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## **The Marlboro man and Buddy Rich in spotlight at first post-grad conference**

Tobacco control, opium replacements, maverick politicians and drummer Buddy Rich are just some of the topics being presented by postgraduates in the inaugural **Sharing Excellence in Research Conference** at the University of Tasmania (Hobart campus) on Friday September 21.

Members of the public are being encouraged to attend, with the closing date for registrations **Monday, September 10**. The cost is \$50, which includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea, and a booklet on the papers.

The conference is being hosted by the Tasmania University Postgraduate Association (TUPA) to showcase the work of post-grad students at the University.

There will be four concurrent sessions, at which 47 postgraduates will present short talks about their work, and a lunchtime poster session of 25 posters showcasing other research students' work. Presenters include students from the Launceston, Cradle Coast and Hobart campuses.

Conference topics include:

### **The Marlboro Man is alive and sick: Why tobacco control is failing in Tasmania**

Kathryn Barnsley

Menzies /School of Govt

Smoking is the biggest cost driver in the Tasmanian health system, and is the highest cause of mortality. The gap in tobacco control is between knowing what works, what is the right thing to do – and action to implement that knowledge. The gap is in the political process – and it can involve many players.

**"I'd never had an operation before": Primary school age childrens' experiences of surgery**

Karen Ford

School of Nursing.

This grounded theory study explores children's admission to hospital for surgery. The research is child-centred in its focus and considers children's admission and surgery from the perspective of children themselves. Interviews with children around the time of their admission as well as children's drawings are methods used to further understandings. Initial findings of this research are presented.

**Papaver bracteatum: a potential new crop for Tasmania**

Phani Raja Kumar Madam (Raj)

Ag Science /Sustainable Primary Production

Introducing Papaver bracteatum as new potential crop for Tasmania. Alternative sources for opium drugs are urgently needed due to an increase in abuse of opiates. Papaver bracteatum is considered to be a potential source of raw material for the production of codeine and anti-addiction drugs, without the involvement of morphine.

**Maverick politicians - a curse or blessing?**

Peter Tucker

School of Government

Tasmanians have a tradition and propensity to elect "maverick" politicians. Peter's paper will discuss whether this has benefited or hindered positive community change.

**The Drum Kit Soloist – releasing the animal from within**

Matthew Ives

Conservatorium of Music

In the context of playing music in a contemporary ensemble, a wise man once said, 'The drummer is to be felt and not heard'. Gene Krupa and Buddy Rich clearly challenged this assertion with the way in which they performed in small groups and in Big Band settings. Rich and Krupa's ability to frontline the drum kit player in the contemporary ensemble changed the image of the drummer from being the prehistoric ape behind the orchestra, to that of being considered a well-respected legitimate musician. The discussion will be on Buddy Rich and his approach to drumming.

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