

Media Release

Chiefs of Staff, News Directors

Thursday 29 October 2015

Awards recognise excellence among University staff

The outstanding work of University of Tasmania staff will be honoured tonight at the presentation of the annual Vice-Chancellor's Awards.

Staff will be recognised in areas ranging from research to teaching and community engagement with these prestigious awards, to be presented by Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen at the Sandy Bay campus tonight.

"It is with great pride in this 125th year that we celebrate excellence among our staff and recognise the achievements of those who do so much to underpin the future of our institution," Professor Rathjen said.

"It is the collective effort of our university community that has seen the University of Tasmania climb all three of the highest profile international rankings systems this year and continue to be ranked in the top two percent of universities worldwide.

"I both appreciate and congratulate the staff we honour today, all of whom were nominated by their peers for outstanding work and commitment to the University and those we teach."

The University of Tasmania Distinguished Service Medal will be presented to Distinguished Professor Ross Large, Professor of Economic Geology. This only the fifth time the medal has been awarded since its inauguration in 2004.

Distinguished Professor Large is internationally recognised for his research and leadership in the field of ore deposits and has contributed enormously to the University in research, teaching and management. He was instrumental in the establishment and development of the now internationally recognised research centre, CODES, jointly funded by the Australian Government, the University of Tasmania and the minerals industry.

The ceremony will be held in the Stanley Burbury Theatre at 6pm, tonight, Thursday, 29 October 2015.

Full list of 2015 Award Recipients:

Award for Outstanding Research Performance by Early Career Researchers

Dr Frances Fan, Dr Geoff While

Award for Internationally Recognised Research

Professor Matt King

Award for Programs that Enhance Learning

Bachelor of Information Systems delivered at AIEN SOU

Dr Leonie Ellis, Dr Erin Roehrer and Dr Dean Steer

Pre-Degree Programs

Mrs Barbara Baird, Dr Nicole Crawford, Ms Gemma Howe, Ms Lynette Ireland, Dr Pragati Jain, Ms Lynn Jarvis, Ms Paula Johnson, Ms Florence Ko, Mr Rob Lewis, Ms Merran Rogers, Mrs Jane Stratton and Dr David Vender

Award for Outstanding Contribution to Enhancement of the Student Experience

Community Friends and Networks Programme

Mr Robert Alderson, Mr Matthew Hingston and Mrs Dona Leach

Torres Strait Coxswain and MED3 Training Program

Ms Ruth Findlater

Award for Outstanding Contributions by Adjunct and Clinical Title Holders

Professor Yuriy Drobyshevski

Award for Outstanding Community Engagement

Dr Ashley Townsend

Inspiring Australia-National Science Week

Ms Sarah Bayne, Mrs Karen Bradford, Mr Wayne Goninon, Mrs Susie Haley, Mr Jeremy Just, Ms Jeannie-Marie LeRoi, Mr Reyne Pullen and Miss Adele Wilson

Award for Exceptional Performance by Professional Staff

Office of Research Services Australian Research Council Funding Team

Mr Nigel Blundell, Ms Caroline Burbury, Ms Catherine Dwyer, Dr Alice Percy and Dr Julianne O'Reilly-Wapstra

University of Tasmania Distinguished Service Medal

Distinguished Professor Ross Large

Information released by:

University of Tasmania, Communications and Media Office

Phone: 6324 3218

Email: Media.Office@utas.edu.au