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First UTAS Graduation Ceremony for North West Tasmania

The University of Tasmania is gearing up for its end of year graduations, which will be held state-wide for the first time this December.

The first graduation ceremony will be held in Burnie on Wednesday, 9 December 2009 – the first time a university graduation ceremony has been held on the North West Coast.

More than 50 local students are expected to celebrate their academic achievements at a graduation ceremony hosted by the Cradle Coast Campus of UTAS.

More than 250 guests are expected at the graduation ceremony, which will be held at the Burnie Civic Centre. A function for graduating students and their families will be held at the Cradle Coast Campus following the ceremony.

The Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew says the North West graduation ceremony is an important milestone for the UTAS Cradle Coast Campus.

“The majority of the graduates have taken advantage of the great learning opportunities on offer at the University’s Cradle Coast Campus. This is an opportunity for the North West community to celebrate the achievements of their local University,” Prof Le Grew says.

“UTAS is delighted to continue to contribute to the Tasmanian community by providing opportunities for Tasmanians and students from interstate and overseas to study at a world-competitive institution.”

The ceremony will include students from the Education, Business, Science, Engineering and Technology, Arts, Health Science faculties.

The inaugural Burnie ceremony will be followed by nine ceremonies at Hobart between 14-16 December and three ceremonies at Launceston on 19 December.

This includes two Town and Gown Parades. The first will be in Hobart for graduates of the Faculty of Health Science who will march from Domain House to the Federation Concert Hall on 16 December. Graduates will be part of a Town and Gown Parade in Launceston on 19 December, walking from Civic Square to the Albert Hall.

For more information on the Burnie Graduations, please contact Cradle Coast Campus media officer, Merian Ellis, on 6430 4949.

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