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New Devil Fundraising Entity Committee Announced

The Young Australian Career Achiever 2000, an international wildlife conservationist and a Commonwealth Government wildlife legislation strategist, are among the members of the Save the Tasmanian Devil Appeal Committee, announced today in Hobart.

The members were confirmed at the University of Tasmania Foundation Board meeting this morning, before the committee's inaugural meeting of the official fundraising entity for the Devil Facial Tumour Disease.

Appeal Committee Chair, David Rowell, said that the formalisation of the committee was a significant step in the global effort to save the Tasmanian devil.

"We have a very talented and devoted committee whose collective experiences will take fundraising to a new level," Mr Rowell said.

"These members will broaden fundraising efforts to include fundraising for both on-ground management and research, and fundraising over State, national and international boundaries."

The Appeal Committee was established in May following a State Government and University of Tasmania agreement. The Committee, part of the University of Tasmania Foundation, will raise funds for projects contributing to the campaign to save the Tasmanian devil.

Committee members are:

- UTAS Dean, Faculty of Science, Engineering & Technology, Professor Jim Reid
- UTAS Foundation Board Director, Mr Brian Hartnett
- IUCN Conservation Breeding Specialist Group, Ms Onnie Byers
- Commonwealth Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (Strategic Approvals and Legislation Branch, Approvals and Wildlife Division), Mr Mark Flanigan
- 2000 Young Australian Career Achiever of the Year, Ms Katie McNamara
- Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and the Environment (Resource Management and Conservation Division), Ms Penny Wells
- Tourism Tasmania Board, Ms Juanita von Stieglitz

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