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Professor Peter Rathjen, Vice-Chancellor
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FROM THE CHAIR
Dr Ashley Townsend

This year’s 125th anniversary has provided the first major opportunity for us all to celebrate the University of Tasmania as one, incorporating all staff, alumni and friends from across the current and antecedent institutions. We have celebrated together across all our campuses (Hobart, Launceston, Burnie, Sydney and China) and have reunited at venues across the globe (Singapore, Malaysia, Sydney and China) and have institutions. We have celebrated the current and antecedent alumni and friends from across the University of Tasmania as has provided the first major year-long celebrations, I have had about 100,000 and, during our year-long celebrations, I have had the great privilege of being able to meet many of you. Our young alumni, interconnected through the digital worlds of Facebook and Twitter, represent where the future of our global community lies. We can rest easier knowing the world will be a better place in the hands of these amazing young people.

Our mid-career working alumni have reconnected in grand numbers at our events during the year and it was exciting to hear where strong educational foundations forged at the University of Tasmania have helped shape outstanding careers. Older alumni, representative of the deep heritage and longevity of the institution, were also out in force at our celebrations. The stories and tales of achievements shared by them remind us we stand on the shoulders of giants.

Overall, one word sums up 2015 for me, and that is pride. Everywhere I have been, our events have been filled with friends, stories and nostalgia, as well as energy and optimism for the future. The affection and pride from our alumni for the University has been ever apparent. Thank you for embracing our anniversary celebrations and taking the time to reconnect with the University. It has been a real privilege and honour to serve as Chair of Alumni in the University of Tasmania’s 125th anniversary year.

With very best wishes,
Dr Ashley Townsend
Chair,
University of Tasmania Alumni Committee

I came to this island relatively recently, four years ago, and have been intrigued to observe that the extraordinary nature of this university is far better understood by those who come from outside than by those who are of Tasmanian descent. That is, of course, only natural.

Every Tasmanian alive today has grown up with the knowledge we have a university here and understands, at least to some degree, why it exists and what it does. But when I go elsewhere around Australia, or around the world, I find people are very curious about this university and how it has evolved.

Established in 1890, we are quite old – one of only four universities in Australia founded before Federation: Sydney first, then Melbourne, then Adelaide, then the University of Tasmania. We, in fact, predate many very famous universities. The high regard in which the University is held locally, nationally and internationally, is part of a golden thread that has run through much of our efforts to celebrate our milestone 125th year.

I am proud to be the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania. Since our foundation we have embraced excellence and commitment to free inquiry in the creation, preservation, communication and application of knowledge and for scholarship. Today, we are recognised for the breadth and quality of our teaching and learning, our strengths in research and its application, the scope of our international engagement and an ambitious infrastructure program that is transforming Tasmanian CBDCs.

History tells a story in which a series of transitions have transformed the University of Tasmania into what we have today. The first of these transitions is our educational reach; in 1893, there were fewer than a dozen students. Today, our enrolments total more than 33,000.

The second transition can be seen in the geographical presence of the University. We began life on a single site, the former Hobart High School on the Domain. We now span the State, with well-equipped campuses in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie, and also in Sydney. In an increasingly global competitive environment we also teach in partnership with universities in Shanghai and Hangzhou.

Our research has provided strong platforms upon which key parts of the State economy have been built or continue to develop. This influence has been profound in the historic construction of the Hydro, the establishment of poppy industry, or driving future growth in agriculture and aquaculture. We are recognised nationally and internationally in distinctive themes as broad as the environment, Antarctic, maritime, astronomy, health, law, the arts, chemistry and earth sciences.

The celebrations this year are the first significant anniversary as a truly State-wide university. At the time of our 100th anniversary, the University was confined to Hobart. We are now able to service the whole of the State, as our name suggests we should.

We are a bridge to the world, a bridge between this island and the world of ideas, a bridge to the world of ethnicities and of cultures. We bring the world of ideas, a bridge to the world of ideas, a bridge to the world of ideas.

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arriving at this point, so too will we be influential in securing the best possible social, economic and cultural outcomes for this State into the future. That has been now articulated in a Memorandum of Understanding, which was signed on the opening weekend of Welcome Home Week between the Premier and the University. So where are we headed? This State has remarkable strengths, but its potential future is constrained by poor educational attainment and retention figures, especially in the regional areas. The number of lower-skilled and semi-skilled jobs which have historically been attractive to school-leavers have shrunk as those industries have scaled back. The industries which remain are, and have to be, innovative, which in turn demands a more skilled and better-equipped workforce.

Encouraging more Tasmanians into higher levels of education will be key to addressing both of these challenges and is a problem the University has decided to confront.

We took an early important step towards that goal this year with the announcement of the Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment, a partnership of the University, Government House and the Tasmanian Government. The Peter Underwood Centre has a broad mandate. It will carry out research. It will provide an evidence base so we can understand what’s working and what’s not, and it will put forward solutions that can be tested by academics. It will tackle the issues of teacher training and of student aspiration and culture. Why do students in Tasmania not aspire to education as part of their life? We want to put in place new degrees that are attractive to those Tasmanians who have not previously chosen to enter higher education, by aligning courses more closely with the world of the workplace.

We want the prospect of a job, or the prospect of a better job, to be a drawcard that can bring people to the University. We want to offer shorter, more affordable, vocationally-oriented degrees that will attract Tasmanians and also make sure they are articulated effectively with bachelor programs; so people who come to the University can decide themselves whether to enter the workforce or to move to the bachelors programs that will expand their education in the most meaningful sense.

The University has increasingly emerged as an economic driver in its own right. In fact, we’re one of the few elements in the State economy to contribute significant growth over the past few years.

