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\$1m martial arts and gym extensions open for UTAS at Newnham

The University of Tasmania hopes to attract state and national martial arts competitions to Launceston with the opening of new Dojo and gym extension facilities at the University gym at Newnham today.

Opening the facilities, UTAS Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) and Provost, Professor David Rich, said he hoped both the new Dojo facility and gym extensions would increase use of the gym by people from Launceston and surrounding areas.

“Within the growing university community the gym is well-used by staff and students, especially those studying health science and human movement,” he said.

“Many community groups, including school, disabled and social sport groups, also use it for netball, basketball, badminton and general fitness.

“These new facilities will appeal to northern martial arts groups and we hope they will attract state and national competitions in judo, aikido and tae kwon do.”

UTAS Sport and Recreation State Manager Gina Poulton said she looks forward to increasing community awareness of the high quality new facilities.

“The Dojo is a contemporary facility designed to meet national competition standards for martial arts,” she said.

“It will also be used for yoga, pilates and other social wellbeing programs as it optimizes client comfort with soft flooring and general ambience.

“The gym extension increases floor space for weight and cardio-vascular training facilities. Additional state-of-the-art fitness equipment has been installed to complement the extension.”

The Dojo development and gym extensions are funded by the Australian Government following UTAS submissions for Voluntary Student Unionism transitional funding.

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