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Informative, innovative and fun: Agfest 2015

The University of Tasmania has jumped headlong into Agfest 2015. As an official partner of the iconic Tasmanian event, the University now has an even more prominent presence, providing a range of informative and fun activities and presentations for visitors.

The University has also been working with the Agfest committee on schools activities and conducting valuable research on the annual event.

Agfest highlights

HealthStop- check your health and keep kids entertained with a variety of activities (all three days) HealthStop gives Agfest visitors the opportunity to have their blood pressure checked, to chat with health science students about keeping well, and to access health related information. There are great activities for children, including hand cream making, finger plastering, and interactive anatomy models. Staff from the Simulated Learning Environments team will demonstrate how Health Science students learn using simulation on manikins.

New predictor to help farmers forecast pasture growth (on until 5pm today) The Sense-T Pasture Predictor is a new online tool which aims to support productivity, efficiency and continuing growth in this important industry. Sense-T will also provide info on their latest innovative research projects.

Learning about agricultural innovations (Friday afternoon and Saturday morning) The Australian Innovation Research Centre will be showcasing their Tasmanian Innovation Census and showcase half a dozen innovations from over the years, and run a competition for people to vote on their favourite innovation.

Tassie Devil at Agfest (until Saturday) The Save the Tasmanian devil Appeal will showcase two key Tasmanian devil research teams whose real success, both in the research lab and in the wild, are making a difference for this endangered animal. Visitors will have a chance to learn more about the behaviour of this iconic animal in a fun, learning environment, with a host of hands-on activities for all ages.

Find the University of Tasmania at Agfest on site 503 on Fifth Avenue. Find the University's institutes, Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture and the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, on Eighth Avenue.

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