The latest modelling shows we contribute about $1.7 billion a year to the Tasmanian economy, close to 4 per cent of State gross product. Some of this reflects increased productivity from a better-educated population, but much arises from the contribution our researchers make to existing industries in Tasmania: agriculture, aquaculture, tourism and the arts. And some of it relates to the creation of the new high-value industries Tasmania will need as it undertakes the economic transition required to bring prosperity to the State.

We have accordingly committed with the State Government to a strong and strengthening research performance, and specifically to retain our ranking among the top 10 Australian research universities. We see a future in which regional economies and communities are rebuilt around knowledge and learning by the University, the Government and the community working together.
These are not just high ideals. This idea of partnership is now enshrined in the north of the State, in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding between the University, the Government, Launceston City Council and TasTAFE.

Finally, we recognise that to achieve all of our ambitions we must have campuses that are visible to the Tasmanian community and attractive to students, staff and scholars. We see an opportunity to position Tasmanian cities as university cities, recognising that the great cities of the world so often have a student body at their heart.

This is evident in Hobart where we have invested in iconic world-class centres of excellence built around our research themes, beautiful sustainable buildings that are matched to staff and student needs – the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies building, which has forever changed the cityscape of Hobart’s waterfront; the Medical Science Precinct next to the Royal Hobart Hospital; the student accommodation building on the corner of Melville and Elizabeth streets; and the creative industries and performing arts development next to the Theatre Royal.

We see similar potential for new campuses in the north and the north-west. And it is our ambition to link the culture and economic activity that is the University with the culture and prosperity of the cities we wish to have on this island. For students, we wish to build a city-based ecosystem that enables them to balance education, social life and paid work.

Our University was born in a time of relative upheaval and out of a belief it was required to secure the future of what was then a relatively young colony. One does not have to look too deeply to see parallels to where we are today.

The enthusiastic reception for the series of public forums and lectures and the many other events during Welcome Home Week underscored a very successful experiment no other Australian university has had the ambition to undertake.

That response encourages me in the belief this university will play its part in underpinning the state of Tasmania for the next 125 years and beyond, and in turn be underpinned by the support of the Tasmanian community. The vision of our founders will continue to be realised. The field will remain open to talent.

This is an edited excerpt from the State of the University Address given by Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen on August 31.
If the University of Tasmania is a family, albeit a widely dispersed one, this was the grandaddy of all get-togethers, a year-long celebration of the University’s past, present and anticipated future. Certainly it was the biggest such event for Tasmania for 125 years – and is believed to be the first event of its kind in Australia.

The University is proud of its status as Australia’s fourth-oldest university but this anniversary was as much about forward-thinking as it was about reflection.

Thus it has been a year of receptions and tours, of forums and lectures, of morning teas and dinners, of cocktail parties and concerts, of exhibitions and displays, of rugby and rowing, of royal patronage (courtesy of alumna Crown Princess Mary) and government support, and of Test Cricket signage and Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race exposure (in the form of branded competitor Cougar II).

On dry land the celebrations officially kicked off with a cocktail reception at the new Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies waterfront building in early January.

Then the festivities started to build like a concerto, with the first, in Launceston, of three state-wide Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra concerts and the first, in Singapore, of 18 alumni receptions across Tasmania, the mainland and abroad.

The 125 Stories project, in which anyone with a current or historical connection to the University was invited to put pen to pixel, was launched in Launceston, during a Civic Reception hosted by the Lord Mayor, Albert van Zetten, and in Hobart by the Governor, Her Excellency Professor the Honorable Kate Warner AM, at the University Club, just up the road from her beloved Tasmanian Law Reform Institute.

Forums in a number of guises, with various partner organisations (the Mercury and The Advocate newspapers and the Burnie City Council among them) followed, exploring a variety of topics of vital interest to the Tasmanian community – education, agriculture, culture and the arts, health and tourism.

SYDNEY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2014

The 125th Anniversary festivities began early, at 5pm on Boxing Day, when a cannon blast signalled the start of the annual Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, and the University-sponsored Cougar II started the challenging journey south, easily identifiable among the jostling vessels by its black carbon-fibre mainsail emblazoned with the red lion insignia.

It wasn’t to be Cougar II’s year – the TP52 finished 13th – but alumni skipper Tony Lyall and his crew did succeed in getting the University’s year off to a flying start, watched by a national and international TV audience.

COPENHAGEN

Remarkably, this small island’s University has produced 109 Rhodes Scholars but we’re much more unusual in having a princess among our alumnae. The University was delighted when alumna Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark agreed to serve as patron of our 125th anniversary. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Rathjen, recalled in his State of the University Address visiting her in Copenhagen: “She kept asking me about my office. After about the fourth time I said, ‘Why are you asking about my office? I couldn’t understand this. And it turned out her mother, Henrietta, was the executive assistant to a former Vice-Chancellor (her father John being an Emeritus Professor of Mathematics). As I shook hands with her I looked out the bay windows of her palace and there on the lawn was a trampoline and two soccer goals and I thought, ‘Here is Australia right-bang in the middle of Copenhagen’.”
One of the major set pieces of the Anniversary year, the 125 Stories project is an illuminating exercise in crowdsourcing. Students, alumni, current and former staff and members of the community have been invited to share their stories about the University, which are then posted on a dedicated website to complement an historical timeline (utas.edu.au/125).

The project’s Southern launch, by the Governor, Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AM, was in the form of a cocktail reception at the University Club, Sandy Bay campus.

