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University enters into new partnership with the City of Hobart

A new Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Tasmania and the City of Hobart will help create a vibrant, dynamic community with education at its heart.

The partnership comes at a time when two major developments – the Melville Street student accommodation and the creative industries and performing arts development – are bringing the University and the City ever closer together.

The MoU was signed today by University Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen and Hobart Lord Mayor Sue Hickey.

Professor Rathjen said the new MoU built on the already strong relationship between the University and the City of Hobart.

“The great cities of the world are University cities and that is what, together with the Council, the State Government and the community, we have created here in Hobart,” he said.

“We want to build on that, to see the University even further engaged with the economic, cultural and intellectual life of the city.”

The MoU establishes a framework for collaborative action in areas of common strategic interest from community partnerships, infrastructure development, connectivity, internships and student engagement and organisational support.

“The University – and education more broadly – is fundamental to the economic strength of Tasmania now and in the future,” Professor Rathjen said.

“We teach those who will take our communities forward, we attract new people to live amongst us and we carry out research that drives innovation and underpins new economic futures.

“But just as we are important for Hobart, so too is Hobart, and Tasmania more broadly, vital to the University. It is together that we attract students and academics and it is together that we support the sort of research that is happening in the Medical Science Precinct or the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies.

“It is together that we will ensure our University and our city continue to rank among the very best in the world.”