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## Cradle Coast research talent on show

THE North West Coast's research talent will be on show for a special one-day conference in Burnie today.

The inaugural Cradle Coast Postgraduate Research Conference, *Research on the Edge*, will be held at the UTAS Cradle Coast campus.

Researchers from across the region will discuss their latest findings in a range of areas including rural health, education, architecture, agriculture and sustainability solutions.

“Traditionally we haven't had a lot of research students based in the North West,” conference co-ordinator and Institute for Regional Development (IRD) Senior Research Fellow Dr Robyn Eversole said.

“But over the past three to four years the number of postgraduate students here has grown considerably.

“Many of their research projects are directly relevant to the region. Others are potentially relevant.

“The conference allows students to practice communicating their research, learn from others, network and see opportunities for working collaboratively across disciplines. We are aiming to build a research culture in and for the region.”

Presentations from postgraduate researchers and postdoctoral fellows include:

- Is Tasmania ready for a 'food bowl' future?
- The changing nature of socialising in leisure: How will local government cope?
- Is your broccoli high maintenance, grossly immature, doesn't want to conform and feeling that life is hollow? Find out how to help with Dr Broc

UTAS Dean of Graduate Research Professor Peter Frappell will officially open the event.

He will be joined by Faculty of Education Associate Dean (Research) Associate Professor Dawn Penney and Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom MP on the judging panel for the Paper of the Conference prize.

The event is presented by the Cradle Coast Research and Postgraduate Studies Committee with support from UTAS Cradle Coast campus, Institute for Regional Development (IRD), Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research (TIAR), UTAS Faculty of Health Science – Rural Clinical School, UTAS Faculty of Education and the Tasmanian University Union (TUU) and Student Representative Council.

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