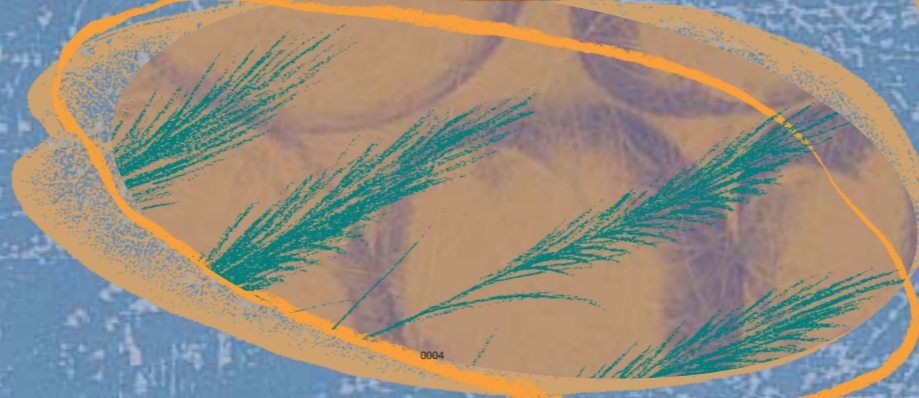


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The State's University

The University of Tasmania is the State's University.

It is a generator of ideas and knowledge and makes a significant contribution to the economic, social and cultural fabric of the Tasmanian community. It has a crucial role to play in the State's long-term prosperity.



2002 — at a glance

Campuses

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Other significant facilities in Hobart include the Clinical School at the Royal Hobart Hospital, the Conservatorium of Music in Sandy Bay Road and the School of Art at Hunter Street.

In Launceston, parts of the Schools of Medicine and Nursing are located at the Launceston General Hospital; the School of Visual and Performing Arts is located within the Academy of Arts at Inveresk.

Faculties

Arts
Commerce
Education
Health Science
Law
Science & Engineering

Financial Performance

The University of Tasmania and its controlled entities recorded operating revenue of \$200.5 million and expenditure of \$199.6 million during the year.

Revenue from the Commonwealth Government increased \$12.1 million and revenue from fee paying students increased \$3.3 million.

The financial position of the University is sound with the ratio of current assets to current liabilities at 2.6 (2.5 for 2001).

Consolidated operating revenue	\$200,483,000
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All students	13,972
Male	6,228
Female	7,744
Undergraduates	11,653
Higher degree – research	935
Higher degree – coursework	318
Other postgraduates	449
Total student load (EFTSU)	10,897
All FTE staff (including casuals)	1,751
Academic (excluding casuals)	645
Non-academic (excluding casuals)	858

FTE:	All staff (including casuals)	1,751
Persons:	Academic (excluding casuals)	704
	Non-academic (excluding casuals)	955

The Chancellor's Message



The environment in which the University seeks to fulfil its mission in teaching and research and in its contributions to the life of Tasmania and its community remains a challenging one. Resources continue to be constrained and the higher education sector seems under constant review.

In the various sections of this report, the Acting Vice-Chancellor provides details on the activities and achievements of the University during 2002.

This year the Council was required to discharge one of its most important roles – the appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor. Council's selection committee, made up members drawn from the academic and general staff, students, alumni and the community, undertook an extensive selection process.

Council was then delighted to announce the appointment of Professor Daryl Le Grew as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania for a five-year term commencing in 2003.

In July, Council farewelled former Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don McNicol, who has had an outstanding career in higher education, and who had served eight years as Vice-Chancellor at this University. Professor McNicol previously held the Chair of Psychology at the

University, and senior positions at other universities, with the Commonwealth Government and for the Australian Vice-Chancellor's Committee.

During the year, Council further developed the overall governance framework for the University following the extensive changes in governance detailed in the 2001 Annual Report. This work was based on current developments in corporate governance generally and on the recommendations contained in the Review of Administration and Policy-Making Processes of the University, announced in 2001.

Council has worked most effectively reflecting the benefits of the recently implemented changes in structure.

Deputy Chancellor Ms Kim Boyer retired at the end of 2002, having served one term on the current Council and devoted ten years of service to the University through Council. Her contribution to the University is greatly appreciated.

I want to thank all members of Council for their contributions to the work of Council and to the University during the year.

Dr Michael Vertigan



Presentation Statement to the Governor

To His Excellency, the Honourable
Sir Guy Green, AC, KBE, LLB, HonLLD

Governor of Tasmania

May it please Your Excellency:

The Council of the University of Tasmania, in conformity with the provisions of the *University of Tasmania Act 1992*, has the honour to report, for Your Excellency's information, the proceedings of the University for 2002 and to present the financial statements for that year.



Michael Vertigan
Chancellor
May 2003

Message from the Acting Vice-Chancellor

August 2002 - December 2002

I am pleased to report that the University has continued with its very positive progress towards key strategic goals in 2002.

Support for teaching and learning increased significantly during 2002, with the newly established Flexible Education Unit providing a wide range of workshops for staff and students, hosting special interest groups, supporting teaching development projects and preparing web-based resources to assist staff in implementing new teaching approaches. The number of the University's subjects that include online components has doubled during 2002 and now there are nearly 400 units incorporating resources and activities that are accessible via the web. While this strategy is aimed primarily at making the University's offerings more accessible to students who may not be able to attend regular on-campus classes, these additional learning resources benefit all students.

This year has been a very good one for research at the University. Increased Commonwealth performance-based block funding for research via the Research Training Scheme (\$13.7809 million), Institutional Grants Scheme (\$6.53 million) and the Research Infrastructure Block Grant (\$2.61 million) helped to stimulate research in the faculties. The University of Tasmania was one of only nine universities nationally to receive the maximum 5% increase allowed under the RTS/IGS schemes. Our block funding for research was the ninth highest nationally. Our position as one of the

'top ten' research universities in Australia is strengthened by the latest available national research benchmark data e.g. eighth ARC income, ninth total research income, ninth highest RHD load and 11th highest publication.

The University has maintained a Research Higher Degree (RHD) load of approximately 660 EFTSU (and about 1,080 candidates) and we continue to be a popular choice for research students. The implementation of registration for all RHD supervisors, the adoption of a set of minimum standards of infrastructure support and the significant expansion of generic skills workshops have been highlights this year. The generic skills workshops covered a wide range of subjects, and were attended by about 800 people overall. A total of 260 people attended the workshops for supervisors. This year 136 students completed research higher degrees, up from 120 in 2001 and 109 in 2000.

The renewal of research funding for the Antarctic CRC and the Tourism CRC was a significant achievement that will bring major benefits to the University, and to the State, over the period 2003-2010. The Centre for Ore Deposit Research (CODES), a Special Research Centre of the Australian Research Council, was reviewed and received glowing praise with its funding extended for 2003-2005.

The University maintained its position as a national leader in aspects of High Performance Computing with the installation of a Silicon Graphics 3400 Supercomputer worth over \$1 million. The facility was opened formally by the Minister for Science, Senator Peter McGauran. Our involvement in the

Australian Partnership in Advanced Computing continues to bring benefits to the University and to Tasmania.

The second year of the University's Partnership Agreement with the State Government has seen close cooperation on a wide range of projects that will have ongoing benefits for Tasmanians. There are currently 19 schedules operating under the agreement. Of particular note was the establishment of the following entities in 2002:

- The Tasmanian Institute of Law Enforcement Studies (TILES), which will provide research and consultancy opportunities in the areas of law enforcement, policing and governance, as well as reinforcing the links previously developed between the University and the Department of Police and Public Safety through the creation of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Police Studies
- The founding of the Housing and Community Research Unit (HACRU), which paves the way for research into housing issues that are specific to Tasmania. This joint venture between Housing Tasmania and the University will undertake research into issues such as the housing needs of indigenous youth and elders, and of homeless young people in rural areas
- The setting up of an IT incubator (called Intellinc) on the Hobart campus to provide start-up and early stage IT companies with the resources and support necessary to realise their potential in Australian and international markets

Message from the Acting Vice-Chancellor

Another partnership was formally recognised with the official opening of the Academy of the Arts at Inveresk. Working in association with our partner, the Institute of TAFE Tasmania, the Academy of the Arts is set to become a significant cultural precinct for Launceston and the State.

