

## Media Release

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### Young science speakers crunch the big issues

Recent breakthroughs in science and technology are creating a world that is more peaceful, transparent and abundant, but because of our evolutionary hard-wiring, most people focus overwhelmingly on negative trends rather than positive ones.

In these free talks (tonight in Launceston and tomorrow night in Hobart), “Future crunch: How science and technology are changing your world for the better”, Tane Hunter and Dr Angus Hervey, the co-founders of Future Crunch, will be looking at six key new technology trends – mobile communications, digital business, robotics, biotechnology, nanotechnology and renewable energy.

They'll be pulling together, sifting through and identifying amazing stories about how these technologies are shaping the world of tomorrow, and showing how a better understanding of science is the most important tool people can have for the future. This is an opportunity for people to connect, talk and be inspired to make the world a better place through science and technology.

#### About the Future Crunch speakers

**Dr Angus Hervey:** Angus is an economist, technology enthusiast and social innovation expert. He is the founder of Canopy, a technology services company for environmental organisations, and the community manager for Random Hacks of Kindness. He holds a PhD in Government from the London School of Economics.

**Tane Hunter:** Tane is an expert in bioinformatics and genomics, and is currently working in the Statistics Department at the University of Melbourne on early detection tests for ovarian cancer and identifying genes that cause breast cancer. He holds a Masters in Bioinformatics from the University of Melbourne.

#### Launceston event details

**Who:** All are welcome to attend this free public event.

**What:** Future Crunch.

**When:** Wednesday 11 February, 7 - 8pm.

**Where:** Fresh on Charles, Launceston.

#### Hobart event details

**Who:** All are welcome to attend this free public event.

**What:** Future Crunch.

**When:** Thursday 12 February 2015, 7-8pm.

**Where:** Upstairs, Republic Bar, 299 Elizabeth Street, Hobart.

To reserve a free ticket, please visit: <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/university-of-tasmania-school-of-business-and-economics-and-inspiring-australia-tasmania-6475162057>

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