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## Bees, beetles and beef: the latest in research from UTAS

Environmental and sustainability issues are to the fore in the first edition for 2013 of the University of Tasmania's *Research to Reality* publication.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), Professor Paddy Nixon, today announced the release of edition 15 (link below).

"*Research to Reality* is the University of Tasmania's premier research publication, showcasing our many achievements, as well as a selection of our current projects," Prof Nixon said.

"We are incredibly proud of the work undertaken by our researchers at UTAS, which continues to have impact on real world challenges at a local, national and global level."

Some of the highlights in this edition include UTAS research on:

- Why 'messy feeders' such as endangered native bees are important to future food production.
- Keeping carbon: Tasmania's contribution to the National Biochar Initiative;
- A long-lost legume that could turn Tasmanian coastal dunes into prime grazing land and;
- How beetles are showing us the effect of logging on Tassie forest biodiversity;
- The latest findings on the Tasmanian Devil Facial Tumour Disease.

"Partnerships are crucial to our continuing success as a research institution a national and international level," Prof Nixon said. "The latest collaboration brings together the combined resources of the University of Tasmania, the Australian Government's Defence Science and Technology Organisation and CSIRO to establish the Centre for Food Innovation, which also features in this edition."

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