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At one uni, we're off to say G'day!

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania will be joining the Wiggles and Bindi Irwin among other high-profile Australians in the US this week to celebrate *G'Day USA*.

In partnership with the State Government, Professor Daryl Le Grew and a UTAS team will be boosting the University and Tasmania's profiles at numerous events throughout Australia Week.

Australia Week is a celebration of all the great things about Australia everything from lifestyle, to trade and investment, to education, research and innovation.

"As the only University in Tasmania we are in a unique position to showcase our state to the US. By raising the profile of UTAS, we raise the profile of our State.

"We will be promoting Tasmania as a highly desirable education destination, as well as a centre of research and innovation excellence," he said.

The Vice-Chancellor said there was already a high level of interest in Tasmania as attractive research investment opportunity.

"Australia Week is also chance to highlight some of the world-class research we have at UTAS. The Menzies Research Institute, for instance, will be featured at the Penfolds AA Black Tie Gala.

The Vice-Chancellor said he would be meeting with international researchers and philanthropists to promote and celebrate Tasmania.

"We will also, in partnership with DPIW and Tourism Tasmania, be raising awareness and securing funds to help find a cure for Tasmanian Devil Facial Disease.

The Vice-Chancellor will host a table at the Antipodean Odyssey Conservation Gala with eminent US and Australian researchers.

The UTAS team will also be celebrating with prominent UTAS Alumni at several functions.

Two high profile UTAS graduates will play a role in the G'Day USA events; Dr Nicolas Hope, now Deputy Director of the Stanford University Centre for International Development, will talk at a East Asia Trade and Investment Forum, while another graduate, Mr Greg Clarke, principal of top investment firm Clarke Capital Partners, will be a judge in the Australian Innovations Shoot-out.

"Our Alumni functions will be a personal highlight, as they are living proof that a UTAS degree can take you anywhere in the world," said Professor Le Grew.

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