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UTAS hails Budget funds for new building projects

UTAS Vice Chancellor, Professor Daryl Le Grew, has hailed the Federal Budget's major funding boost which will enable the University to forge ahead with its planned building projects well ahead of schedule.

Budget highlights for UTAS include:

- Increased funding of \$4.5 million under the increased Federal contribution for students studying science and technology-based degrees.
- A competitive share of the \$5 billion Higher Education Endowment Fund to upgrade university buildings and facilities.
- Transferring the \$61 million worth of assets of the Australian Maritime College to UTAS as part of the planned merger.

Professor Le Grew said the outstanding Budget outcome meant commencement of projects such as the new library and information centre at Newnham and the new nursing centre of excellence in Launceston could be brought forward.

“We were hoping for some big-picture items in the Budget and the outcome has been fantastic,” Professor Le Grew said.

“We are delighted with this increase in Commonwealth grants, which favours courses in which UTAS specialises.

“Now, the University can look to the future with great confidence and continue to develop our facilities, courses and our cutting edge research to ensure we are recognised worldwide.”

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