Top UTAS staff receive national citations

Six University of Tasmania staff who have made a long-standing contribution to the quality of student learning will be formally recognised at the Australian Learning and Teaching Council Citation ceremony in Melbourne on Wednesday.

Each Citation recipient will receive $10,000.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, officially announced the Citation recipients today (Monday 4 August).

UTAS Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew, who is a member of the board of the Australian Learning and Teaching Council, said the awards recognised a wide range of contributions to teaching and learning.

“The recipients have already been recognised by the University for their outstanding contributions to learning and teaching and it is heartening to see them recognised nationally as well,” Prof Le Grew said.

Professor Richard Johnstone, Executive Director of the Australian Learning and Teaching Council, said the citations revealed the commitment to improving the student experience.

“Recipients are drawn from a broad range of disciplines and can be found working throughout the organisation – they recognise the work of everyone with a role in enhancing student learning,” he said.

Citation recipient details are as follows:

Dr Margaret Baguley
School of Education
For outstanding contribution in building awareness of the effectiveness of visual arts strategies to build confidence, encourage higher order thinking skills and enhance student engagement.

Dr Kim Beswick
School of Education
For commitment to and leadership of continual improvement of student learning in the Faculty of Education, particularly in relation to mathematics education.
Dr Kerry Howells  
School of Education  
*For the continual development and contextualised application of a unique approach to reflective practice that greatly enhances learning and teaching and fosters greater student engagement.*

Ms Rikki Maward  
TUU  
*For commitment to ensuring student-centred and well informed contributions in University decision-making and for dedication in seeking to enhance the overall student experience at UTAS.*

Dr Mary Scott  
School of Art (Hobart)  
*For sustained excellence in teaching and for developing and implementing effective and stimulating learning activities for Visual Art and Design students.*

Mr Rick Snell  
School of Law  
*An outstanding capacity to inspire and encourage student learning across the undergraduate law degree from first year to final year students.*

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