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Staff honoured for sustained and outstanding contributions

University of Tasmania staff have been recognised for their outstanding and significant contributions in the State and beyond, across a number of disciplines.

Six academics have been awarded the title of Distinguished Professor for their achievements in research, education, leadership, advocacy and governance.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Rufus Black congratulated the recipients and said the University was proud to be acknowledging their important and influential impact.

"We are delighted to announce the colleagues who have been awarded the title Distinguished Professor for outstanding and sustained contributions in their respective fields of study, and to the University," Professor Black said.

"Conferral of the prestigious title by the University Council is a high honour, and as such, is not routinely awarded.

"The latest recipients have been acknowledged for their meritorious service, and exceeding the scope and commitment of their work as professors and senior University academics."

Nominations are considered by a committee chaired by the University's Provost, which makes recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor, who advises Council.

The recipients are:

- **Distinguished Professor Maggie Walter**, Pro-Vice Chancellor - Aboriginal Research and Leadership, for internationally recognised scholarship in sociology and as Australia's leading Indigenous sociologist;
- **Distinguished Professor Di Nicol**, School of Law, for global research in the evolving field of law and genetics;
- **Distinguished Professor Alison Venn**, Director, Menzies Institute for Medical Research, for leadership in chronic disease, cancer and reproductive epidemiology;

- **Distinguished Professor Greg Peterson**, School of Pharmacy, for innovation in health research and education and his achievements within the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia;
- **Distinguished Professor James Vickers**, Director, Wicking Education and Research Centre, for research into health services, particularly in understanding and preventing dementia;
- **Distinguished Professor Rob White**, School of Social Sciences, for dedication to green criminological research and his role as an advisory to the European Union.

Photographs and extended biographies for each Distinguished Professor can be downloaded at:

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