Photography – Karen Brown

Second home …

The Governor, Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AM, the University’s first female Law Professor and first Dean of the Faculty of Law, arrives at the southern launch of the 125 Stories project. Also pictured from left, her husband Richard Warner, Professor Jamie Kirkpatrick and former leader of the Australian Greens Senator Christine Milne.
MONSTER MEETS ITS MATCH
A traditional Balinese Ogoh-Ogoh monster (with the non-traditional name of Jessica), created by University of Tasmania students working with three visiting artists, goes up in smoke on the final night of Dark Mofo’s Winter Feast. Primary-school students also participated in the project, supported by the University’s Asia Institute Tasmania.
THE CHALLENGE OF EDUCATION

The project’s title was not intended to be ironic – a massive open-sided bamboo structure erected on the Salamanca lawns at the beginning of winter called The Hothouse. Rather it was conceived as a crucible of creativity, a generator of ideas on how to address one of the biggest challenges facing Tasmania – the need to boost educational outcomes. And as the 48 participants discovered over the three days, the chill in the air certainly helped concentrate the mind. Staged as part of the Dark Mofo festival, The Hothouse was a collaboration between MONA, the University of Tasmania and Clemenger Tasmania. It was designed by Sydney’s Cave Urban together with Master of Architecture students.

The Hothouse collaboration was one of several responses in its 125th year by the University to the vexing issue of low-retention rates in Tasmanian high schools and low participation rates in tertiary education.

As the State’s only university, this institution is uniquely placed as a change agent, working with the Tasmanian Government and other institutions to foster a love of learning among children that will carry them into adulthood.

Another ground-breaking initiative this anniversary year has been the establishment, in co-operation with Government House and the State Government, of the Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment, named after the late Governor, and the subsequent launch of the Children’s University, catering for seven to 14-year-olds.

The Children’s University operates under the mantle of the Peter Underwood Centre.

"The disappointing educational outcomes in Tasmania reflect a tangle of influences which include, among other things, a unique history and demography, the educational attainment of older generations, the economic circumstances of our communities, and geographical dispersion of our communities," Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen said at the time of the Peter Underwood Centre launch.

"We must have the courage to seek Tasmanian solutions that can improve our education, integrating learnings from overseas with the unique local context, harnessing the capabilities of researchers across disciplines, and grounding advice in evidence and research."

The elder statesman of higher education in Australia, Professor Kwong Lee Dow, doesn’t believe Tasmania needs an education revolution.

Professor Lee Dow, who joined the University of Tasmania Council last year, chaired a Commonwealth Review of Teaching and Teacher Education in 2002-03 and is Deputy Chair of the National Institute for Quality Teaching and School Leadership.

"All the evidence at the moment points to small, incremental changes rather than a revolution," he told ABC Northern Tasmania Drive listeners on the eve of The Future of Learning Opportunities in Northern Tasmania, the second forum of the 125th Anniversary Northern Forum series. "That’s a positive," he said. "From what we know around the world these changes relate to family circumstances and the culture of small communities. That is not something that changes quickly. You can pour lots of money in very fast but you won’t make those changes rapidly. That takes time and so a slower build, which is purposeful and substantial and continuing, is the way to go."

Professor Lee Dow was moderator of the forum, which included panelists Kym Goodes from the Tasmanian Council of Social Services; Lynn Wylie-Watson of Ravenswood Child and Family Centre; and the Tasmanian University Union’s Clark Cooley.

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The three panellists were later joined by Professor Rathjen, who pointed to the active debate across Tasmania about what education means and how it is that we might do it better.

“We have to get to the stage where every Tasmanian child, and also those mature-age people that haven’t been through the education system, see that the natural route that their life will follow is to get themselves educated to a reasonable level, that being a level that is appropriate to them,” he said.

Over the next six months there will be a detailed review from which you can expect to see significant changes to our curriculum that will aim to make higher education more attractive to many more Tasmanians,” Professor Rathjen concluded his remarks by throwing down a gauntlet.

“If we can maintain this conversation, perhaps enrich this conversation, and get it embedded into the mindset of those charged with carving out the system then perhaps we can do better than we are doing at the moment,” Professor Rathjen said. “Let’s not waste the impetus, let’s preserve the view of the neutral space as a place where ideas emerge but let’s link those ideas with effective outcomes.”

Making her mark

“It’s often said that to encourage is the most important role of the Governor,“ says Her Excellency, Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AM.

After 11 months in the role as Tasmania’s 28th Governor, Her Excellency has already made her mark in terms of giving a greater platform to social justice issues, family violence, sexual assault and sexual violence and gender equality – issues that aren’t the usual news fodder.

“Add her passion for law reform and education to her natural ability to encourage and inspire, and Her Excellency is set to become entrenched – if she isn’t already – as one of Tasmania’s greatest leaders.

“The leadership role of the position (of Governor) is somewhat daunting,” she says. “The sorts of things I’m interested in, of course, are a challenge: changing attitudes which lead to family violence, and improving the position of women. Even though we have so many women going to university, we still have the gender pay gap; these are important issues.

“I very much want to encourage women in whatever they do, but an education for a woman is so important because it’s the gateway to having the ability to live independently.”

Her Excellency is excited about her role as the Inaugural Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Peter Underwood Centre for Education Attainment at the University of Tasmania.

“It’s really interesting,” she says. “I’ve found that in this role you really learn a lot about education at a grassroots level. We’ve already visited a number of schools including district schools, trade training centres and early education programs such as Launch into Learning that I wasn’t really aware of.

“I’m in a position to find out what’s happening around the state and to feed that back into this new university centre.”

The widely-published criminologist and former head of the University of Tasmania Law School and Law Reform Institute continues to work at the University one day a week – a

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THE CLASS OF 2015

A graduation ceremony is always an occasion of great joy as people from all walks of life celebrate the culmination of years of hard work, dedication and learning. Three joyous ceremonies were held in Hobart on August 14, when 1223 graduated, while more than 480 received their degrees or diplomas at a ceremony in Launceston the following day. "Throughout this year, we have been honouring both the past and future of the University," noted Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen. "Graduations are the perfect occasion to acknowledge the effort, dedication and learning of our students."

