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Commonwealth Games team open to University of Tasmania talent

The University of Tasmania 'family' is celebrating today the selection of two of its finest sons in the team to represent Australia at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow later this month.

The Peacock brothers, Hamish (javelin) and Huw (hammer), are among six Tasmanian athletes selected on Thursday, with another six in contention.

Their selection is a multi-generational triumph for Tasmania and the University, as the pair are coached by their father, Evan Peacock, while their grandfather John helps with their conditioning.

Hamish is in his fourth year of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), a Tasmanian Institute of Sport scholarship holder and the current University Sportsman of the Year and Huw is in his third year of a Bachelor of Social Science. Dr Peacock, who did his PhD at the University, is now Director of the Central Science Laboratory and John is also an alumnus.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Rathjen, congratulated the brothers. "Hamish and Huw are exemplars of the University's pursuit of excellence across many fields of endeavour and of our desire to contribute to society on a state, national and international level.

"They are elite athletes who have also maintained very good academic records – a medal-winning achievement in itself."

Professor Rathjen said that the pair is poised to follow in the footsteps of other alumni who have excelled in the international sports arena, including the 2012 University of Tasmania Foundation Graduate Award-winner, dual Olympic hurdler Simon Hollingsworth, now chief executive of the Australian Sports Commission; rowers Dr Scott Brennan and Kerry Hore; swimmers Shane Gould and Melissa Paula Carlton and hockey player Maree Fish.

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