On the national scene, the release of the *Higher Education at the Crossroads* discussion paper by the Commonwealth Minister for Education, Science & Training, Dr Brendan Nelson, has generated much discussion. The University of Tasmania contributed submissions in response to the initial document and the following series of discussion papers, and we await the outcome with much interest.

In November, we were deeply honoured to have the King of Thailand, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, accept the degree of Doctor of Science Honoris Causa, in recognition of His Majesty's 'vision, leadership and commitment'. It was a great tribute to the University that His Majesty accepted this award.

In relation to international matters, it is pleasing to report that our international student numbers continue to grow. In 2002, international students (onshore and offshore) accounted for 9.5% of all enrolments. The growth in international student numbers over the past few years has been quite significant, with onshore international student enrolments growing from 777 in 1998 to 1,162 in 2002 – an increase of 50%.

Our efforts in this area were recognised during the year, with the International Services Division of the University winning the Education Award category in the Tasmanian Export Awards 2002. 2002 has seen the first full year of our new University Council structure, as well as our new administrative structure. These changes have provided us with a more efficient and effective governance and operating structure, and will assist the University to address the many challenges facing higher education institutions in Australia.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "R. Lidl". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Professor Rudi Lidl

Mission



The University of Tasmania is committed to excellence in the creation, preservation, communication and application of knowledge and to scholarship that is international in scope but that also reflects the distinctiveness of Tasmania and serves the needs of its community.

Core Principles

In pursuing its mission, the University of Tasmania is committed to:

- Securing a national and international reputation for scholarship that will guarantee a permanent place for the University of Tasmania among Australia's best universities
- Providing a teaching and learning and working environment of high quality
- Encouraging and supporting excellent basic and applied research and research training
- Making important, distinctive and excellent contributions to the community, industry, government and scholarly communities
- Providing lifelong learning opportunities
- Having a lifelong association with its graduates
- Remaining a strong, independent and autonomous institution
- Giving practical expression to its role as Tasmania's university by:
 - serving the general educational needs of Tasmania
 - enriching the culture and advancing the economic and social interests of Tasmania, and
 - making important, distinctive and excellent contributions to learning in fields of study of particular relevance to Tasmania

Identity

STUDENTS

Enrolment Performance

The University receives an operating grant from the Commonwealth related to an enrolment target expressed in terms of student load or equivalent full-time student units (EFTSU). A sub-target is set for undergraduate enrolments. The University also admits international students and additional domestic undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students on a fee-paying basis. The University exceeded its overall 2002 target by 3.8%.

It achieved the Research Training Scheme target of 520, and the operating grant non-research load of 9,118 exceeded the 8,765 target by 4%.

The Schools with significant enrolments above target were Education with 1,264 EFTSU (target 1,130), Management 510

(434), Visual and Performing Arts 267 (233), and Sociology & Social Work 583 (520). There was also a very positive increase in enrolments in enabling programs. Schools that fell well below target were English, Journalism and European Languages 341 EFTSU (target 365), Asian Languages and Studies 121 (140), Conservatorium of Music 101 (135), Medicine 390 (416), Law 463 (477), Earth Sciences 90 (105), Geography and Environmental Studies 307 (327) and Aquaculture 119 (132).

Entry Standards

Entry standards are monitored at university, faculty and course levels. Table 2 shows entry scores obtained by Year 12 students continuing to the University over the past six years. The figures are converted to the Interstate Transfer Index (ITI) to allow for better comparison with other Australian universities.

Faculty quality assurance reports indicate continuing increases to median TE scores.

61.1% of the top quartile of Year 12 students have enrolled at the University compared with 61% in 2001.

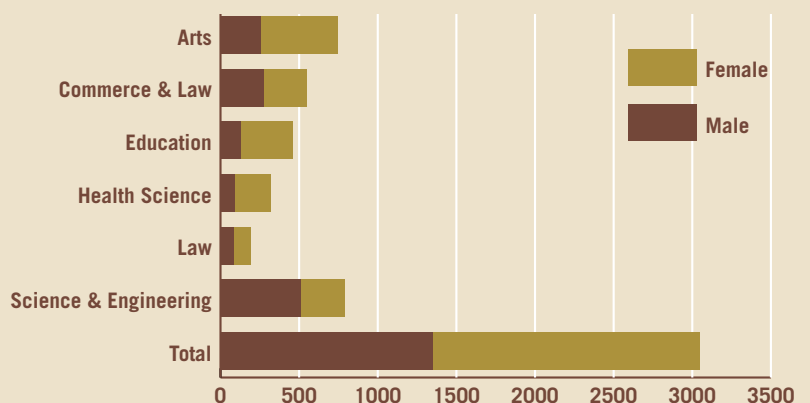
TABLE 2 ENTRY SCORES, YEAR 12 ENTRANTS, 1996-2001

Year	Mean ITI	Median ITI
1996	85.0	84.5
1997	86.0	85.5
1998	84.0	84.0
1999	84.0	84.1
2000	86.5	86.5
2001	88.0	87.8

TABLE 1 PERFORMANCE AGAINST ENROLMENT LOAD TARGETS BY CAMPUSES, FACULTIES AND PROGRAMS

	Target	Total	Variance
Arts	2,616	2,707.2	3.5%
Commerce	1,278	1,347.4	5.4%
Education	1,130	1,264.2	11.9%
Health Science	1,148	1,163.6	1.4%
Law	477	462.8	-3.0%
Science & Engineering	2,571	2,545.3	-1.0%
Enabling Programs	65	147.8	127.3%
Total	9,285	9,638.5	3.8%

TABLE 3 2001 COURSE COMPLETIONS BY FACULTY





Course Completions

In the year 2001, there were 3,049 students who completed their courses, of whom 1,349 were male and 1,700 female. Of the total, 1,963 completed in Hobart, 906 in Launceston and 180 in other centres. The course completions by Faculty are shown in Table 3.

Graduate Outcomes

Table 4 shows the outcomes (destinations) of students who completed an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in 2001.

The table also shows that employment outcomes for those completing an undergraduate degree remain at a good level, with the majority of those graduates in employment or undertaking further study.

The percentage of graduates completing a postgraduate qualification who are in full-time employment (65.5%) has

dropped relative to 2000, but the proportion seeking work remains low.

Of those graduates unavailable for work in 2002 – 91.5% were undertaking study, 68.5% were involved in an undergraduate course, and 31.5% were in a postgraduate course.

Student Satisfaction

The Course Experience Questionnaire (CEQ) is a national survey of graduates. Respondents rate aspects of their course on a scale from 1 (very negative) to 5 (very positive).

Department of Education, Science and Technology (DEST) produces indicators on undergraduate responses on three scales – overall satisfaction, good teaching and generic skills.

Satisfaction on each of these scales is measured by the percentage of graduates who 'broadly agree' with statements in the CEQ (that is,

graduates responding 3, 4 or 5 respectively to statements in the questionnaire as a percentage of all respondents). These data can be used for benchmarking against the national averages and selected benchmark partners.

Overall Course Satisfaction: this question averaged 3.7. Of 1,396 respondents, 925 (66%) rated their overall satisfaction as either 4 or 5, down slightly relative to 2000 (69%).

The time series data in Table 5 indicate that students continue to rate the University favourably, with no significant gender differences between the experiences of students.