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Megan Dykman
Bachelor of Applied Science (Marine Environment) with First-class Honours
Age: 22

There’s only a one-hour window in a day when Megan Dykman can safely dive to the bottom of the Tamar River near George Town. But the 22-year-old has been diving since she was a young child and the river is like an extension of her Launceston backyard — fun and familiar and full of secrets. For the past year, Megan has been studying the taxonomy of soft corals, in the Tamar for her Honours thesis, and her painstaking comparisons and tricky DNA analysis have resulted in the discovery of six new species of soft coral. IMAS Launceston senior lecturer Dr Jeffrey Wright said it was inspirational to see Megan complete her degree in Launceston and then make such a big impact with her Honours project. “She really has done some fantastic work on this project — combining challenging technical diving, electron microscopy and DNA sequence analysis,” he said.

Geoff Fox
Bachelor of Nursing
Age: 47

For Geoff Fox, going to university in 2011 was a frightening step. “I was leaving secure, full-time work to go into the unknown, hoping that it all worked out,” he said. Four years later, Geoff walked across the stage at the Launceston graduation ceremony in August. The gamble had paid off and, at 47, Geoff was a newly qualified nurse. “I had a young family and a range of jobs — but never a career — all focused on meeting the needs of my family,” he said. “I remember coming home one day and saying, ‘I don’t want to go back’.” Geoff’s wife, Sarah-Jane Fox, was already studying part-time at the University of Tasmania. She walked across the same stage in August, graduating with her Master of Teaching. Though it had been decades since he had last studied, Geoff took the plunge. “I learnt a lot about myself. It was psychologically very challenging,” he said. “You have to, in a way, cage your own demons and face up to what you’re capable of.”

Donnamay Brown
Master in Clinical Psychology
Age: 27

A real desire to make a difference in caring for the elderly led Donnamay Brown to the University of Tasmania. Initially taking up a position as a Research Assistant in the School of Medicine, Donnamay pursued her interests in aged-care enroling in a Master in Clinical Psychology. She worked with residents and staff in nursing homes across southern Tasmania for her thesis, Sleep and Agitation in Nursing-home Residents with and without Dementia. “I don’t see the PhD as hard work. I see it as more a natural progression of what I’ve been doing.”

Hamish Peacock
Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) with Honours
Age: 24

Balance is important in javelin throwing, particularly to a champion javelin-thrower such as Hamish Peacock. For Hamish, getting the balance right over the past six-and-a-half years has meant combining a rigorous training schedule and his participation in major international competitions such as the Commonwealth Games and the IAAF World Championships with his engineering studies. “It has been a supportive environment,” he says of his time at the University. “I have had a good bunch of mates and the lecturers really tried to help out when needed, though I was pretty independent.”

Ralph Middenway
PhD in Music Composition
Age: 82

At 82 years young, Dr Ralph Middenway has no plans to stop learning and working any time soon. In fact, he says he doesn’t know the meaning of the word “retire”. Dr Middenway was presented with his PhD in Music Composition in August after three years of study at the University’s Conservatorium of Music. “Dr Middenway has been passionate about music his entire life. “I write music to be performed, not for bits of paper. It’s to be enjoyed,” he said. “I don’t see the PhD as hard work, I see it as more a natural progression of what I’ve been doing.”
Conceived as a platform to re-engage with those who hold the University of Tasmania dear, 18 alumni receptions have been staged around the world this year, from Sydney to Shanghai, from Melbourne to New York. They’ve been, in the words of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Rathjen, “astonishingly well-attended”, bringing together – over cocktails and canapes – graduates from diverse backgrounds working in an extraordinary variety of fields.

‘Learning is forever. And as a university community – all of us supporting and helping – we pledge to always aspire to that highest ideal’

— Young Dawkins, Executive Director, Advancement
... what we are really celebrating this year are the people who make our university so singular and distinctive

— Young Dawkins, Executive Director, Advancement
Of our 57,000 alumni living in Australia, more than 5000 of them reside in New South Wales. The Honourable Warwick Smith AM (LLB 1979), a former Federal Government Minister who is now Senior Managing Director of the ANZ Bank, acted as alumni event host and MC for this reception at Sydney Customs House.

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Perth
27.05.2015

MC and co-host Damian Reardon (BE/ MBA 2011) grew up at Lymington, Tasmania (population less than 50) and during his time at university travelled to and from the family farm, a round trip of 126km each day. He is now employed by La Mancha Resources Australia in WA as a geotechnical engineer. Chair of the 125th Anniversary Committee, Dr David Rich did double duty at this Bells Function reception, acting as both University event host and the keynote speaker.

Kingsley Kiasu/PhotoCoffee

… develop a deep affection for the University, largely because it reshapes their lives in a profound way …
– University of Tasmania Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen
The University has now become pivotal to the future of Tasmania …

– Distinguished alumnus Dr Warwick Smith AM, former Federal Government minister

Canberra
18.10.2015

Former Chancellor Dr Damian Bugg AM, QC hosted this reception, which attracted 100 alumni, including Senator Lisa Singh and John Shaw, Senior Advisor to Senator Eric Abetz. Also in attendance: Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen and former Vice-Chancellor Emeritus Professor Alec Lazenby AO.

Singapore
11.03.2015

School of Law and Alumni Committee member Associate Professor Rick Snell was a convivial addition to the touring party for this reception at the Sheraton Towers. VIPs included Australia’s Trade Commissioner, Tracy Harris; her Australian Trade Commission colleague Sharifah Khairunnisa and DFAT’s Clele White. Host and MC was Richard Ngo.

