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### **Bushfire research and management forum**

Some of Tasmania's leading researchers will meet senior fire, land management and emergency services personnel at the University of Tasmania on **THURSDAY 23 September 2010** to discuss the range of bushfire related research being undertaken at UTAS.

Tasmania Fire Service Chief Officer Mike Brown said Tasmania is fortunate to have highly regarded researchers in the areas of fire ecology, behavioural and social science as well as climatology.

"Through UTAS and the Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre, Tasmania's fire and emergency services and land management agencies have benefited greatly," Mr Brown said

"Cutting edge research being delivered by UTAS and the Bushfire CRC continues to influence policies and procedures for all stakeholder agencies."

The forum is being hosted by the Faculty of Science, Engineering & Technology.

"The forum will help identify further opportunities for collaboration between researchers, and between researchers and emergency service providers, so we can continue to deliver the best possible outcomes for the Tasmanian community," said Dean of the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology Professor Margaret Britz.

#### **Media details**

**An opportunity for photographs, video and interviews will be available at the Bushfire Research Forum.**

**When: Morning Tea Break @ 10.20am on Thursday 23 September 2010**

**Where: The forum is being held at the UTAS University Club, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.**

#### **Who:**

- **Professor Margaret Britz, Dean of Science, Engineering & Technology;**
- **Fire Chief Officer Mike Brown;**
- **Dr Richard Thornton, Research Director - Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre, and;**

- a range of other researchers and stakeholders are available for interviews.

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