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UTAS open to talent and visitors on Sunday

Everyone knows, through its motto and strategic objective, that the University of Tasmania is Open To Talent - but on Sunday it will be open to a new Australia's Got Talent star and the local community.

Singer/songwriter and first year psychology student Reuben Koops, who wowed the nation last Sunday on the popular television show, will be the guest performer at Sunday's UTAS Open Day at the Newnham Campus in Launceston (Go to <http://www.youtube.com/embed/NNEKPEMUnZA> to see Reuben's performance).

The 19yo is just weeks away from his wedding but happy to demonstrate that his passion for music goes hand-in-hand with the pursuit of the qualification that will gain him his dream job of becoming a counsellor.

Playing two sets, from 12.30pm-12.50pm and from 1.30pm-1.50pm in the undercover area near the Library, it will be his first live performance since dealing with a three-day, post-show media frenzy in Sydney.

"I've really been enjoying the Bachelor of Behavioural Science with psychology as a major – it's been going really well and I aim to keep working towards becoming a counsellor, which is something I've wanted to do for a long time," he said.

"I had a gap year last year and worked for Barretts Music, which is where I still work part time, and I was keen to get back into study – but I had no idea that applying to audition for the show would lead to where it has."

With a free shuttle bus operating between the Newnham and Inveresk campuses, and the Australian Maritime College also running a free shuttle bus between Newnham and Beauty Point campuses, there will be no reason to miss any of the interesting UTAS displays and demonstrations.

A must-see is the *Shaun Gladwell: Afghanistan* exhibition in the Inveresk Cultural Precinct Academy Gallery, where the video artist's contemplative yet beguiling videos, photographs and paintings from his 2009 mission as the official Australian War memorial war artist will be on display.

Everyone will also want to see the great boomerang test taking place at Newnham as part of the Tasmanian Science Talent Search competition.

Also on the program:

Book your face – Come along to the Newnham campus library to find out what bookfacing is all about.

Off the Wall – Artwork by UTAS students will surprise and delight.

Don't miss the boat – Tour the world-class facilities on offer at the AMC.

Healthy brain – Explore the workings of the human brain and find out about the free Dementia Massive Open Online Course (MOOC).

Sports challenge – Take part in a sports challenge competition that involves basketball, netball and futsal and great prizes (11am and 12pm).

Presentations – Download the UTAS Open Day program at: <http://www.utas.edu.au/open-day/> and choose from a wide range of fascinating presentations from the study options and course information for Human Life Sciences to the real students and real life success stories at the Business Student Forum.

Anyone interested in finding out about courses in psychology, nursing and midwifery, law, science, engineering and technology or arts will find these sessions helpful.

Open day at a glance

What: Visitors to open day will have the chance to find out about study options, take campus tours, enjoy presentations and performances and take part in activities and workshops.

Where: All UTAS campuses in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie will be open.

When: From 10am-3pm on **Sunday 25 August 2013**.

More info: The UTAS Open Day program (covering all three Tasmanian campuses) is available for download: <http://www.utas.edu.au/open-day/>

Please use the Open Day hashtag: #openday2013

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