

## Media Alert

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## Graduation celebrations head north

The University of Tasmania's winter graduation celebrations move north this weekend as hundreds of students ready themselves to claim their degrees tomorrow (**Saturday, 20 August 2016**).

Just over 650 graduands will have their degrees conferred in two ceremonies at the Albert Hall in Launceston, at 11am and 2.30pm.

Among those graduating at the 11am ceremony will be Joan Webb, who recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mrs Webb, soon to be Dr Webb, completed a PhD thesis titled: *"I only look forward to Mondays": Facilitating Creative Writing Groups – Ageism, action and empowerment*.

Patsy Cameron will also receive an honorary degree at the morning ceremony, before delivering the occasional address.

Mrs Cameron will receive a Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, for her extraordinary and longstanding contribution to Aboriginal education and for fostering and promoting Aboriginal culture in Tasmania.

### **Launceston ceremonies**

**11am:** Australian Maritime College  
Faculty of Arts  
Faculty of Education  
Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology  
Tasmanian School of Business and Economics  
Graduate Research

**2.30pm:** Faculty of Health  
Graduate Research

### **Media information:**

- Media are welcome to film and photograph graduations.

- Graduands and their family, friends and guests, gather *at least* 30 minutes before the ceremonies and afterwards for refreshments at the venue.
- Each ceremony is expected to last for approximately one hour.
- “Graduand” refers to someone about to graduate. After they receive their degree or diploma, they are then a graduate.
- The hats that graduands wear are called “mortarboards” or “caps”. The floppy velvet hats are called Tudor bonnets and indicate the wearer has a PhD. The black academic gowns are robes. The robes with longer sleeves mean the wearer has a Masters degree or higher. Different institutions have different styles and colours of academic dress.
- The coloured silk on academic robes refers to the wearer’s degree.
- “Testamur” refers to the physical degree or diploma a graduate receives, i.e. the folder/piece of paper they are handed on stage.

**For general information about graduations, please visit:**

<http://www.utas.edu.au/graduation/>

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