TABLE 4 DESTINATIONS OF GRADUATES

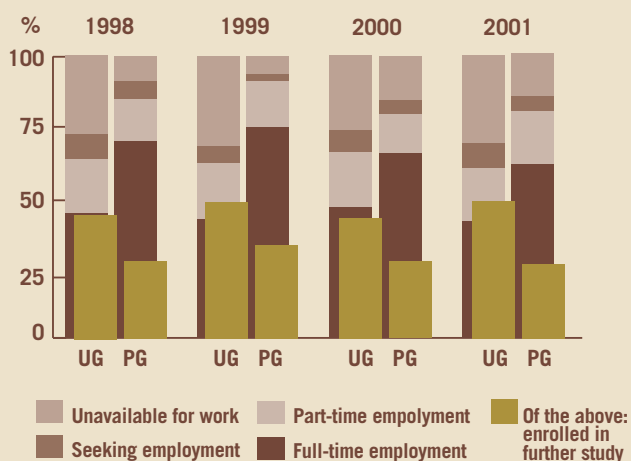


TABLE 5 AVERAGE SCORE ON KEY CEQ SCALES (ON 1-5 RANGE) – ALL RESPONDENTS

CEQ Scale	Gender	1998	1999	2000	2001
Good Teaching	Females	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4
	Males	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
	All Students	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3
Generic Skills	Females	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
	Males	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7
	All Students	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
Overall Satisfaction	Females	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7
	Males	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.6
	All Students	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7

Identity



The King of Thailand, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, accepted an honorary degree from the University of Tasmania in November. The Chancellor, Dr Michael Vertigan, led a delegation to Thailand for the ceremony. It included the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Rudi Lidl, and Professor Jim Reid, Dean of the Faculty of Science & Engineering.

GRADUATIONS

Seventeen graduation ceremonies were held in Hobart and Launceston in August and December 2002 with 3,132 candidates admitted to degrees and diplomas. Additionally, 37 candidates chose to have their degrees conferred at a meeting of the University's Council. Typically, such graduands are candidates for research higher degrees who wish to have their degrees conferred before proceeding overseas for employment or postdoctoral study, or graduands who have studied off-shore.

A special conferral was held in Bangkok on 20 November 2002 to admit His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand to the honorary degree of Doctor of Science. The degree was conferred in recognition of His Majesty's leadership, and commitment to goals that the University and people of Tasmania also hold dear in the areas of agricultural sustainability, environmental restoration, education, cultural diversity and self-reliance. The conferral of this degree strengthens the University's existing links with Thailand and with universities in that country.

The graduation ceremonies of the University provide the University with an opportunity to showcase the talent of Conservatorium of Music students. In 2002, students of the Conservatorium provided the musical interlude at the Hobart ceremonies. Two of them, Amelia Richardson and Daniel Freeman, were admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Music with Honours at the Faculty of Arts ceremony for graduands in the visual and performing arts.

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred posthumously on Gwendolyn Dorothy Nettlefold at the Faculty of Arts ceremony held on 18 December 2002. The ceremonies on that day were also the last at which Ms Kim Boyer presided as Deputy Chancellor. Ms Boyer retired from the office of Deputy Chancellor on 31 December 2002.

Honorary degrees were conferred on the following in recognition of their outstanding service to Australia, Tasmania or the University:

Emeritus Professor Wilfred Asquith Townsley, AO, BA *Birm*, DipED *Lond*, MA *Tas* (Doctor of Laws)

Mr Richard Miller Flanagan, BA *Tas*, MLitt *Oxon* (Doctor of Letters)

The following were admitted as Fellows of the University of Tasmania in recognition of their service to the University.

The Hon. Mr Justice Ewan Charles Crawford, LLB *Tas*

Mrs Margaret Joan Ruffels, BA, MEd *Tas*, FACE



SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

The University's Tasmania Scholarships Program continues to be a very useful vehicle for ensuring the enrolment of the State's high achieving students.

In 2002 the University attracted 22 of the top 30 Tasmanian school leavers into the courses it offers.

The table below shows the number of scholarships and bursaries offered by the University in 2001 and 2002.

The University invests \$2.3 million annually to provide approximately 176 postgraduate research scholarships funded at the Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) rate.

Schools/Institutes and Faculties offer an additional 91 internal scholarships. The APA system currently funds 124 scholarships plus 38 APA (Industry), and there are currently a total of 429

scholarships for research higher degree (RHD) students.

There was yet another significant increase in sponsored undergraduate scholarships in 2002.

As a result of an ongoing campaign there was an increased investment in the program.

A new scholarship program was funded with a \$75,000 grant from the Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation through ANZ Charitable Trusts. The program is an innovative bursary program to encourage Year 11 students to undertake further study and to eventually enrol at university. The program, being run in concert with the Tasmanian Principals Association, offers 10 \$500 bursaries each year to talented students who progress into Year 11 and then into



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

	2001	2002
Four-year scholarships (\$10,000 p.a.)	9	9
Four-year scholarships (\$3,000 p.a.)	15	15
Overseas scholarships (\$2,500)	6	9
Sponsored scholarships	18	27
Honours scholarships	14	18
Endowed scholarships	6	9
Postgraduate scholarships	-	-

EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Accommodation bursaries (\$1,000 each)	115	118
West North-West bursaries (2001 – \$2,500 p.a. 2002 – \$3,000 p.a.)	7	10
Regional Tasmania bursaries (\$3,000 pa x 4 years)	1	6
Endowed equity scholarships (2001 – \$2,500 p.a. x 4 years, 2002 – \$3,000 p.a. x 3 years)	6	7

Some of the 2002 scholarship students.

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Year 12 and subsequently to university. The bursaries offer a total payment of \$1,500 to each of the participating students who meet the enrolment goal. The program will run for five years with a total of 50 students to benefit. The first 10 awards were made in December 2002 and the first intake into the program entered Year 11 in 2003.

Another scholarship established in 2002 was the Flora Fenton Tasmania University Scholarship.

Mrs Flora Fenton, a long-time North-West Coast resident, has founded a perpetual scholarship available to students from the Circular Head region who need to move away from home in order to study at the University.

It is the second scholarship from the Fenton family for University of Tasmania students. Mrs Fenton's husband, the Honourable Charles Fenton, established the James Fenton endowment through Jane Franklin Hall in 1999.

The University's International Scholarships Program (allocated \$615,000 in 2002) is designed to attract higher quality international students to the University by offering a 25% fee waiver to high achieving applicants. The program has been very successful in attracting new international applicants of strong academic background, and retaining the best of those international students undertaking TCE or foundation studies in Tasmania.

Sponsors of Tasmania Scholarships and Bursaries 2002

- Australia Post • Botanical Resources Australia • Burnie City Council • Burnie Port Corporation • Calvary Health Care • Central Coast Council • Civil Construction Corporation • Classic Foods • Clemenger Tasmania • Collex • Cosgrove Park Home • Country Club Casino • Country Women's Association • Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu • Delta Hydraulics • Department of Education • Department of Infrastructure • Department of Police and Public Safety • Department of Premier and Cabinet • Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment • Devonport City Council • DJ Motors • Doherty Hotels • Dr Joan Woodberry AM • Dr Peter Smith • Eastside Care • Essential Oils of Tasmania • Friends of University of Tasmania Football Club • Forestry Tasmania • GlaxoSmithKline • Glenorchy City Council • Glenorchy Skillshare • Hobart City Council • Hobart Water • Information and Land Services • Information Solution Works • KPMG • Lady Joyce Wilson • Latrobe Council • Launceston City Council • Lester Franks Surveying • Lithuanian Studies Society • Local Government Association of Tasmania Welfare Fund • Logica • Mary Ogilvy Homes • Masonic Homes • Mr & Mrs Nick and Manizheh Martin • Mr Nick Cretan • Mrs Bess Kable • Mrs Cynthia N Thun • Mrs Olwyn Tavendale • Norske Skog • Pitt and Sherry • Port of Devonport Corporation • Professor Jan Sedivka • Professor Robert Menary • RACT Insurance • RACT Travel • Riawunna • Robert Gatenby Trust • Rotary Club of Hobart • Royal Automobile Club of Tasmania • RSL Women's Auxiliary • Saltas • SEMF • Shadforth's Ltd • Show-Ads • Sinclair Knight Merz • Soroptimist International • Starwood Australia • Student Association • Synateq • Tasmania University Union • Tasmanian Alkaloids • Tasmanian Electronic Commerce Centre • The Advocate • The Cretan Family • The Examiner • The late Dr Tim Monks • The late Harold Carroll • The late John Kable QC • The late Professor Bill Jackson • The late Sir Harold and Lady Cuthbertson • The late Thomas A Crawford • The Lewis Family • The Mercury • The Park Group • Thompson and Brett • Transend Networks • University of Tasmania Alumni • Webster Limited • Wrest Point Hotel



INTERNATIONAL

The growth of the significant international activities of the University of Tasmania continued in 2002.

