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Produce to the students

Students at the UTAS Cradle Coast campus now have access to free fruit and vegetables through the Produce to the People Tasmania project.

The aim is to gather excess produce from backyard gardens in Penguin, Burnie and Wynyard and give it to people in the community who may not have access to seasonal fruit and vegetables.

The UTAS campus in Mooreville Road Burnie has become a designated drop off point for the Produce to the People project, providing students with a chance to boost their diets with healthy food.

Project Manager Penelope Dodd says up until now fruit and vegetables have been distributed through the Salvation Army Support service.

“The University drop off point is a great way to extend the sharing opportunity to the student community at UTAS,” Ms Dodd said.

“Anything not taken by students or staff will be collected and delivered to the Salvation Army to boost our current Produce to the People contributions.”

“We are encouraging staff, students and gardeners in the area surrounding the University to donate any surplus fruit or vegetables. All they need to do is drop their goods into reception at the Cradle Coast campus.”

The Produce to the People Project is funded by the Community Capacity Building Grants Program of the Tasmanian Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Media Opportunity:

Produce to the People Project Officer, Penelope Dodd will be launching the Cradle Coast campus drop-off point on Tuesday 18 May, at 9.30 am in the Main Entrance Area of the campus.

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