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Celebrating research in North West Tasmania

The important role of research is being celebrated next week with five days of free activities at the UTAS Cradle Coast campus in Burnie.

Cradle Coast Research Week 2010 is a new initiative aiming to support research initiatives in North West Tasmania and showcase some of the many exciting research projects currently underway at UTAS.

Research Week will be launched on Monday the 16th of August at a morning tea with the announcement of the winners of this year's Cross Boundary Research Fund.

The Fund provides an opportunity for individuals, community groups and government organisations to work with the university on new research projects.

Cradle Coast campus Director Professor Janelle Allison says Research Week highlights the important role of research projects in regional university campuses.

"We have called the week "Growing Research Together" because we strongly encourage the community to partner with UTAS with regard to the research they see important for their region. The Cross Boundary Research fund is one way that we can help to support research projects in this region that might not otherwise happen," Professor Allison explains.

"I encourage the community to participate in our free events this week and in particular our Postgraduate Research Conference on Thursday at the Cradle Coast campus."

The Postgraduate Research Conference on Thursday August 19 will include a range of papers presented by UTAS researchers who are undertaking or have recently completed PhDs.

Other events during Cradle Coast research week include a lunch forum on Tuesday, with UTAS Participation and Pathways Co-Coordinator Dayna Broun presenting the results of her recent study comparing regional university campuses around Australia.

On Wednesday the 18th of August the UTAS Research Office Commercialisation Unit will hold a range of seminars on how to get research to commercial reality.

Friday August 20 wraps up the week with a set of seminars on grant writing and publishing.

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