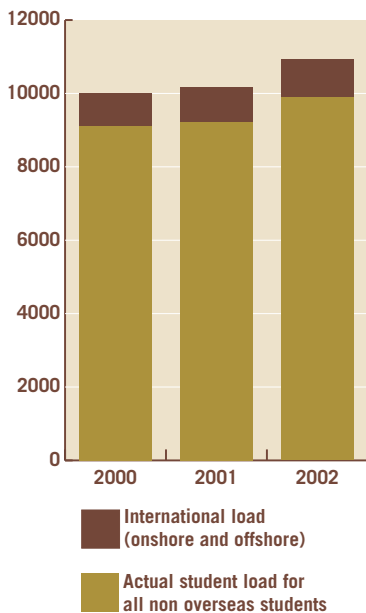
International student numbers continued their upward trend. The tables show the growth in international student numbers as a proportion of all students (presented as EFTSU – equivalent full-time student units), and the growth in onshore international student enrolments.

In 2002, international students represented 8.6% of the onshore student population for the University and generated \$11 million in fee income.

A total of 60 countries were represented through international students at the University in 2002. The majority of onshore students originated from South-East Asian countries, with 65% of onshore students coming from six Asian countries: Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand,

Indonesia and Hong Kong. Students from the USA were the second biggest country group, with 132 or nearly 12% of the total.

TABLE 6 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LOAD – ONSHORE EFTSU



Offshore

Since its establishment in 2001, the University Business Enterprise for International Offshore Programs (IOP) has been involved in the development and management of a range of programs. During 2002, IOP together with the Faculties and Schools has managed existing offshore programs in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam.

In line with the University's strategic direction, the IOP continued its work to diversify the number of programs and countries for offshore program delivery. It is planned that in the near future the University will commence programs in Indonesia, Hong Kong, China, New Zealand and South America, as well as diversifying the range of programs offered in countries with existing programs.

TABLE 7 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLMENTS – ONSHORE (HEADS)

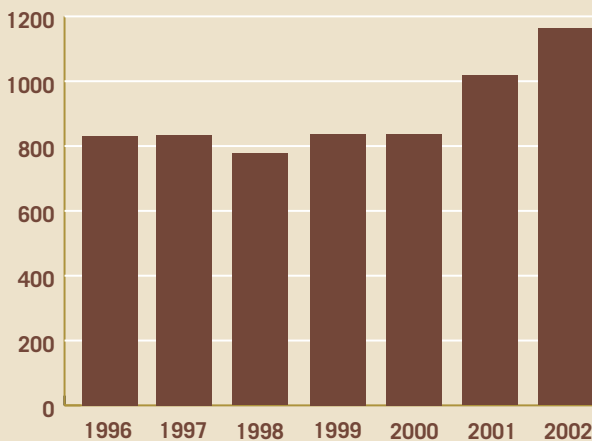
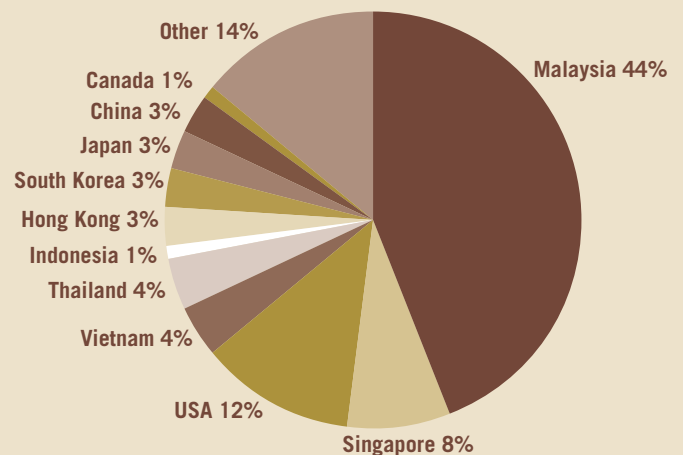


TABLE 8 SOURCE COUNTRIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS – 2002



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IOP also managed study tour programs to China and Japan during 2002, and is to explore further opportunities in Indonesia and Thailand for Tasmanian students to study overseas as part of the University of Tasmania degree program.

In China, the University of Tasmania has joined a consortium of Australian universities (the International Education Network [IEN]) to deliver university programs into China. The first IEN site for the University of Tasmania was opened in 2001 by the Premier of Tasmania at Minjiang University in Fuzhou. In 2003 the University will be delivering programs into two sites – Shanghai and Hangzhou – involving 400 students.

English Language Centre

The business of the University's English Language Centre has grown very rapidly, with enrolments more than tripling since 1999. English language programs are offered through the Centre on both the Hobart and Launceston campuses.

In 2002, over 550 students were enrolled in the Centre's programs, generating \$3.4 million in income. Students originate from nearly 30 countries, including Brazil, China, Colombia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Russia, Switzerland, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and Vietnam.

International Conference

From 30 September to 4 October 2002, the University was the host institution for the 16th Australian International Education Conference in Hobart. It is the third biggest annual international education conference in the world, and the biggest to take place in the Southern Hemisphere.

More than 780 delegates from Australia and overseas participated. A total of 38 countries were represented at the conference, and more than 175 speakers presented across 85 sessions. The conference provided an excellent forum at which to showcase the educational expertise and opportunities for international students on offer in Tasmania.

Award to University's International Services

The University's International Services Section won the Education Award category in the 2002 Tasmania Export Awards. The award, sponsored by *The Examiner* newspaper, was given in recognition of the record enrolments achieved by the University in each of its intakes over the past four years.

Teaching and Learning

In 2002, the Teaching and Learning Committee formulated a Teaching and Learning Development Plan that set out activities to achieve the following Teaching and Learning Strategic Goals from the University's Strategic Plan 2002-2004.

- To develop and maintain a flexible teaching and learning environment offering undergraduate and postgraduate education of the highest standard, delivering quality graduate outcomes to Tasmanian, interstate and international students
- To develop course structures and approaches that deliver, attract and retain a diverse range of students of high calibre

Other strategic goals relating to the University's identity and state and community development were also put into operation through teaching and

learning activities. These were:

- To be widely recognised internationally, nationally and locally, as an accessible and supportive institution offering a diverse range of high quality and distinctive programs, particularly in theme areas
- To enrich the culture and to advance the social and economic interests of the State through effective targeting and coordination of programs to meet the needs of government, business, industry and the community with a particular focus on improving the skills base in Tasmania

The Teaching and Learning Committee prepared a comprehensive report on 2002 outcomes of the Teaching and Learning Development Plan, which it will present in 2003.

The Committee reports jointly to the Vice-Chancellor and the Academic

Senate on matters relating to teaching and learning development, support, management and policy. It is responsible for developing quality assurance policy at university level and for monitoring quality assurance processes related to teaching and learning across the University. This committee coordinates reviews of courses and Schools.

During the year the committee endorsed new arrangements for the leadership of teaching and learning within Faculties through the appointment of associate deans (Teaching and Learning) in each Faculty and the establishment of Faculty Teaching and Learning committees. This initiative is to be implemented in 2003 and will streamline quality assurance processes and communication between Faculties and the University Teaching and Learning Committee.

The School of Zoology had much to celebrate in 2002. Jessica Trebilco was named as Tasmania's Rhodes Scholar and Kate Cresswell (right) picked up the British Antarctic Survey PhD Scholarship to study at Cambridge. They are pictured here with Professor Craig Johnson who supervised the research of both students – along with Piers Dunstan in Kate's case.



