford where we rendezvoused with two divers from Zoology who collected marine material while the students sought out lichens from nearby rocks with the help of Jason Smith. Christian Narkowicz then guided the students with sorting and cataloguing the marine samples of sponges, ascidians, bryozoans and seaweeds. We then progressed to the Wielangta Reserve for lunch and to collect more lichens and other plant material for essential oil extraction. Everyone returned safely by late afternoon.



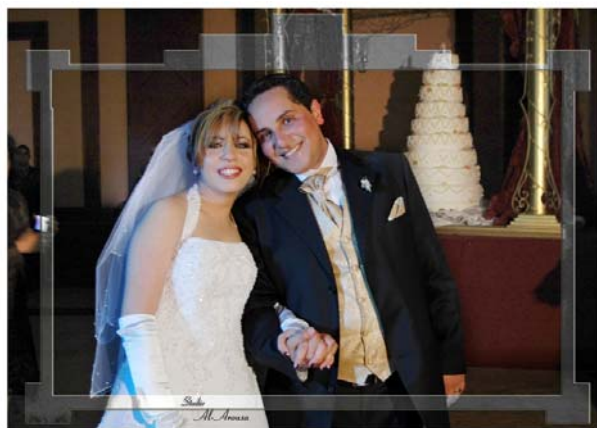
The students will spend the next few weeks working on the collected material with the aim of discovering bioactive compounds (bioprospecting). Adrian Blackman, Coordinator.

## Weddings



*Anung & Angi Riapanitra*

Congratulations to **Anung Riapanitra**, who married **Agni Lili Ariyanti** in a traditional ceremony in Jakarta, Indonesia on 23 March. As you can see, they wore the beautiful traditional Javanese costumes.



Congratulations also to **Mohamed Dawod**, who married **Reham** on 11 January in Cairo, Egypt. 300 people attended the wedding and the 10-tiered wedding cake you can see in the background was not enough to feed them!!!

## Seminars

### Wednesday 30 April—Honours Introductory

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##### *Tim Causon*

"High temperature liquid chromatography with subcritical water mobile phase"

##### *Nathan Tivendale*

"Determination of the tryptophan-dependant biosynthetic pathway of indole-3-acetic acid in pea seeds"

### Wednesday 7 May

#### *Dr Joseph Bevitt, University of New South Wales*

"Light Matters – Accessing and Applying the Australian Synchrotron to Innovative Research"

### Wednesday 14 May

#### *Dr Michael Breadmore, University of Tasmania*

"Seeing while CE-ing: A journey to enhanced sensitivity in electrophoresis"

### Wednesday 21 May—PhD Introductory Seminars

#### *Hon Wei Boon (Jason)*

"Miniaturisation of the bioanalytical process"

#### *Naama Karu*

"High Performance Ion Exchange Chromatography for separation of organic ions"