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Public forum aims to redefine ageing in the 21st Century

The expectations of the new elderly in the 21st Century and how to maintain the quality of a longer life will be discussed at a special public forum tonight.

Life at 125: Redefining ageing in the 21st Century is a Q&A public discussion on the future of ageing, presented by the University of Tasmania's Menzies Institute for Medical Research and Faculty of Health.

The event will be held at the Medical Science Precinct (cnr Campbell and Liverpool streets, Hobart) from 6pm, and is part of Welcome Home Week.

Life expectancy has increased dramatically over the past 100 years. Globally, the 85 and over population is projected to increase 351 percent between 2010 and 2050, and the number of centenarians is projected to increase 10-fold.

So if health care is based on maintaining good health to increase life expectancy, how do we maintain the quality of that longer life? What are the expectations of the new elderly, and are there new models of care that we can provide?

Today's Welcome Home Week highlights include:

- Alumni are invited to attend Launceston's Junction Arts Festival (running until September 6). Numerous events are being held across non-traditional venues. Discounts for alumni. More details visit <http://junctionartsfestival.com.au/>
- Christ College will be welcoming home former residents with a special tour and dinner from 6pm
- History of Nurse Education in Northern Tasmania: a public lecture and panel discussion looking at the 125 years of nursing education in North Tasmanian. From 6.30pm at the Raymond Ferrall Centre, Newnham Campus
- Scientific excellence and achievement to be honoured at the Australian Institute of Policy and Science's (AIPS) Young Tall Poppies Awards, 6pm, University Club, Sandy Bay campus
- An art exhibition by Tasmanian educators, *Beyond the Classroom*, is being held at Launceston's Academy Gallery.

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

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