Teaching and Learning

Major Course Developments

The following new courses were approved in 2002 for introduction in 2003:

Bachelor of Biotechnology

Bachelor of Tourism with Honours

Joint degree training program in Medical Imaging with Charles Sturt University

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music (new combined degree)

Bachelor of Information Systems and Bachelor of Music (new combined degree)

Bachelor of Aquaculture and Bachelor of Commerce (new combined degree)

Bachelor of Computing and Bachelor of Laws, including with Honours (new combined degree)

Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma in E-Health (Health Informatics)

Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Master of Journalism and Media Studies

Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Master of International Politics

Graduate Diploma and Master of Pharmaceutical Science

Graduate Diploma in Environmental Planning

Graduate Certificate in Information Systems

Graduate Diploma in Information Management

Master of Clinical Nursing

Major amendments to existing courses approved during the year included: a new specialisation in Outdoor Education in the Bachelor of Human Movement/Honours; a new major in Information Systems in the Bachelor of Social Science (Police Studies); new majors in Management of Information Systems and Electronic Business in the Bachelor of Commerce; changes to Years 5 and 6 of the MBBS so that the final two years can be taught in

all three Clinical Schools (Burnie; Launceston and Hobart); and a new specialisation in Palliative Care Nursing Practice in the Graduate Diploma of Nursing. Academic Senate also supported a number of proposals for delivery of courses offshore in agreement with offshore partners in Indonesia, Malaysia and China.

Course and School Reviews

Course and School reviews, including reviews by professional bodies, included the Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Education In-Service including Honours, the Bachelor of Biomedical Science, the Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Technology, the Schools of Pharmacy, Medicine, Aquaculture, Psychology, Philosophy and the Conservatorium of Music.

Teaching Development Grants

In 2002, 18 Teaching Development Grants were awarded: 14 individual and one intra-Faculty grant in the Faculty of Science & Engineering and three inter-Faculty grants involving Health Science/Arts and Science & Engineering/Education. The grants are awarded primarily to support the development of innovative teaching approaches with potential university-wide extension.

Faculties also received a total of \$460,000 to support teaching development projects identified as strategic initiatives. These included: a science communications project for the Faculty of Science & Engineering, flexible delivery projects in the Faculties of Arts, Commerce and Law, support for the re-accreditation of Medicine and Nursing, an assessment project in Education and a corporate internship program in Commerce.





Flexible Teaching and Learning

The University continued its development of flexible approaches to teaching and learning. In 2002, 25.4% of units were web-supported, compared with 18.9% in 2001. The number of units in which students were required to undertake some web-dependent activities increased to 11.1% compared with 6.1% in 2001 and the number of units using WebCT rose from 181 in 2001 to 375 in 2002. In an online survey of students studying units using WebCT, 92% of students in 2002 indicated that they were confident using the technology (compared with 85% in 2001), and 69% said they would like to do more units that use WebCT (compared with 38% in 2001).

Major developments in online teaching were in Tourism, Introduction to Law, Entrepreneurship, Psychology, Antarctic

Tourism, Government, Sustainable Resource Management, Health Informatics and bridging programs.

The Flexible Education Unit, which was established to provide support for teaching and learning, implemented some major initiatives in 2002. These included:

- A comprehensive staff development program with 61 workshops attended by a total of more than 600 people
- National and international visiting speakers – Professor Hans de Wit (AUTC Visiting Scholar), Professor Craig McInnis (University of Melbourne), Associate Professor Geoff Waugh (UNSW) and Professor Gail Hart (QUT)
- Teaching Matters – a showcase of good teaching practice at the University of Tasmania – with 184 participants

- An introductory teaching course for academic staff, with 25 participants
- Establishment of special-interest groups on particular teaching topics
- An increase in numbers of students (490 students in 2002 compared with 393 students in 2001) attending the UniStart program to assist their transition to university studies
- Provision of online courses in IT training for students and staff, accessed by 4,000 people with nearly 50,000 requests for material
- The development of flexible delivery staff development programs – “Serving it Up” to support the introduction of WebCT and “Effective Videoconference Teaching”

TABLE 9 FLEXIBLE DELIVERY IN UNITS OFFERED IN 2001 & 2002

	Web-supported		Web-dependent – education		Web-dependent – comms		Web-dependent – edu & comms		Fully online		Video-conferencing	
2001	504	18.9%	47	1.8%	114	4.3%	93	3.5%	5	0.2%	88	3.3%
2002	512	25.4%	89	4.4%	136	6.7%	50	2.5%	14	0.7%	103	5.1%

	Audio-conferencing		Flexible scheduling		Flexible pathways		Workplace learning		Resource-based		Flexible access to lectures	
2001	4	0.2%	216	8.1%	79	3.0%	70	2.6%	451	17.0%	222	8.4%
2002	4	0.2%	268	13.3%	124	6.2%	183	9.1%	422	20.9%	121	6.0%

Left: In July, the CEO of Woolworths Limited, Mr Roger Corbett, announced that Woolworths would fund the establishment of a new Chair in the field of Information Technology at the University of Tasmania. Mr Michael Kent represented Woolworths at the official announcement ceremony in Launceston. He is pictured here with Premier Jim Bacon and Vice-Chancellor Professor Don McNicol.

Efficiency and Effectiveness

STAFF

Professorial Appointments

Art (Hobart)

Professor Noel Frankham

CRC – Sustainable Production Forestry

Professor Rod Griffin

Earth Sciences

Professor Tony Crawford

Nursing

Professor Gerry Farrell

Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Professor Clement Chan

TIAR

Professor Frank Vanclay

Senior Executive Appointments

Dean, Faculty of Arts

Professor Jan Pakulski

(Staff Numbers at 31 March 2002)

FTE:	All staff	
	(including casuals)	1,751
Persons:	Academic	
	(excluding casuals)	704
	Non-academic	
	(excluding casuals)	955

New Policies and Procedures

2002 saw a concentration on the revision of a number of employment-related policies and procedures and the establishment of new policies. Some of the more significant were:

- Performance Management system simplified and Performance Pay Criteria established in accordance with recommendations of the 2001 External Review
- Revised Appointment Procedures approved by Council for Academic A-C, D-E and General Staff
- Revised Academic Study Leave Policy & Procedures approved by Staff Development Committee
- Critical Incident Management Plan approved by OH&S Committee and initial training conducted for CIM team members
- Smoke-free Area Policy and Driving Authorised Vehicles Policy approved by OH&S Committee

The HRMS was also upgraded during 2002 and the Employee Web Kiosk facility expanded to allow staff access to online information regarding their annual leave and long service leave balances and bookings history.

Corporate Staff Development and Equity Initiatives

The more significant initiatives in 2002 relating to corporate staff development and equity issues were:

- Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2002-2007 approved by Equal Opportunity Committee
- Aboriginal Staff Equity Forum held in March
- Women's Equity Forum held in October
- Women's Mentoring Program introduced
- Diversity Training Program held with the assistance of the University of Western Australia
- General Staff Professional Development Leave Program established

Discussions were also held with Heads of Schools and Sections with a view to putting in place a comprehensive Headship Leadership and Management Program in 2003.

TABLE 10 PROPORTION AND LEVEL OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN EO TARGET GROUPS. [UI, TL]
ALL STAFF EQUITY GROUP REPRESENTATION, 2001 - 2002

	Total	Gender			ATSI			NESB			Disability		
		M	F	%Total	M	F	%Total	M	F	%Total	M	F	%Total
2002	1,659	823	836	50	3	7	0.6	63	59	7	27	16	2.6
2001	1,648	836	812	49	4	6	0.6	65	62	8	26	14	2.4



Prof. Clement Chan



Prof. Tony Crawford



Prof. Rod Griffin



Prof. Frank Vanclay



Prof. Noel Frankham



Prof. Gerry Farrell



AWARDS

The Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Exceptional Performance by General Staff were awarded to:

The Public Relations Graduation

Team members:

Greg Parkinson

Yvonne Shaw

Anne McKenzie

Jeff Hockley

Simon Talbot

Field and Diving Officer

School of Zoology

Linda Callahan

Executive Officer

Faculty of Education

Teaching Excellence Awards

The University's premier awards for excellence in teaching were awarded to:

Dr Julian Dermoudy

(School of Computing)

Ms Cec Craft

(School of Sociology and Social Work)

Dr Heather Smigiel

(School of Education)

The School of Accounting & Finance

won the team award.



