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University secures \$4.6 million boost for medical research

Major research to develop new guides to managing coronary artery disease was one of five health projects at the University of Tasmania to secure more than \$4.6 million in Commonwealth funding.

The funding was part of the latest round of National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grants, announced today by Prime Minister Tony Abbott and the Minister for Health, Peter Dutton.

Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Professor Andrew Wells said the grants would fund projects across the Faculty of Health and University's Menzies Research Institute worth a total of \$4,633,435.

"These grants are highly competitive and represent a significant injection of funds into the field of health research," Professor Wells said.

"It is particularly pleasing to see one of our academic leaders, Director of the Menzies Research Institute Professor Tom Marwick, embarking on a major new project looking at coronary artery disease.

"This grant, worth more than \$2.6 million, once again confirms his place among the country's preeminent health researchers."

Professor Wells said it was important to build upon the University of Tasmania's already solid reputation for health and medical research.

"We have a strong focus on research that delivers practical, tangible results for the community in Tasmania, across the country and the world."

Project grants with funding commencing in 2015

- Professor Tom Marwick (Menzies Research Institute) *Coronary Artery calcium score: Use to Guide management of Hereditary Coronary Artery Disease (CAUGHT-CAD)*, \$2,652,448.
- Doctor Kaylene Young (Menzies Research Institute) *Myelin remodelling: a novel form of neural plasticity*, \$586,300.
- Associate Professor Graeme Zosky (Faculty of Health) *Regional mechanisms of ventilator induced lung injury: insights from dynamic lung imaging*, \$603,879.
- Doctor Anna King (Faculty of Health) *Axon degeneration and axon protection in CNS disease and injury*, \$377,077.
- Doctor Lisa Foa (Menzies Research Institute/Faculty of Health) *Promoting regrowth of nerve fibres into the epidermis during diabetic neuropathy by LRP agonists*, \$413,731.

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