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Shanghai
06.07.2015

The Le Royal Meridien reception’s guests included Graeme Meehan, Consul-General to Shanghai. Event host and MC Dr Jingjing Wang graduated from the University of Tasmania with a PhD in 2013 and is now an invaluable member of the Tasmanian School of Business and Economics teaching team based at Shanghai Ocean University. She calls both Hobart and Shanghai home, regularly returning to her "magical" Tasmania.

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Kuala Lumpur
12.03.2015

Leading Malaysian politicians Dr Tunku Abdul Aziz Ibrahim, a Senator, and Hannah Yeo, Speaker of Selangor State Legislative Assembly – both alumni – were among the VIP guests at this Le Royal Meridien reception. Event host and MC was Dr Tan Sri Dato Seri Effendi Norwawi, the Chairman of Bloomberg TV Malaysia. Dr Effendi holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) majoring in Development Administration from the University of Tasmania. He was also conferred an Honorary Law Degree in 2000 and was made Adjunct Professor (Faculty of Business) in 2008.

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Singapore
11.03.2015

School of Law and Alumni Committee member Associate Professor Rick Snell was a convivial addition to the touring party for this reception at the Sheraton Towers. VIPs included Australia’s Trade Commissioner, Tracy Harris, her Australian Trade Commission colleague Sharifah Khairunnisa and DFAT’s Clele White. Host and MC was Richard Ngo.

Photography – Fay Yeo Le Fei

Shanghai
06.07.2015

The Le Royal Meridien reception’s guests included Graeme Meehan, Consul-General to Shanghai. Event host and MC Dr Jingjing Wang graduated from the University of Tasmania with a PhD in 2013 and is now an invaluable member of the Tasmanian School of Business and Economics teaching team based at Shanghai Ocean University. She calls both Hobart and Shanghai home, regularly returning to her “magical” Tasmania.

Photography – Wei Tian Zhang/PEC China
A collection of ‘Vices’... The University's four living Vice-Chancellors came together at the start of Welcome Home Week to tour the partially restored Domain House: from left, Professor Don McNicol (1996-2002); Professor Peter Rathjen (2011-present day); Emeritus Professor Alec Lazenby AO (1982-1991) and Professor Daryl Le Grew (2003-2010). The empty chair represents the late Professor Alan Gilbert (1991-1995), who melded the University and the Tasmanian State Institute of Technology into the one institution.

WHERE THE HEART IS ....

From gala dinners to bush-tucker luncheons, from government receptions to college reunions, from highland games to rowing challenges, the first Welcome Home Week to be staged by an Australian university proved to be the crowning week of a year of 125th Anniversary celebrations.
More than 23,000 people visited the University during Welcome Home Week, many coming from far afield for the festivities, to reconnect with former classmates and lecturers, and to re-embrace the institution that turned them into citizens of the world.

Welcome Home Week overlapped with two highlights of the annual University calendar, Open Day and Research Week, ensuring a frenzy of sustained activity on all campuses.

The very first event of Welcome Home Week was fittingly an alumni reception, at the Rural Clinical School in Burnie on the evening of Friday, August 28. That cocktail party was a taster for the major medical blocks from the dinner at the Hobart Convention Centre, where the signing took place.

The five high-level objectives for the next decade outlined in the agreement include raising the number of Tasmanians in higher education by 10,000; growing the research and higher education sector in Tasmania by increasing the University’s turnover to at least $1 billion; increasing the flow of international students into the Tasmania community and doubling their contribution to the economy to $400 million within five years; aligning higher education with current and future workforce needs; and bringing capital investment worth more than $400 million into regional centres.

“The quality of the University’s relationship with the State of Tasmania itself is distinctive, as we are the only university on the island,” Professor Rathjen said. “It means the University can support its State in ways other Australian universities may not be able to do.”

On the same evening, at Hobart City Hall, just a few blocks from the dinner at the Hobart Convention Centre, bold plans designed to fundamentally shift the State of Tasmania on to a stronger footing were outlined in a historic partnership between the University and the Government.

“Our University was born of the determination of visionaries who prevailed in the face of years of fierce debate,” Professor Peter Rathjen said at the State Reception, where the signing took place.

“It is especially fitting today that we face our future with equal vision and determination, but united around the prospect of a better future for Tasmania.”

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The BBQ, protected by Professor Rick Smith’s market-stall marquee, was manned by Tasmania University Law Students Society volunteers – “brave souls, as this followed our Law Ball the night before,” a grateful Dean Professor Margaret Otlowski noted.

A series of eight speed research talks – periodically announced by Dr Peter Lawrence who took on the role of Town Crier – punctuated the festivities.

‘United around the prospect of a better future’
‘The 125th themes – our history, our distinguished alumni, our community’

University began amalgamation talks with the Tasmanian State Institute of Technology in Launceston and also celebrated its centenary. However his personal connection to the current Vice-Chancellor predates that. “I first met Peter more than 50 years ago, half a world away,” he told the gathering. “Peter was a baby then; his father Tony was doing a PhD with my boss at Cambridge.”

Emeritus Professor Lazenby was one of four surviving Vice-Chancellors who came together to tour Domain House (apart from Professor Rathjen, the other two were Professors Don McNicol and Daryl Le Grew). “I should make special mention of Professor Alan Gilbert, who in the early 1990s had the task of putting into practice the Act amalgamating the former University and the Tasmanian State Institute of Technology,” Professor Lazenby said. “In doing so helped to unify a historically divided state.”

In Launceston, the cake-cutting was undertaken by distinguished alumna Elizabeth Daly, who was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in 2008 for services to education in Tasmania, and in Burnie by University Council member Leanne Topfer.

Wind in our sails – Top, an open-class keelboat crew competing in the Chancellor’s Invitational Series, held on the Derwent River; Domain House, the University’s original home, illuminated for the week.

