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University showcases research excellence

The University of Tasmania's strength in pioneering research excellence and innovation will be showcased during this year's Research Week (27 August – 2 September).

For 2016, the focus of the week is *Engage, Collaborate, Innovate* with a goal to bring together a host of events including lectures, expos, workshops and forums designed to inform and enlighten students, staff and the broader community.

"The University of Tasmania continues to produce world-class performance in research excellence where the relevance, reach of our work and impact is helping to solve local problems and address global challenges," University of Tasmania Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Professor Brigid Heywood said.

"Our pioneering advances in research have built strong partnerships with industry, government and business in responding to direct needs and helping to shape future policy and debate."

Research Week kicks off this weekend with the inaugural UHack competition being held simultaneously in Hobart and Launceston on August 27-28.

Key research events in this year's program include:

North:

- **Spotlight Symposium - Research in the North; 29 August, QVMAG, Inveresk.** The symposium will host TED talk-style presentations from each of the University's five research theme areas including the AMC (Australian Maritime College), providing insight into the impact and cross-collaborative approaches to research.
- **Design Research-in-Action: University – City; 30 August, Inveresk.** This public charette will demonstrate architecture and design research in action. Thinkers and practitioners will participate in a living lab, undertaking research through debate, making and community engagement.
- **Public Panel: What will it take for Tasmania to have Australia's healthiest population by 2025; 31 August, Newnham Campus.** Facilitated by Dr Norman Swan (Radio National) with panellists including Jerril Rechter (VicHealth), Graeme Lynch (Heart Foundation), Sue Costello (26TEN) and

Angela Martin (Tasmanian School of Business and Economics, University of Tasmania).

South:

- ***Celebrity Chefs, Consumption Politics and Food Labelling: Exploring the Contradictions; 30 August, Centenary Lecture Theatre, Sandy Bay.***
- ***Sense-T Public Forum: The future of data driven transformation in Tasmania; 31 August, Centenary Building, Sandy Bay.*** See how industry, government and the community are accessing and using real-time data.
- ***Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Finals; 2 September, Stanley Burbury Theatre, Hobart.*** 3MT is a hotly-contested event which will see higher degree by research candidates explain their research in three minutes, in a language appropriate for a general audience. 3MT is part of Research Week's Graduate Research Conference (1-2 September).

North West:

- ***Science Investigation Awards; 1 September, Cradle Coast Campus.*** Hundreds of school students will present their scientific findings of a hypothesis they have researched. Topics are vast and varied and are analysed by a panel of judges from science and industry.

For more information and event details for Research Week 2016 visit www.utas.edu.au/research/researchweek

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