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University of Tasmania opening doors at Agfest

The University of Tasmania will be a strong presence at Agfest again this year, opening doors to study and career opportunities, the benefits of good health care and the wonders of science.

Course advisors and current students will be on hand in the Trades Expo to discuss study options and provide course guides and other information.

Younger children will also be able to dress up in a range of 'dream career' costumes and have their photo taken, highlighting where a strong education can lead.

The popular HealthStop@Agfest returns this year, staffed with a collection of pharmacists, exercise physiologists, dieticians, diabetic educators, GPs and UTAS students from the disciplines of nursing, medicine, pharmacy and human life science.

One exciting element of the HealthStop is the Jintronix Rehabilitation System, which uses motion capture-based video gaming technology to help develop rehabilitation programs that patients can use in their own homes.

The system has significant potential in providing stroke rehabilitation services in rural and regional areas, where patients can be linked with centrally located specialists and therapists.

Visitors to the HealthStop will also be able to:

- Have their **blood pressure** tested,
- Sign up for **eHealth** records,
- Learn where to get **after hours medical care**,
- Make a jar of **hand cream** for Mother's Day,
- **Meet ERIC**, the big blue symbol of the national preventative health campaign, *Swap It, Don't Stop It!*,

- Visit Tasmania Medicare Local experts and learn about healthy eating from **dieticians**, good exercise practices from **exercise physiologists** and diabetes related risks from **diabetes educators**.

The University's Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology will be an integral part Inspiring Australia's science engagement stall, called 'Why Sci: hands on science'.

Visitors will be able to meet scientists, explore some hands-on science activities and hear about the whys and the hows of science from UTAS postgraduate students.

The stall aims to inspire people to rethink science and see it as fun, valuable and accessible.

The University's Sense-T program will be on site from tomorrow at the TFGA tent, allowing Agfest patrons to explore the development of the world's first economy-wide intelligent sensor network.

There will be demonstrations of new smart phone apps and online tools for farmers.

University joint-venture TIA (Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture) will have an exhibition featuring displays including the OktoKopter (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle), food safety and the dairy industry.

The University of Tasmania at Agfest 2014:

- University of Tasmania, 109-09 First Avenue.
- Sense-T, 507 Fifth Avenue.
- Faculty of Health Health Stop, Site 903, Ninth Avenue, opposite the CWA Rooms.
- Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, 609-611 Sixth Avenue.
- Why Sci: hands on science, 109-04 First Avenue.

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