‘The 125th themes – our history, our distinguished alumni, our community’
Leading by example ... From left, Professor Maggie Walter, special guest June Sculthorpe from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre and alumnus Greg Lehman, foundation Head of the Riawunna Centre, now a Research Associate with the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at the Sandy Bay campus event.

Photography – Peter Mathews

Riawunna’s anniversary within an anniversary

Riawunna joined in the 125th celebrations, hosting a very special one of its own. This year marks the 30th anniversary of formal University engagement with Tasmanian Aboriginal needs and aspirations, with the Hobart and Launceston campuses holding commemorative lunches. In Hobart, Pro-Vice Chancellor Aboriginal Research and Leadership Professor Maggie Walter was joined by former and current staff and students including guest speaker June Sculthorpe from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre. Ms Sculthorpe was central to Riawunna’s formation when she was appointed as an Aboriginal Tutor Counsellor in 1985. Her appointment was the first Aboriginal higher education position at the University. Since its formation, Riawunna’s ongoing success is reflected in increasing Aboriginal enrolment numbers.

The centre has introduced a number of bursaries and scholarships and welcomed two Elder positions on each of the University’s campuses to provide cultural support and advice to Aboriginal staff and students. Furthermore, former Director Clair Andersen has been appointed an Aboriginal Higher Education Adviser. Professor Walter, who was a lecturer in the Aboriginal Studies Program at the Centre before moving to Sociology, became the first Pro-Vice Chancellor Aboriginal Research and Leadership at the University in 2014.

Music on the menu ... Alumna Maddie Andersen-Ward, aka singer-songwriter Madelen, performs at the Hobart lunch.

Photography – Karen Brown

‘Riawunna’s ongoing success is reflected in enrolment’

‘Medicine’s golden anniversary’

Fifty years of medicine at the University of Tasmania was celebrated with a symposium and a gala dinner.

“The school was established to meet workforce shortages across medicine,” he said in his after-dinner speech.

“This has been achieved with a large number of superb Tasmanian-trained graduates in every discipline. “Tasmania had long been dependent on the mainland and overseas for its supply of medical doctors. It has now long repaid that debt, educating a stream of high-quality physicians who practise elsewhere in Australia and internationally.”

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Three college reunions on three consecutive nights – there was barely a pause in the reminiscing, the storytelling, the laughter. As a Christ College guest attested, it was “a real touchstone event in our lives”.

Leading off was the Christ College reunion, which saw 50 alumni from the 1960s onwards come together with members of the current student cohort.

Guests included the silver-haired, silver voice of ABC radio past Keith MacKrell and wife Geraldine; Senior Fellow Dr Marc Duldig and a 1950s resident, Paul Fenton, whose residency predates the current college site. There was a real sense of reverence when guests visited The New Buttery, which houses class photos dating back to 1926 and honour boards.

Next up was John Fisher College, with 45 guests representing classes from 1963 until the present day. Current Student Club President Abbey Studley acted as host as the College welcomed Chancellor the Honourable Michael Field AC and his predecessor Dr Damian Bugg AM QC, both alumni from the 60s. The Jane Franklin reunion attracted 71 alumni spanning 52 years, including a table of 10 who had not all been together since 1977. Alice Boothman, her sister Shulanith Jacobs and Janet Kelly represented the earliest class (1963) while other notable guests included Jane Council Chair Professor Michael Stoddart, the Director of the Centre for Mental Health in the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, Professor Jane Pirkus, and astrologist and writer Jessica Adams.

Photography – Karen Brown

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John Fisher reunion: Clockwise from far left, Dr Peter Birks, Jan and Chancellor the Honourable Michael Field AC, Tom Burke; Justin Ong, Abbey Studley and Ryan Ling; John Carmwell, Dr Andrew McMahon, Gerry Phillips and Adjunct Associate Professor Peter Larracuente, Jo Lee, Dr Louise Owen, Susan Winter and Helene O’Byrne.

Jane Franklin reunion ... Clockwise from top, Mark Ferguson and Valerie Timmouth; Anna Talbot at the piano; Dan Aitken, Luke Edmunds and Alex Johnston; Margot Smith, Christina Anderson, Heather Richardson, Penny Nicholls, Penny Elgine, Belinda Webster, Helen Richardson and Valerie Timmouth.
Welcome Home Week ended on a high note with a concert by the Southern Gospel Choir in St David's Cathedral, Hobart.

Unique in Australia, the SGC toured the US late last year, playing to audiences of up to 60,000 in Dallas, Texas; Tuskegee, Alabama; and Los Angeles. The SGC, founded by Conservatorium of Music Director Associate Professor Andrew Legg in 2000, has grown from 40 singers and musicians to about 140. All are enrolled in ensemble units at the Conservatorium, as part of the University’s commitment to applied research.

“They’re studying gospel music as they’re singing it,” Associate Professor Legg says. “It’s not just by doing, it’s by story, by connection, by listening... It’s a whole process where they learn how to sing this music in what has become an African-American Tasmanian authentic style.

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“There’s a beauty in the marriage of those two things and that’s what the gospel choir sits right in the heart of, as I believe does the University as a whole.”

Photography – Peter Mathew

Vice-Chancellor’s Challenge events

It was North vs South as the Northern Varsity Rowing Club took on the Tasmanian University Boat Club – up for grabs were ultimate bragging rights for the first time in a decade.

Held over 5km on the Tamar and North Esk rivers, the men and women’s eights competed for the Vice-Chancellor’s Cup and Vice-Chancellor’s Plate respectively. The Vice-Chancellor’s Cup was claimed by the heavier southern crew, which led from start to finish, in a time of 18 minutes four seconds, their northern rivals finishing a minute behind them. However the Vice-Chancellor’s Plate was to stay in the north.

