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A celebration of 125 years of impact, and you are invited

The University of Tasmania will celebrate its 125th Anniversary with 150 events planned over the next 10 days as Welcome Home Week gets underway today (Friday 28 August).

Australia's fourth oldest university is marking its historic milestone with the week-long event, designed to bring together alumni from all corners of the globe in celebration of the University's teaching, learning and research success.

Believed to be the first of its kind in Australia, Welcome Home Week offers an opportunity for the University and the wider community to reflect on its achievements and role in helping to inspire, encourage and support future students.

"The University of Tasmania is one of the finest teaching and research institutions in the country and we are extremely proud to be celebrating our 125th Anniversary with Welcome Home Week," Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen said.

"We have aimed to celebrate with our 100,000-strong global community of alumni, hosting special events in key regions across the world throughout 2015.

"Welcome Home Week in Tasmania is a culmination of these events, providing alumni closer to home a chance to reconnect, reflect and celebrate this achievement."

Events across Tasmania this coming week include gala dinners, sporting events, art and cultural exhibitions, public lectures, music concerts, workshops and school and faculty reunions.

The Rural Clinical School in Burnie kicks off the week's events with an alumni reception from 6pm tonight.

From tonight, key buildings throughout Tasmania will be awash with red to serve as a symbolic beacon for returning alumni.

Key highlights for the Week include:

- An official State Reception will be held at Hobart City Hall and hosted by alumnus, the Hon. Will Hodgman, Premier of Tasmania (August 29)
- University Open Day (August 30)

- Vice-Chancellor's State of the University address (August 31)
- Special morning teas will be held in Hobart (August 31), Launceston (September 1) and Cradle Coast (September 4)
- Exhibitions and displays including Medicine Now and Then, Antarctica through the ages and Makers Workshop's Design Month.
- Research Week (August 31-September 4) will showcase the industry leading research being undertaken by the University
- Revival of the Vice-Chancellor's Challenge Cup pitting north against south (September 5).

Welcome Home Week is supported by the Tasmanian Government through Events Tasmania.

For more information and event listings visit www.utas.edu.au/alumni/welcome-home-week

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