Dr Julian Dermoudy



Ms Cec Craft



Dr Heather Smigiel

STUDENT AWARDS

University Medal Winners

MURPHY, Kate

Arts – Bachelor of Arts with Honours (First Class)

THOMAS, Ruth

Arts – Bachelor of Arts with Honours (First Class)

SPIRANOVIC, Caroline

Arts – Bachelor of Arts with Honours (First Class)

HORNUNG, L'Hibou

Arts – Bachelor of Contemporary Arts with Honours (First Class)

BAPTIST, Simon

Commerce – Bachelor of Economics with Honours (First Class)

BENDER, Philip

Law – Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws with Honours in Law (First Class)

JONES, Tamara

Education – Bachelor of Education with Honours (First Class)

TREBILCO, Jessica

Science & Engineering – Bachelor of Science with Honours (First Class)

McCALLUM, Jamie – Bachelor of

Science with Honours (First Class)

TABLE 11 CLASSIFICATION BY GENDER, 2001-2002 – FULL-TIME/FRACTIONAL STAFF ONLY

	2001				2002			
	M	F	Total	% F	M	F	Total	% F
Above Senior Lecturer	101	14	115	12.2%	109	16	125	12.8%
Senior Lecturer	130	34	164	20.7%	124	37	161	23.0%
Lecturer	161	91	252	36.1%	154	102	256	39.8%
Below Lecturer	64	74	138	53.6%	63	99	162	61.1%
Academic Staff	456	213	669	31.8%	450	254	704	36.1%
Above HEW 10	11	5	16	31.3%	12	5	17	29.4%
HEW 9-10	13	5	18	27.8%	12	10	22	45.5%
HEW 5-8	237	210	447	47.0%	257	239	496	48.2%
Up to HEW 4	103	303	406	74.6%	92	328	420	78.1%
General Staff	364	523	887	59.0%	373	582	955	60.9%
All Staff	820	736	1,556	47.3%	823	836	1,659	50.4%

Efficiency and Effectiveness

NORTH-WEST CENTRE

The Centre continued its focus on the promotion of participation in tertiary education within the region and during the year a number of outcomes were achieved.

In the areas of undergraduate teaching and learning, the North-West Centre offered a core range of study options that reflect a broad cross-section of the University's Faculties and Schools. A full first-year program in the following degree courses was offered:

- Bachelor of Adult and Vocational Education
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Computing
- Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)
- Bachelor of Information Systems
- Bachelor of Natural Environment and Wilderness Studies
- Bachelor of Science (limited subjects)

Second and third-year subjects were available for students undertaking a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting major only) or a Bachelor of Arts.

The largest groups of students in 2002 were enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts (116), the Bachelor of Education (28), the Bachelor of Commerce (59) and the Bachelor of Computing (12). Total undergraduate students numbered approximately 400 (234 EFTSU).

Postgraduate Research

Within the Centre, the School of Agricultural Science is the strongest area for research and higher degree students with six undertaking PhDs in 2002. There were 12 students undertaking Honours, Masters and PhDs in other disciplines.

Information Technology Review

Towards the end of 2001 the University undertook a review of information technology services at the North-West Centre, and implementation of the review recommendations commenced during 2002. A key outcome was the appointment of a Client Services Officer with the Flexible Education Unit at the Centre. The officer will ensure that the technical support required by students and staff at the Centre is provided.

University Preparation Program

The University Preparation Program (UPP) continued to be a success story for the Centre. The one-year program was established specifically to address the needs of adult learners in the north-west region who were unqualified for university entrance. The program was offered statewide for the first time in 2002 on both a full and part-time basis.



The West North-West Bursary program continues to expand. Picture above are five of the 11 recipients of WNW Bursaries in 2002: (from left) Robert Gane (Engineering, Port of Devonport Corporation), Alexander Fraser (Computing) and Eliza Wood (Arts) – both Premier of Tasmania Bursary holders, Gemma Oliver (Arts, Devonport City Council), James Raschle (Contemporary Arts, Tasmanian Alkaloids), and Scott Hill (Agricultural Science, GlaxoSmithKline).



North-West enrolments increased from an inaugural intake of 12 students in 1996 to 68 during the calendar year. Negotiations with TAFE resulted in the University Preparation Program coordinator offering a part of the Certificate IV in Adult Learning at the Hobart TAFE campus in December and January 2002 on a fee-for-service basis. Negotiations with TAFE led to a conjoint offering of the two programs in Hobart in 2002 (Semester II), and for TAFE to have a closer input to the UPP as it is offered in Burnie.

North-West Rural Clinical School

In 2002 a number of staff were appointed to the Clinical School in both the academic and administrative areas, with temporary office accommodation being provided at both the North West Regional Hospital and at the Centre.

Planning for a thirty-bed student accommodation facility for the North-West Rural Clinical School concluded during the year and building will commence in 2003.

Partnerships

In addition to its existing partnership programs, the University, TAFE, the Education Department and the Cradle Coast Authority established a partnership project, *Partners in Promoting Participation*, with commitments of \$25,000 from each of the three institutions. This, together with a \$2 million allocation from the Federal Government through the Stronger Regions Program, is earmarked to develop and implement an innovative post-compulsory education participation strategy for the region. The position of a Project Officer was established in 2002 and the recruitment process commenced.

Schools, University and Industry

The School of Agricultural Science at the Centre continued its successful Primary Industry Science Program, which connects secondary science teachers and tertiary-bound science students with primary industry science programs and career paths. Two streams of the program, Education and Industry, are specifically staffed and implemented from the Centre.

A significant outcome of the targeted initiative was that 16 of 40 offers made to students who participated in the Industry Placement during 2002 were converted to enrolments in the Bachelor of Agricultural Science.



Top: Agricultural Science program heads west... A Tasmanian program designed to promote university enrolments in Agricultural Science was snapped up by the University of Western Australia, which plans to start the Tasmanian program in 2003.

Dr David Russell from the School of Agricultural Science, Burnie, will travel to Western Australia to assist them to get the program underway. He is pictured here explaining the initiative to Bachelor of Teaching students Kirsty Butler, Rachael Holloway and Shevonne Kurth.

Efficiency and Effectiveness

Open Day

The 2002 Open Day at the Centre provided a useful platform for promoting the University to the target group of Grade 10, 11 and 12 students in the region.

Flexible Teaching and Learning

The Centre employed a range of flexible delivery tools including the use of video technology and WebCT to facilitate its aim of providing equitable access to higher education to people in the north-west region.

Bursaries and Scholarships

The West North-West Bursary Scheme continued to grow through support from the State Government, local government, north-west businesses and individuals.

Twelve bursaries were awarded in 2002. It was the best year to date for support

for north-west students. The addition of three Premier of Tasmania WNW Bursaries for talented students from the region (each is a \$3,000 four-year award), co-funded by the State Government and the University to at least 2006, is a great achievement and reflects the success of the scheme.

Classic Foods at Edith Creek and the Devonport and Burnie Port Corporations provided new bursaries.

The approval of an innovative cadetship by the Devonport City Council, which will seek to provide ongoing employment in selected areas of Council operations for students as they progress through their degree, was an exciting new development. The first cadetship was advertised in December 2002.

The Flora Fenton Scholarship, the first perpetual general bursary available to students in the region, was announced in September 2002.

In addition, two north-west students received prestigious Tasmania National Undergraduate Scholarships, one in Science, the other in Pharmacy.

Seventy-seven of the 115 \$1,000 Accommodation Bursaries offered by the University went to students from the region.



Mrs Flora Fenton and Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Rudi Lidl at the launch of the scholarship that has been established to assist students in the Circular Head region.

Research and Research Training

Over the past year the University has continued to develop its research objectives.

It is a 'research-led' university with some research in all areas in which it has undergraduate teaching programs. In addition, it has some areas of distinctiveness and international excellence.

The University set a goal of establishing itself as one of the 'top ten' research universities in Australia on a 'per-capita' basis, and the latest nationally available research data indicators suggest that it has achieved that goal.

The category in which the University has not achieved as well as it would have liked is 'industry and other funding', where it lags significantly under its goal. This will remain a challenge for the future, given Tasmania's small industry base.

