



**UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA FOUNDATION  
UPDATE REPORT ON TASSIE DEVIL APPEAL  
JULY 2006**

**FUNDRAISING**

- The enthusiastic response from schools around Australia in joining the schools Fundraising Program that was launched in early 2005 has raised more than \$8 500 for the Tassie Devil Appeal.
- The following schools, as a result of their fundraising efforts, have been awarded the right to adopt and name a young Tasmanian devil at one of the five participating wildlife parks around the state:
  - Bicheno Primary School (with East Coast Natureworld)
  - Boat Harbour Primary School (with Wings Farm Park)
  - Cambridge Primary School (with Zoo Doo Wildlife Park)
  - East Launceston Primary School (with Launceston Lakes Park)
  - East Ulverstone Primary School (with Wings Farm Park)
  - The Friend's School (with Something Wild)
- The Save the Tassie Devil bumper sticker drive has raised over \$5000
- The Telstra Country Wide Golf Day recently raised \$10 000
- **Communities and businesses have raised over \$100 000 in total for the Tassie Devil Appeal**

**RESEARCH ALLOCATIONS**

- The Tasmania Wildlife Research Advisory Committee (TWRAC) allocates funds raised through the Tassie Devil Appeal.
- Dr Eric Guiler Scholarships and Grants are named in honour of this eminent researcher into Tasmanian Fauna (including the Tassie devil) and are open to Zoology candidates and also other areas of research such as Pathology, Physiology and Anatomy, Biochemistry and Geography and Environmental Studies dealing with aspects of the DFTD. More details are available at [www.utas.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.utas.edu.au/scholarships). **The next round of applications for the Dr Eric Guiler Honours Scholarships and Research Grants in Tasmanian Devil Disease close on Monday 31 October 2006.**

The following research grants have been awarded in 2006

- Dr Menna Jones received a Dr Eric Guiler Research Grant for “investigating causal factors underlying changes in genetic diversity of Tasmanian devils with DFTD associated population decline”.
- Alexandre Kreiss received a Dr Eric Guiler Research Grant for study “into the vivo and vitro immune responses of the Tasmanian devil”.
- Sarah Bouma and Candice Clark were both awarded Dr Eric Guiler Honours Scholarships.