The TU women started well but Northern Varsity pegged them back to cross the line first, in a time of 21 minutes. A crowd of more than 300 attended the event. Racing began on the River Tamar next to the Australian Maritime College, with the finishing line at St Patrick’s College Rowing Sheds at Seaport.

Photography – Bruce Moyle/ Joffre Street Productions

‘Up for grabs – bragging rights for the first time in a decade’
Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen likes to portray the University of Tasmania as a bridge between the Island of Tasmania and the world, allowing Tasmanians to engage with the world and the world to engage with Tasmania. With more than 100,000 alumni in 104 countries, the University certainly does not lack global ambassadors, and exchange agreements with 124 international partners mean we also do not lack the capacity for significant inward and outward student exchanges.

Members of a Native American delegation visit Bruny Island in late July, the first initiative in an indigenous cultural and education exchange program.
An enduring partnership – Graduates and staff pose with the Vice-Chancellor and Chancellor at the Hangzhou ceremony in July.

More than 3,600 international students each year study in Tasmania at this University. They enrich the cultural, social and economic wellbeing of the State, either staying to build their future here – contributing to the State’s long-term population growth – or return home, taking a taste of Tasmania back to their communities.

In the latest Academic Ranking of World Universities compiled by the Centre for World-Class Universities at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, the University of Tasmania ranked 305 among the top 1,200 universities, up three places, continuing a recent trend of steady rises. It not only produces global citizens but is a global citizen in its own right.

International partnerships allow us to facilitate research of global significance and teach in Shanghai and Hangzhou. In early July, more than 400 students graduated in two ceremonies – at Zhejiang University of Technology and Shanghai Ocean University – in the 10th year of this partnership. In November, during the visit to Tasmania by the Chinese President, Xi Jinping, a co-operating agreement was signed between the University and Yunnan Normal University to establish a China-Australia cross-cultural research centre. More Chinese VIPs arrived in May this year, with a delegation from Shanghai Jiao Tong University (NAU), the first initiative in an indigenous cultural and education exchange program established late last year. NAU is based in the high-altitude town of Flagstaff, where about 12 percent of the population are Native American.

A highlight for the visitors was catching a ferry to Bruny Island where they were hosted by Aboriginal elder Rodney Dillon at the iconic sheep station Murrayfield, operated by the island’s weetapoona Aboriginal Corporation. Students visited sites of Aboriginal cultural significance on the farm, including a rock-tool quarry, before enjoying a lunch of abalone cooked over an open fire.

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Or to put it another way: “It is a whole new way of doing Aboriginal business” at the University of Tasmania. The University has provided a support service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students for many years via the Riawunna Centre, which will continue to play this crucial role.

“Through such initiatives, we foster a heightened understanding of Asia, our place within the region and relationship with it,” Professor Calford said.

One new student exchange program aims to become a bridge between indigenous worlds. In late July, the University welcomed a Native American delegation from Northern Arizona University (NAU), the first initiative in an indigenous cultural and education exchange program established late last year. NAU is based in the high-altitude town of Flagstaff, where about 12 percent of the population are Native American. A highlight for the visitors was catching a ferry to Bruny Island where they were hosted by Aboriginal elder Rodney Dillon at the iconic sheep station Murrayfield, operated by the island’s weetapoona Aboriginal Corporation. Students visited sites of Aboriginal cultural significance on the farm, including a rock-tool quarry, before enjoying a lunch of abalone cooked over an open fire.

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An enduring partnership – Graduates and staff pose with the Vice-Chancellor and Chancellor at the Hangzhou ceremony in July.
Further exchange programs are proposed by the University of Tasmania with the following indigenous cultures:

Saami: Traditionally known in English as Lapps or Laplanders, they are the northernmost indigenous people of Europe. Saami ancestral lands span an area in the Nordic countries which is about the size of Norway. Their best-known means of livelihood is semi-nomadic reindeer herding.

First Nations: The various Aboriginal peoples in Canada who are neither Inuit nor Métis. There are more than 630 recognised First Nations governments or bands spread across Canada, roughly half of which are in the provinces of Ontario and British Columbia.

Native Hawaiians: Tracing their ancestry back to the original Polynesian settlers of Hawaii, who may have arrived in the 3rd century from the Marquesas Islands, two-thirds of Native Hawaiians live in that state, with the remaining one-third in California, Nevada and Washington.

Māori: The Māori originated with settlers from eastern Polynesia, who arrived in New Zealand in several waves of canoe voyages some time between 1250 and 1300. Horticulture flourished using plants they introduced, and later a prominent warrior culture emerged.

‘A major step forward in building international networks’

By creating the role of Pro Vice-Chancellor (Aboriginal Research and Leadership), the University has demonstrated that it is serious about Aboriginal engagement,” Professor Water said.

“A Pro Vice-Chancellor role is an important one at any university and I never anticipated that I would ever find myself in such a role.

“The University of Tasmania is one of only seven or so universities in Australia to have an Aboriginal appointment at this level of seniority. It allows me to work with the decision-makers inside and outside the University and play a part in enacting real change quite quickly.”

Indigenous exchange... Aboriginal elder Rodney Dillon hosts a Native American delegation at the Bruny island sheep station Murrayfield. In January next year five high-achieving Aboriginal students and two University Aboriginal staff will visit Northern Arizona University.

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First choice … An exchange program with Canada’s First Nations is among future proposals.

Indigenous hands across sea

Celebration of Culture

047 — Alumni
Aunty Phyllis Pitchford looks back with great fondness and pride at her time at the Riawunna Centre but is relishing the chance to spend more time with her family. Widely regarded as a passionate advocate for Tasmanian Aboriginal people, their rights, culture and traditions, Aunty Phyllis has served her community over the past 35 years.

She first came to the University of Tasmania as a student in 1994 and has been involved with the Riawunna Centre at Newnham ever since.

