

## Media Release

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## Welcome Home Week takes to the water

A reignited North-versus-South rowing rivalry will play out on Launceston's rivers today as the Vice-Chancellor's Challenge is held for the first time in over a decade.

From 10am, men's and women's crews from the Northern Varsity Rowing Club (Launceston) and the Tasmania University Boat Club (Hobart) will race over five grueling kilometres on the Tamar and North Esk Rivers.

Up for grabs are the Men's Vice-Chancellor's Cup, the Women's Vice-Chancellor's Plate and, most importantly, bragging rights.

The rivalry was reinvigorated when, inspired by the myriad activities of Welcome Home Week, Northern Varsity posted a challenge to the South online.

With the challenge duly accepted, racing will start from 10am, with trophies to be presented from 11am at The Boathouse on Northbank. The starting line is adjacent to the Australian Maritime College on the Tamar, at the 6/8 Pile, with the finishing line at St Patrick's College Rowing Sheds, at the Seaport on the North Esk River.

### **Today's Welcome Home Week highlights include:**

- The Junction Arts Festival continues its varied program, including a performance of RUFF, the new solo show from renowned performer Peggy Shaw. Tonight at 8pm in the Southern Cross Austereo Studio, Launceston. For more details on the festival, visit <http://junctionartsfestival.com.au/>
- The Makers Workshop is hosting the Future/Maker Exhibition: Learning by Making featuring works exploring the ideas behind design thinking, technology and creativity (All week).
- The Welcome Home Week Sailing Festival enters its third day as crews take to the Derwent River for the National University Match Racing Championships.

Welcome Home Week is supported by the Tasmanian Government through Events Tasmania.

For more information and event details visit  
[www.utas.edu.au/alumni/welcome-home-week](http://www.utas.edu.au/alumni/welcome-home-week)

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