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Red doors to open around the state this Sunday

UTAS Open Day is being held on the one day right around Tasmania this year, with a program of activities to appeal to all.

The Hobart, Launceston and Cradle Coast UTAS campuses will be open from **10-3 this Sunday, 26 August 2012.**

Visitors to Open Day have the chance to find out about study options, take a tour around campus, enjoy one of the public presentations or performances, and take part in activities and workshops for all ages.

Open Day highlights:

Hobart:

- Public lecture: “The Environmental Crisis – A Question of Leadership” by Arron Wood, former Young Australian of the Year, Prime Minister’s Environmentalist of the Year 2007, United Nations individual environmental award-winner and instigator of the national Kids Teaching Kids program. **11.30-12.30, Uni Centre Lecture Theatre 1.**
- Public lecture by Federal Court judge and former Federal Attorney-General Duncan Kerr: “Becoming Invisible: Life After Politics – Would You Do It All Over Again?” **1-2pm, Uni Centre Lecture Theatre 1.**
- Tours of the John Elliott Classics Museum. A recent significant acquisition - a bronze statuette of the Roman messenger god Mercury, dating from Second-Century Roman Gaul - will go on display for the first time. **All day.**
- Tours of the Mt Pleasant Radio Telescope Observatory and Grote Reber Museum at Cambridge. **All day.**
- Members of the TUU Climbing Club scaling the side of the Morris Miller Library. **11am, 12.30pm.**
- Performances, master classes and workshops at the Conservatorium of Music. **All day.** Also at the Conservatorium, a performance from the ‘Strings Alive’ program, involving our youngest stars- aged 12 years and under. **10.30am.**

- The Tasmanian School of Art will host the official opening and awards presentation for 'The Young Archies', **11am**.
- The Art School will also feature the Open Day Art Forum presented by Brian Ritchie. **1pm**.

Launceston:

- Sticky and Sam, the Tasmanian team from *The Amazing Race Australia*. Session includes Q and A. **12.30-1.30pm, Sir Raymond Ferrall Centre lecture theatre 5**.
- Tours of the TV Stephen Brown and life boat rides at AMC Beauty Point – shuttle bus available from Newnham. **10am – 2pm**.
- Three new exhibitions at the School of Visual and Performing Arts (Inveresk campus), including the Australian War Memorial's *Framing Conflict: Iraq and Afghanistan* (paintings and photographs).
- An Interactive Design Expo at the School of Architecture and Design. **All day**.

Cradle Coast (Burnie):

- Public lecture by The Gourmet Farmer, Matthew Evans, on realising the potential of the North West as a food bowl. **12-1pm, room D201**.
- Regional Showcase involving staff from the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, the Primary Industry Centre for Science Education, and local business Red Cow Dairies. **11am-12pm Room D201**.
- Local producers of berries, mustard, cheese, vegetables and meat, including the Wessex Saddleback piglets from Mount Gnomon Farm. **All day**.
- Young visitors can learn how to program their own Lego robot with the "Robogals" Kellie and Samantha. **All day**.

Programs for each campus are available for download on the Open Day webpage: <http://www.utas.edu.au/open-day/>

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