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Olympian among mid-year graduands

Former Olympic swimming gold medallist Shane Gould, will be among more than 230 University of Tasmania students graduating this weekend in Launceston.

Ms Gould will be awarded a Master of Contemporary Arts in the field of visual arts.

A record 18 PhD candidates will also be included in the mid-year graduations taking place at the **Albert Hall, Launceston, on Saturday 18 August at 11am.**

PhDs will go to six Science students, two from the Arts, four from Health Science and six from the Australian Maritime College.

A total of 526 students will be graduating, with 238 to attend the ceremony.

UTAS Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Rathjen, will welcome the graduates into an alumni family of more than 54,000 members.

“This is a day when our graduates will celebrate their achievements with family and friends and also reflect with fellow graduates on their time at the University of Tasmania,” Prof Rathjen said.

“Some will return to UTAS as students, teachers, researchers and administrators, some will head interstate and overseas, and those who remain in Tasmania will have the opportunity to engage with us through our community outreach and may, in time, take up a role in the governance and direction-setting of the university.

“I congratulate all the students graduating this week on their hard work and dedication and I hope that they never lose the thirst for knowledge that they have demonstrated during their studies.”

Former UTAS Chancellor Dr Michael Vertigan AC will be attending for the first time in his new role as Chair of the Australian Maritime College.

Dr Vertigan will be particularly pleased to see the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws conferred on National Gas Shipping Co. and Abu Dhabi National Tanker Co. CEO Ali Obald Al-Yabhouni for his outstanding service and

commitment to maritime education and training and for his strong relationship with the AMC.

Mr Al-Yabhouni will also give the occasional address at the ceremony.

Among the graduates will be:

Shane Gould, 56, Bicheno: In 2010 the former Olympic gold medallist in swimming completed her Masters of Environmental Management and is now adding a Master of Contemporary Arts in the field of visual arts to her educational achievements.

Terrance Cox, 53, Launceston: Who will be admitted to a Doctor of Philosophy from the School of Sociology and Social Work with his thesis topic Beyond Childhood Cancer: Bringing Primary Carers Into Focus.

Chona Hannah, 33, Launceston: Who will be admitted to a Doctor of Philosophy from the School of Rural Health with her thesis topic titled Health and Wellbeing of Intermarried Filipino Women in Rural Tasmania.

Tony Walker, 72, Dilston: Who will be admitted to a Master of Arts with the School of History and Classics with his thesis titled A History of the Tasmanian Wine Industry.

Media Opportunity: Media are welcome to film and photograph the graduation ceremony. Honorary degree recipient Mr Al-Yabhouni, AMC chairman Dr Mike Vertigan, AMC acting principal Prof. Neil Bose and acting director of the National Centre for Ports and Shipping Assoc. Prof. Dev Ranmuthugala will be available briefly at 10.30am for photos and questions.

For more information on the above graduands or graduands in other areas please contact UTAS Media Officer Lana Best on 6324 5019 or 0417 078 025.

UTAS August graduation ceremony in Launceston

Date	Time	School	Venue
Saturday 18 August	11am	Australian Maritime College Faculty of Arts Faculty of Business Faculty of Education Faculty of Health Science Faculty of Science, Engineering & Technology Allied research higher degrees	Albert Hall Launceston

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