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Graduation ceremonies begin for more than 1200 students

Hundreds of University of Tasmania students will celebrate the crowning achievement of their studies when the first round of graduations is held tonight and tomorrow in Hobart, followed by a ceremony in Launceston next weekend.

University of Tasmania Chancellor Mr Damian Bugg and Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew will award post doctorate and graduate degrees to a total of 1232 people, including 870 graduates in Hobart and 362 graduates in Launceston .

The Hobart ceremony will be held tonight (**Friday 10 August**) at the University Centre, Sandy Bay Campus at 7pm, and tomorrow (**Saturday 11 August**) at 11am, 2pm and 5pm. The Launceston ceremony will be held on Saturday 18 August.

Students will graduate from the faculties of Education, Law, Health Science, Business, Science Engineering and Technology, and Arts.

Professor Le Grew said he congratulated all of the graduates on their outstanding achievement.

“Their graduation rewards their commitment and hard work, and the support of their family and friends. They are the embodiment of the University’s vital contribution to Tasmania,” he said.

Professor Le Grew said the number and calibre of PhD students graduating in this round of ceremonies highlighted the University's important contribution to furthering knowledge.

“We are well placed on the world stage as a place to study and will become increasingly so, especially in our areas of strength and distinctiveness,” he said.

Distinguished speakers who will give the occasional address for each Hobart ceremony are:

Friday 7pm: **Mr Stephen Estcourt QC**, LLB, President, Australian Bar Association.

Saturday 11am: **Professor David Adams**, BA, BSW *Tas*, MA *Sheffield*, GradDipPubPol *Melb*, PhD, FIPPA, Professor of Management and Innovation.

Saturday 2pm: **Professor Allan Clark**, BSc *Tas*, DPhil *Oxf*, Director, Department of Nuclear and Particle Physics, University of Geneva.

Saturday 5pm: **Ms Diana Tompson**, Dip Mus, Bed, Managing Director, The Powercom Group.

* Faculty figures are as follows:

	Hobart	Launceston
Education	63	50
Law	87	-
Health	69	127
Business	237	57
Science	180	63
Arts	166	47
Res Higher Deg	68	18

[Please find attached a selection of PhD graduates who will be awarded doctorates]

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