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University receives accolades for ICT research and teaching

Three University of Tasmania projects were presented with iAwards at a ceremony in Hobart last night.

The iAwards honour the best and most innovative solutions and inspirational companies and individuals in the information communications technology (ICT) industry.

The winning projects will now go to the finals and be eligible to take out an award at the national level.

Professor Paddy Nixon, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University, said the awards were an "...excellent recognition of the impact our teaching and research is having in the Tasmanian community."

"It is wonderful the University has been recognised on three fronts: how we are enhancing our computing courses, our highly successful Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) and the continued success of Sense-T.

"We are using technology at a world-class level for our MOOC, which has the second-highest completion rate of any on the planet. We have more than 20 thousand participants from more than 90 countries - they are phenomenal numbers and they demonstrate the University's excellence in that space."

Professor Nixon said Sense-T program was going "from strength to strength."

"Sense-T is continuing to use innovative technology, in this instance to support dairy and agriculture, and working with farmers to see how we can improve the productivity and quality of produce locally," Professor Nixon said.

Professor Nixon said ICT lecturer Nicole Herbert's accolade for ICT Educator of the Year was well-deserved.

“This award recognises Mrs Herbert’s important role in redesigning our undergraduate ICT courses to meet industry needs, while maintaining the highest level of academic quality.”

University of Tasmania iAward winners

Category: ICT Educator of the Year

Winner: Nicole Herbert, Lecturer, University School of Engineering and ICT.

Category: Community

Project: Bachelor of Dementia Care and Understanding Dementia MOOC (Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre, University).

Category: Regional

Project: Farm + Dairy

Company: Sense-T/HITLab AU.

For more information about Sense-T, please visit: <http://www.sense-t.org.au/>

For more information about the Understanding Dementia MOOC, please visit: <http://www.utas.edu.au/wicking/wca/mooc>

For more information on HITLab AU please visit <http://www.hitlab.utas.edu.au/wiki/Home>

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