The Commonwealth allocation of performance-based block funding for research via the Research Training

Scheme was \$13.78 million; via the Institutional Grants Scheme \$6.53 million; and via the Research Infrastructure Block Grant, \$2.66 million. Overall, the University ranked ninth nationally in the size of its performance-based block funding for research.

International benchmarking can be problematic because of significant differences in the manner in which research systems are configured. Nevertheless it does give some comparators of performance. The University of Tasmania has established a research-benchmarking link with the University of Liverpool, one of the research-intensive Russell group universities in the United Kingdom.

Over the past few years, income for research has increased significantly, although there was a decrease in 2002 in public sector and industry funding. By contrast, income from Australian Competitive Grants increased significantly.

The University maintained a research higher degree load of 658 EFTSU (equivalent full-time student unit) in line with its Research Plan. The growing number of RHD (research higher degree) candidates who are undertaking part-time study has led to a revision of *The Six Stages to the Completion of a Research Higher Degree* booklet to include a special section addressing the needs of this important group of candidates.

The University, both through its own and external sources of funds, offered a significant number of research scholarships to candidates in 2002 – a total of 429 compared with 411 in 2001 and 300 in 2000. Scholarships were awarded across two rounds, one at the beginning of the year and the other mid-year. The continued demand for postgraduate research training augurs well for the future of research at the University. The average completion time

TABLE 12 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 1997-2001 (PER FTE BASIS)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total research income	10th	8th	8th	7th	9th
Australian Competitive Grants	11	10	7	11	8
Other Public Sector Funding	8	3	1	4	3
Industry & Other Funding	13	14	16	18	18
NHMRC funding	9	12	11	10	10
RHD load (proportion of RHD to total EFTSU)	14	10	11	9	9

TABLE 13 RESEARCH INCOME 2002

Funding \$M	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*
Total	17.6	19.5	23.2	26.6	31.8	30.4 approx
Australian Competitive Grants	8.0	8.7	11.2	10.4	13.1	15.1
Other Public Sector	3.5	4.9	6.6	6.6	9.2	6.9
Industry & Other	4.7	4.6	4.3	5.7	6.0	4.4
CRC Income	1.4	1.3	1.1	3.9	3.5	4.0 approx

*Unaudited figures that may change

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for a Masters degree in 2002 was 2.5 years, and that of a PhD was 3.96 years.

The number of RHD completions continued to rise, with 131 in 2002 compared with 122 in 2001. The completion rate has risen every year from 1997 when the number was 95. The number of withdrawals was 70 in 2002, a slight increase from 65 in 2001, but down from the peak of 100 in 1999.

In 2002 the policy of registration of RHD candidate supervisors was fully implemented. The University currently has 423 registered supervisors and in 2002 some 238 of those supervisors attended one or more of the 25 professional development seminars in research candidate supervision. The program of generic skills workshops for RHD candidates was enhanced and there were 74 workshops offered with over 800 candidates attending.

Another major initiative in 2002 in relation to RHD candidates was the

development of a set of minimum standards for infrastructure provision.

The latest available data on research publications (for 2001) show that publications in all four DEST categories increased between 7% and 30%.

University Theme Areas

The University's four theme areas – Antarctic and Southern Ocean Studies; National and State Development; Natural Environment and Wilderness; Population and Community Studies – adopted in 1996, have served the University well and have been recognised as distinctive by the Commonwealth. The four themes embrace a large part of, though far from all of, the University's research. In 2002 there was a process of internal reflection and discussion on the themes and in 2003 there will be some revision to ensure that the University aligns its themes with the imperatives of a new strategic plan.

Research Institutes

The five university research institutes continue to attract significant external research income. Provisional figures for 2002 (excluding Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) income) show that the five institutes attracted 69.3% of the income from categories one, two and three income – an increase of nearly 8% on 2001.

The Centre for Ore Deposit Research (CODES) received glowing praise in its sixth-year review, recognised as the leading university ore deposit research centre in the world. Its funding for the period 2003-2005 was renewed.



Professor Paul Haddad became the only Australian to receive the A.J.P. Martin Gold Medal when he was recognised for his outstanding contributions to the technological sciences. The award is given by the UK-based Chromatographic Society.

TABLE 14 UNIVERSITY INSTITUTES' RESEARCH INCOME*

	2001	2002
CODES	\$2.5M	\$2.4M
IASOS **	\$0.4M	\$0.5M
Menzies	\$3.7M	\$3.3M
TAFI	\$5.3M	\$6.4M
TIAR	\$5.5M	\$5.7M

* Categories 1-3 provisional and unaudited data for 2002

** IASOS also benefits directly from category 4 income received from the Antarctic CRC



RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

CRCs

Funding began to flow into the University from the CRC for Finfish Aquaculture (Aquafin CRC) and the Smart Internet Technology CRC. The University, through the Tasmanian Aquaculture and Fisheries Institute (TAFI), is the largest university contributor to the Aquafin CRC.

The 2002 round of CRC bids brought both good and bad news. The renewal of funding for an Antarctic CRC will enable the world-class work of this group to continue, while the confirmation of funding for the CRC for Sustainable Tourism will see increased activity in this key area in Tasmania. Disappointingly, however, the Forestry CRC bid was unsuccessful; the withdrawal of a couple of core participants only days before the interviews were announced effectively

sealed the fate of the bid. On a more positive note, the Board of the current CRC has agreed in principle to continue the activity for an eighth year in order to mount a new bid in 2004 for funding that would start in mid-2005.

Partnerships with State Government

The Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research (TIAR) continued to expand its activities and contribute to primary production in the State. Notable in 2002 was the development of a co-funding partnership with the Grain Research and Development Corporation to establish a professorial fellowship in rural sociology in TIAR. A contract for \$1.8 million to conduct a whole program of research for Australian Wool Innovation was also put in place. That research project represents a

new way of linking to a major rural industry. It is a tribute to all those involved with TIAR that the joint venture between the University and the State Government is to be renewed for a period of 10 years.

The Tasmanian Aquaculture and Fisheries Institute (TAFI) has also further expanded its activities; in part because of the funding derived through the Aquafin CRC. With an external income of \$6.4 million in 2002, TAFI is now the largest of the university institutes in terms of external research income.

The Tasmanian Law Reform Institute (TLRI) has undertaken a series of studies and generated significant state and national attention in 2002.

Building on the success of its other relationships, the University and the State Government launched the Tasmanian Institute of Law Enforcement Studies (TILES) in 2002. The Institute will appoint a director in 2003, a position that will be jointly funded by the University



Above: Dr Ian Winter, Research Director, Australian Housing & Urban Research Institute, with Professor Jan Pakulski, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, and Dr Keith Jacobs who leads the Housing and Community Research Unit, which was founded in 2002 through the partnership between the University of Tasmania and the State Government.

Right: Commissioner of Police, Mr Richard McCreddie, Professor Rudi Lidl, Acting Vice-Chancellor, and the Minister for Police and Public Safety, the Hon. Mr David Llewellyn, at the official launch of the Tasmanian Institute of Law Enforcement Studies (TILES).



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and the Department of Police and Public Safety. The Institute has already secured funding of \$175,000 via the National Drug Law Enforcement Research Fund as well as smaller seed grants.

The partnership in Housing Research also prospered in 2002 with four projects funded via the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI).

Commercialisation

There is a nationally recognised need to more effectively harness the products of innovative R&D from universities into commercial product or process. It is a major undertaking and it will take time to put into effect.

In 2002 the University established a three-person Commercialisation Unit in order to focus on the commercialisation of intellectual property arising from its activities. The Unit traded in surplus during the first quarter (Oct-Dec) of its

operation. Income from the licensing of Callista software was \$268,000 in 2002. Negotiations are proceeding with various pre-seed fund managers including SciVentures™. The negotiations suffered significant delays because of very long hold-ups between the fund managers completing agreements with the Commonwealth.

Southern Ice Pty Ltd, a wholly-owned, University spin-off company, has begun trading its high quality Southern Ice porcelain 'Flora of Tasmania' plates.

