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Treasures of time revealed in rare exhibition

The beautiful, precious, odd, unusual, subtle and significant will be unveiled in a rare exhibition opening inside Burnie’s Makers’ Workshop TOMORROW, Thursday, 24 August.

*Treasures from the University of Tasmania Collections* showcases the institution’s diverse research resources which include an Egyptian bust, a Roman god statue, 19th-century scientific equipment, an America’s Cup keel, unique minerals, historical documents, Australian artwork, and pharmaceutical remedies and records.

University of Tasmania Collections Academic Director and Co-curator Dr Malcom Bywaters said the exhibition aimed to share the high-quality items with the public.

“Our University Collections are ‘treasures’ that encompass academic research, visual creativity and object-based teaching and learning,” Dr Bywaters said.

“Importantly the University’s Collections contain items of Australian and international significance. They speak to the past and project to a future that combines the arts and sciences.”

Cradle Coast campus Arts and Public Programs Coordinator Joanna Gair said it was exciting to present the rare and special curated collection to the region.

“There is nothing like the romance of treasure to evoke curiosity and excitement. The vast array of research materials contained in the University of Tasmania’s Collections fit this title well, especially when these items have remained metaphorically buried in their faculty archives for so long,” Ms Gair said.

“It is fantastic to bring items of this magnitude and diversity to the North-West, in some cases, seen as too valuable to tour; these items haven’t travelled away from Hobart since they were acquired 100 years ago.”

The free exhibition was co-curated by Distinguished Professor Jeff Malpas and will continue in the Makers’ Space Gallery until 27 September.
MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:

What: Treasures from the University of Tasmania’s Collections opening;
When: TOMORROW Thursday, 24 August at 5pm;
Where: Makers’ Space Gallery, Makers’ Workshop, 2 – 4 Bass Highway, Burnie;
Who: Dr Malcom Bywaters, Co-curator and Academic Director – University of Tasmania Collections will deliver the official address.

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