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August graduations celebrate academic success

More than 1100 University of Tasmania students will reap the reward of their commitment to academic success when the first round of graduations is held tomorrow and Saturday in Hobart, followed by a ceremony in Launceston next weekend.

University of Tasmania Chancellor Mr Damian Bugg and Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew will award post doctorate and graduate degrees to 848 graduates in Hobart and 327 graduates in Launceston.

Four Hobart ceremonies will be held tomorrow (Friday 8 August) and Saturday 9 August at the University Centre, Sandy Bay campus. The Launceston graduation ceremony will take place at the Albert Hall on Saturday, 16 August.

Students will graduate from the faculties of Education, Law, Health Science, Business, Science Engineering and Technology, and Arts.

Professor Le Grew said all graduates should be extremely proud of their achievements.

“Graduation is the crowning achievement of years of hard work and dedication by students, and the support of their family and friends. It is a time to celebrate not only individual success, but the vital contribution that these graduates continue to make to Tasmania,” he said.

Professor Le Grew said the number and calibre of higher degrees to be conferred during the August ceremonies highlighted the excellence of research within the University.

“We are consolidating our reputation on the global stage as a wonderful place to study, and as a centre for cutting-edge and distinctive research. Many of our UTAS alumni have gone on to distinguished, international careers and this next generation of graduates will, I am sure, maintain that proud tradition,” he said.

Distinguished speakers who will give the occasional address for each graduation ceremony are detailed below:

Hobart:

Friday, 8 August 7pm

262 graduating

Education, Health Science, Law and Research Higher Degrees (RHD)

Speaker: Ms Barbara Baker, Barrister and Solicitor

Saturday, 9 August 11am

216 graduating

Business and RHD

Speaker: Professor Gary O’Donovan, Dean, Faculty of Business

Saturday, 9 August 2pm

194 graduating

Science, Engineering & Technology and RHD

Speaker: Professor Richard Wielebinski, Honorary Degree recipient (Doctor of Science)

[Prof Wielebinski is one of the world’s most eminent radio astronomers and is the recipient of several honorary degrees. His graduation address will coincide with the 50th anniversary of his own graduation from UTAS.]

Saturday, 9 August 5pm

176 graduating

Arts and RHD

Speaker: Dr Margaret Stones, Honorary Degree recipient, (Doctor of Letters)

Launceston:

Saturday, 16 August 11am

327 graduating

All Faculties and RHD

Speaker: Ms Leanne Topfer, Barrister and Solicitor

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