"My youngest son, Chris, said to me, 'Mum I'm really happy, because to me the community has had a big enough bite of you and I hope they've left something for us,'" Aunty Phyllis said.

"I'm retiring but I'm still going to be writing. I've got poetry ready for a couple of books and I'm also going to do a couple of children's poetry books."

As well as a talent with the written word, Aunty Phyllis has a gift for listening and helping others. Her welcoming embrace, compassion and genuine interest in the lives and welfare of others has proved an asset over the past four years in her role as Senior Elder in Residence.

"Students would come to me for advice or for a talk," she said.

Aunty Phyllis looks forward to seeing Riawunna continue to grow and open out into the wider community in the future. She also has a message for the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

"I say to them be proud of who you are, not what you are. Walk tall, walk proud," she said.

-- Nicole Mayne
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FOOD SAFETY

Novalia Rachmawati

Fish is very much a staple research diet for Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture PhD candidates Novalia Rachmawati and her husband Radesty Triwibowo. Rachmawati hopes to develop a simple and inexpensive strategy to prevent histamine fish poisoning.

"Antibiotics, for instance, are not effective, but in carefully selective thematic areas, such as medical research and education, Antarctic and Southern Ocean studies and agriculture and forestry the University of Tasmania ranks among the best in the world, our reputation for excellence attracting PhD candidates from throughout Asia and further afield."

MARINE BIOLOGY

Molly Jia

The first in a series of life-changing journeys for krill expert Molly Jia came at the age of 12, when her parents travelled with her from her home city of Huhhot in Inner Mongolia to the north-east China coast.

"I remember sitting there and being fascinated by the sea for hours and that must have had an impact because I finished up studying marine biology at university," she says.

The second experience was pursuing marine biology during her undergraduate research to eventually take up her PhD at the University of Tasmania’s Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, in conjunction with the ACE CRC.

The third journey was joining the 2012 SIPEX-2 voyage into the Southern Ocean to collect winter samples.

"Understanding krill and zooplankton feeding ecology during winter is highly relevant to anticipating likely influences from environmental changes," she says. – Craig Macaulay

MEDICAL RESEARCH

Lei Si

The cost of future healthcare is a constant concern for governments and the ability to make long-term calculations and evaluate cost-effectiveness is becoming increasingly important.

Lei Si has received international recognition for his work in this field, specifically on the future economic impact of osteoporosis in China.

In 2014, Si was awarded the International Osteoporosis Foundation Young Investigator Award. His work was chosen from submissions by researchers and clinicians from more than 38 countries.

In 2015, he was one of three University of Tasmania students, and only 500 worldwide, to receive the Chinese Government Scholarship.

World class … Clockwise from opposite page bottom left, Indonesian PhD candidate Novalia Rachmawati; Mongolian krill expert Molly Jia; Malaysian marine engineer Dr Zhi Leong and Chinese Menzies PhD candidate Lei Si.

Using a cost-effectiveness model developed and validated at Menzies, Si’s study is the first to forecast the incidence and costs of osteoporotic fractures in China in the near future.

“Menzies is a top-notch research centre with international thought leaders guiding my investigations,” he says.

“The nurturing and supportive atmosphere of the institute has helped me achieve global recognition for my work.” – Miranda Harman

ENGINEERING

Dr Zhi Leong

Dr Zhi Leong moved from Malaysia to Tasmania in 2007 to undertake a Bachelor of Engineering (Ocean Engineering) at the Australian Maritime College.

He went on to complete his PhD in maritime engineering in August 2015, using physical experiments and computational fluid dynamics modelling to predict how submarines and autonomous underwater vehicles behave when they are moving in water.

“The aim is to quantify the vehicle’s hydrodynamic characteristics through water as we can use that information to improve upon its performance – it gives us an idea how fast it can travel and how well it can turn,” Dr Leong says.

“Turning a submarine is not as easy as turning a car, when a submarine starts to turn it starts drifting.

“We need to know how it behaves so we can develop measures to have full control of the vehicle at all times to avoid hitting a seabed or another vehicle.”

Dr Leong will continue this work as a postdoctoral research fellow at AMC.

“Understanding krill and zooplankton feeding ecology...” – Nicole Mayne

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125th Anniversary Edition — 055
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REFUGEE TO RECIPIENT – BURNIE

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A student leader who developed a program to inspire future student leaders is the recipient of a Foundation Graduate Award. John Perry, who was lured back to Launceston from New York to take up the position of Tasmania’s first Coordinator-General in January this year, conceived what was to become the Tasmanian Leaders Program.

“The University has been an enormous part of my life, both as a student for five years and then returning as a tutor, and as an Alumni Committee member for 10 years when I was overseas,” he said in a previously recorded video speech (the award was accepted on his behalf by Interim Regulation Reduction Coordinator Stuart Clues). “Having given me so much, it is extraordinary that the University would give this as well. It’s a huge honour.”

The Launceston Foundation dinner, held in Albert Hall, also featured a procession of 54 students and live music by the University of Tasmania Wind Orchestra under the direction of Stephen King and a Conservatorium jazz quartet (music director Glen Hodges).

A brief window into the insect world was opened by student speaker Thomas Killalea, who was awarded the Bruce Wall Honours Scholarship for 2015.

Tasmania’s Coordinator-General John Perry was honoured for his inspiring work as Launceston hosted the second of three University of Tasmania Foundation gala dinners this year.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

LEADING BY EXAMPLE – LAUNCESTON

All smiles … From left, Kate Connery, scholarship holder Mae Farrell, Lauren Bird and scholarship holders Emma Hall and Isobel Thompson.

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The University of Tasmania would like to thank all of its alumni, supporters and friends who have helped make the 125th Anniversary celebrations such a grand and memorable occasion.