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## 'Bullies, Boofheads and Beyond' - Where's Public Conversation Headed?

This year saw many Australians lament an unprecedented decline in the quality of public dialogue about questions of key economic, social and democratic interest.

Political leaders and factions, traditional media and big business variously have been blamed for this downgrade. Is this a fair assessment? Do we care? If so, what are our options and responsibilities for change? The next Denison Debate will focus on these questions.

UTAS' Associate Professor Natasha Cica, Director of the Inglis Clark Centre for Civil Society, will be in conversation with:

- **Dr Rebecca Huntley**, Executive Director of The Ipsos Mind and Mood Report, researcher and commentator
- **David Bartlett**, former Premier of Tasmania, digital futures and technology entrepreneur
- **Robin Banks**, Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Commissioner

### Event details

**Who:** All are welcome to attend this free public event.

**What:** Denison Debate, 'Bullies, Boofheads and Beyond' - Where's Public Conversation Headed?

**When:** Wednesday 11 December 2013, from 6-7.30pm.

**Where:** Stanley Burbury Theatre, University Centre, Sandy Bay campus.

**RSVP:** [UTAS.Events@utas.edu.au](mailto:UTAS.Events@utas.edu.au), or call (03) 6226 2521.

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The Denison Debates provides a forum for more open and vibrant Tasmanian conversations about ideas and values in our society and is hosted by the Inglis Clark Centre for Civil Society: <http://www.utas.edu.au/provost/inglis-clark-centre>

For further information on the speakers, visit:

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