

MEDIA RELEASE

NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2010

ATTENTION: Chiefs of Staff, News Directors



Reward and recognition for UTAS Vice-Chancellor

The outstanding contribution of Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew to the University of Tasmania will be formally recognised when he is presented with an honorary doctorate at a graduation ceremony today (Wednesday, 15 December 2010).

Professor Le Grew will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Letters.

UTAS Chancellor Mr Damian Bugg paid tribute to Prof Daryl Le Grew as a leader who has inspired the whole University community.

“Daryl Le Grew is an optimistic, energetic and inspirational leader,” he said.

“Daryl has encouraged us to excel, to pitch to our strengths, to embrace an ambitious growth strategy and to engage with our community.”

Mr Bugg said that under Prof Le Grew’s leadership the University has grown in both size and confidence.

“It is better positioned to serve the community of Tasmania and Australia and it has an international footprint which has grown both on and off shore,” he said.

Mr Bugg said that Prof Le Grew has set challenging targets and he has used his influence to the University’s great advantage.

“Daryl has used our distinctiveness and our strengths to create an edge that has allowed the University to achieve excellence while at the same time maintain its uniqueness,” he said.

Prof Le Grew has been the UTAS Vice Chancellor for eight years and will finish at the end of December.

During his leadership, enrolments at the University have grown to approximately 16,500 full time equivalent students, or more than 26,000 individuals; the number of international students has grown to about 3,000 on-shore and almost 1,500 off-shore; the University’s budget has grown to almost half a billion dollars a year; and outside State Government, the University has become the third-largest employer in Tasmania.

Prof Daryl Le Grew will receive his Honorary Doctorate at the 3pm graduation ceremony today at Federation Concert Hall in Hobart.

Information Released by:

Media Office, University of Tasmania

Phone: 6226 7489 Mobile: 0418 510 121

Email: Media.Office@utas.edu.au