

## Media Release

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## University's annual research showcase coming up

The University of Tasmania is gearing up for its annual Research Week (**31 August - 4 September**). Free events, seminars and workshops will take place across the University's campuses, and industry professionals, researchers, alumni and the community are all invited.

Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), Professor Andrew Wells, said the University's outstanding research profile makes Research Week a key event on the institution's annual calendar.

"Research Week is the perfect opportunity to showcase our institution's insights and discoveries.

"Here at the University of Tasmania, our research is bringing the world's most advanced thinking and technologies to bear on tomorrow's local and global challenges," Professor Wells said.

"While Research Week has many helpful sessions for our academic staff, we are also pleased to offer a range of informative events for the broader community designed to inform, inspire and entertain."

### Research Week 2015 highlights

#### Monday 31 August

##### **Connect North - Spotlight Symposium: Research Themes across Disciplines**

An engaging session comprising five TED-style presentations grouped under the University's Research Themes.

#### Tuesday 1 September

##### **Collaborating with ICT Experts in the North: Introduction to HITLab Australia**

A workshop outlining HITLab's recent work across different research disciplines and discussing ways to collaborate with ICT researchers.

#### Tuesday 1 September

##### **IMAS: Super Science Succinctly**

A fun session where IMAS scientists will present their super scientific research in just five minutes.

### **Tuesday 1 September**

#### **Can “Functional” Foods Make You Faster, Smarter and Stronger?**

Learn about how food can be used to maximise physical and cognitive performance

### **Wednesday 2 September**

#### **Don't be sheepish about meat science**

Animal and food scientists have long been working on genetics and nutrition to ensure sheep meat is the healthiest, tastiest, best-quality product possible.

### **Wednesday 2 September**

#### **Public Lecture: Can We Sustain Endless Growth on a Finite Planet?**

Economic expansion has been promoted so relentlessly that 'growth' is now entrenched as the natural objective of collective human effort. Ideas about limits have been furiously resisted despite mounting evidence of the costs - climate change, pollution, gross global inequality and depletion of the resources on which the entire modern economy depends. This lecture by Dr Kerryn Higgs will expose the campaign to discredit ideas about limits and explore where the clash of values and realities might lead us.

### **Thursday 3 September**

#### **University of Tasmania Science Investigation Awards 2015 - North West Coast**

Meet the future scientific leaders of our state as hundreds of students from Years 5 to 12 from the North West Coast investigate issues that matter to them.

***To view the full calendar of Research Week events, please visit:***

***<http://www.utas.edu.au/research/researchweek>***

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