

Media Release

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Find your future at the University of Tasmania

Expand your horizons and find out where a university degree can take you when the University of Tasmania hosts its Open Day on Sunday, 7 August.

The University's campuses, institutes and centres across the State will be opening doors from 10am until 3pm to host information sessions, tours, demonstrations and hands-on activities.

University Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Education) Professor David Sadler said Open Day was a chance to demystify the institution and engage and excite the community about what education can lead to.

"The University is full of remarkable people doing remarkable things. Open Day is a chance to explore, to ask questions, and to see how the University positively contributes to teaching, research and the regions of our State," Professor Sadler said.

"Most importantly, Open Day is an opportunity to come and discover your future: find out what you are most passionate about and how to nurture this passion into a University course so you can have a career you love."

Prospective students and visitors will be able to talk one-on-one with lecturers, course advisers, current students and graduates about the many different study options and career opportunities available.

Entertainment for young and old is catered for too with family-friendly activities, live entertainment and food.

Free shuttle buses will be operating at each of the University's campuses in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie to connect visitors to the many centres hosting Open Day attractions.

This year's highlights include:

Hobart:

- Have a go at remote controlling a 'robot penguin' in a penguin colony
- Create and launch a real rocket
- Watch 3D printers in action creating molecular structures that you could take home
- Enjoy music by the Conservatorium of Music
- Explore what goes on below the surface with the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies' (IMAS) touch tanks, aquariums, dive gear and underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles.

Launceston:

- Be entertained and inspired by Josh Earl who will be hosting an education and teaching "Spicks and Specks" event (Newnham Campus)
- See recent graduates and current honours students create a new piece of work with Arts in Action (Inveresk Campus)
- Have a real-time simulation experience on the bridge of a patrol vessel entering Sydney Harbour (Newnham Campus)
- Be entertained by the Pop up Skate Ramp (Inveresk Campus)
- Be inspired by Succulent Seafood with Masterchef's Amy Luttrell (Newnham Campus).

Burnie:

- Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service simulator to learn about the important work being done by the service
- Take a look at the latest in farm technology and precision agriculture and meet the adorable TIA calves
- Learn more about reptiles in All About Reptiles
- Get active playing Exergames in a virtual environment
- West Park is hosting a number of activities and attractions including demonstrations of the latest technology at CollabLab, such as the new Lego Mindstorms.

For more information and program details for each campus visit www.utas.edu.au/openday

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