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## **A celebration of three Centenarian UTAS Alumni**

The lives of three centenarian UTAS alumni will be celebrated at the University today with a special morning tea, to be held by Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew.

Ms Evelyn Masterman, Mrs Jessie Luckman and Mrs Nancy Weaver graduated from UTAS in the 1930s, and are also lifetime members of the Hobart Walking Club. All three women are also at least 100 years young.

Prof Le Grew said the University's Centenarians deserve their special honour, but that the doors to UTAS are open to all alumni.

"We welcome news and visits from our alumni," he said. "We appreciate our alumni and want to provide the opportunity for former students to be part of the alumni family, which is spread all over the world.

Mrs Nancy Weaver graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1932, and fondly remembers attending classes at Domain House – "the lovely old house," as she calls it.

Mrs Jessie Luckman became a noted concert pianist with the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra after completing her Arts Degree in 1939. She was also one of Tasmania's first 'bushwalking conservationists', long before that description became fashionable.

Ms Eve Masterman completed her Bachelor of Arts at UTAS in 1933, and more recently was inducted on the Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women, for service to Human Rights. At the age of 103, she still lives happily on her own in her Hobart home.

Prof Le Grew and Mr Mark Bennett, Director, Development and Alumni, will be available for interview at the event.

### **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

**EVENT:** Vice-Chancellor morning tea for three Centenarian UATS Alumni

**WHEN:** 11.00- 11.30am - Monday 11 October, 2010.

**WHERE:** Vice-Chancellor's Rooms, Administration Building, Sandy Bay Campus.

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