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## Gathering of knowledge for George Town's Indigenous community

The University of Tasmania's Riawunna Centre will be a key exhibitor in the inaugural ningina tunapri (Gathering of Knowledge) family fun day and expo at the George Town Memorial Hall on **Thursday, October 3 from 10am-3pm**.

Organised by Colony 47 and Indigenous Community Links, the gathering of knowledge will see a wide range of educational and support services come together to make it easy for the Aboriginal community of George Town to get involved.

Stallholders include Medicare Local, the Salvation Army, Australian Electoral Commission, George Town Neighbourhood House, CHAT/Family Food Patch, Boat House George Town and Digital Hub George Town.

Activities have been designed to suit all ages, with traditional dance, jumping castle, cooking, kelp basket making, art and craft, show bags to give away and much more.

The UTAS Riawunna Centre, which includes the Murina Pathway Program to help Indigenous and Torres Strait Islanders find their way into tertiary education, will be a big part of the learning experience for visitors to the expo with hands-on activities and tutors and mentors on hand to answer questions.

Murina co-ordinator Ann Edwards said that it is important that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of George Town know that the University of Tasmania cares about providing quality educational services in the area.

"The Murina Pathway Program will be hosting a stall at the expo and will be taking expressions of interest for classes we hope to provide in the George Town area in 2014," she said.

"We are ready to meet community needs. We need the community to tell us what they want and then we will do our best to deliver it."

One of the most popular Murina courses is Introduction to University Studies: Drawing, with contemporary Indigenous artist and tutor Brigitte Wolfe.

At the Gathering of Knowledge expo she is keen to show visitors how they can explore their creative abilities through learning about concepts and techniques of drawing from past to present.

“This unit is for beginners through to competent artists and participants get the opportunity to try a variety of materials and techniques and eventually exhibit their work,” Brigitte said.

Aboriginal studies, law, sociology, computer skills, academic study skills and examining life stories are just a few more courses that can be explored as part of the Murina program at the George Town expo.

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## **ningina tunapri (Gathering of Knowledge)**

**WHAT:** Expo of support services for the local Aboriginal community, family fun day with activities for children and showcase of educational opportunities with the University of Tasmania.

**WHERE:** George Town Memorial Hall

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 3 10am-3pm

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