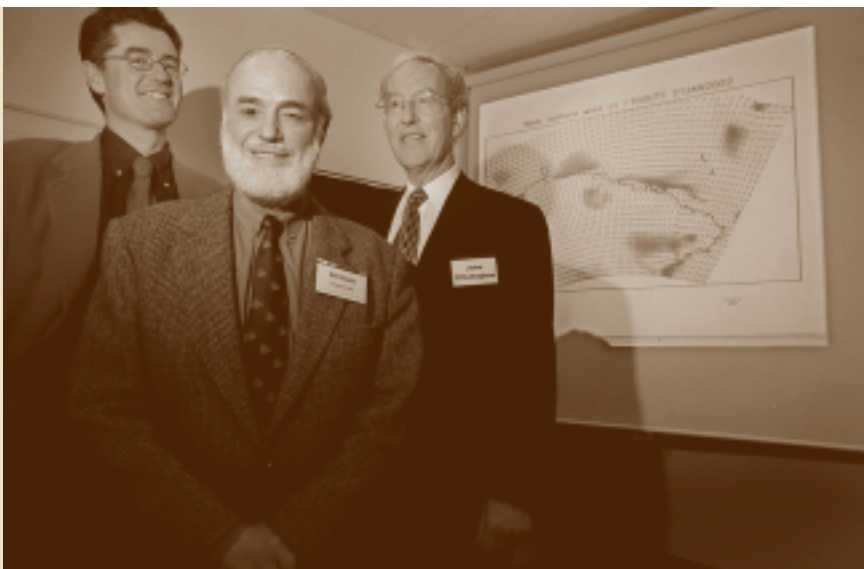
The University is an equity shareholder in Intellinc, the Tasmanian IT incubator funded through the Intelligent Island Board. The IT incubator, based on the University campus, now has eight companies under incubation.

Infrastructure

High-quality research in many fields requires access to high-class facilities. In 2002 the University maintained its edge

in high performance computing with the launch by the Minister for Science, Peter McGauran, of its new million dollar SGI SG3400 supercomputer, nicknamed 'Blizzard'. This facility, and access to the major national research computing facility in Canberra through the University's membership of the Australian Partnership in Advanced Computing (APAC), will keep the University, and the State, at the forefront of advanced high performance computing, especially in marine, climate and oceanographic modelling.

Other major infrastructure initiatives included the purchase of UV monitoring equipment for Southern Ocean Studies (\$500,000 from DEST Systemic Infrastructure fund), and tracking equipment to enable researchers to track marine animals over large distances (\$200,000 from the ARC Linkage Scheme).



The opening of the high-performance computing facility at the University by the Hon. Peter McGauran, the Federal Minister for Science, highlights the leading international role the University and its partners have in Antarctic research and modelling. Pictured here at the opening are Associate Professor Nathan Bindoff, Director of the Tasmanian Partnership for Advanced Computing, Professor Bill Budd, Acting Director of the Institute of Antarctic and Southern Ocean Studies, and Professor John O'Callaghan, Executive Director of the Australian Partners in Advanced Computing.

Photo courtesy of The Mercury



RESEARCH STORIES

The hidden equity group: The effects of poor literacy and numeracy skills on participation in VET

Researchers: Dr Sue Kilpatrick and Ms Pat Millar, Centre for Research and Learning in Regional Australia

Funding body: National Centre for Vocational Education Research, National VET Research & Evaluation Program (\$10,400)

Timing: November 2002- March 2003

“Australians live and work in a highly literate society. Dispersed throughout this society, however, are large numbers of people, whose literacy and numeracy skills are insufficient for modern living and working, and among these is a further group whose literacy and numeracy skills are poor. Research shows that nearly half Australia’s population have been shown to be

functioning at levels below that required for coping with the demands of everyday life and work in a complex, advanced society. While some of this group is in work, they have a precarious foothold in it, as the changing nature of work makes an increasing liability of their lack of skills,” the researchers say.

“Socially and economically, Australia cannot afford a situation where large numbers of its citizens are excluded in this way. People with poor literacy and numeracy skills are to be found in every equity group, and many fall into a number of groups of disadvantage, which makes them hard to see.”

The team says literacy and numeracy skills receive wide attention in the Australian vocational education and training sector but to a large extent the people who have poor literacy and numeracy skills are harder to target.

They go on to say whole community approaches have been found to be the most effective in addressing the issue and to start articulating the hidden unmet demand. They believe the connection between adult literacy and family and community capacity is widely recognised in the literature. Similarly, they feel that there is now a general recognition that cross-sectoral government and community approaches are the best methods to engage with all cycles of disadvantage.

The research shows that all VET practitioners and workplace trainers need to be aware of the extent of poor literacy and numeracy skills in the population and be prepared to cater not only for literacy and numeracy ‘gaps’ as these arise in work- or training-related tasks, but also to direct individuals into programs that address the literacy and numeracy needs of the whole person.



Dr Mark Hindell from the Antarctic Wildlife Research Unit was awarded the Australasian Science Prize for his outstanding research on the conservation of elephant seals.

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Developing new research areas: Corporate Governance in the Information Economy

Spectacular corporate collapses such as Enron and HIH have focused international attention on the need for effective corporate governance and accountability and, in particular, the relative lack of empirical study of this area in Australia. The Faculty of Commerce responded by establishing a major new research group in 2002, entitled Corporate Governance in the Information Economy. It consists of an interdisciplinary group of staff drawn from Schools in the Faculty focusing on six projects examining varying dimensions of corporate governance:

- Corporate governance and the management of regulatory compliance
- Corporate governance in challenging social environments
- Corporate governance and triple bottom line reporting

- Corporate strategy and IS/IT governance in the knowledge economy
- Paving the way for e-governance
- Corporate accountability and Indigenous organisations

Corporate governance is concerned with the institutional and policy framework of organisations, notably business corporations – from their onset in entrepreneurship, to the development of governance structures and their operation, the growing regulatory compliance responsibilities of corporations, to market exit and insolvency. The research group has been successful in gaining Faculty funding and it is intended to recruit two new professors to further enhance developments. A number of publications have resulted already and the longer-term goal is to establish a new Centre, working in close collaboration with corporate, government and not-for-profit organisations in Tasmania and Australia.

The Centre will be designed to achieve the University's research plan objective of expanding research activity at national and international level. In particular, the Centre is designed to advance research in the major theme area of state and national development. It is also designed, in line with University plans, to help increase the number of RHD students in the Faculty and it will be able to call upon the increased number of PhD scholarships to be provided by the Faculty. Further, the Centre will have a number of selected, cooperative research links with other universities, advancing University aims in this regard.

*Professor Peter Carroll, Dean
of the Faculty of Commerce.*





Flexible production system for architectural panels

Penny Smith is currently an Honorary Research Associate at the School of Art in Hobart and has completed a three-year, Large ARC grant (2000, 2001, 2002) for which she was sole Chief Investigator.

The concept behind Penny's research was to create improved manufacturing systems for the production of decorative architectural panels that uses a flexible, casting process to highlight the compatibility of the materials clay, concrete and glass. The project outcome is to provide architects and the building industry with a choice of specialised feature finishes, and small-scale industries greater production scope.

The aim of the project was to develop flexible mould systems through digitally-produced imagery and computer numerically controlled (CNC) milling processes to create a more direct mould production technique as an integrated method for the creation of decorative finishes in clay, concrete and glass.

This research resulted in Penny working closely with a range of industries and small-scale studios. Much of the direct milling of plaster and plywood moulds was carried out at the Centre for Precision Technology (an engineering firm), Voss Construction (furniture factory) and Tudor Rose (small glass studio), respectively. Both the larger companies collaborated with her at the experimental stages and later in the application of the process to 'real-life' situations.

Some of the successful outcomes of the research included an exhibition of work at the CAST Gallery in November and two major public art projects. The first of those was for Parks and Wildlife's Western Tiers Sculpture Trail at Liffey Falls. This required the milling of master moulds for working mould production that comprised digitally-generated imagery to create refractory moulds for kiln-slumped glass panels. The second involved working closely with the concrete factory Duggans at Cradoc, to produce 15, 6metre by 2.5metre, pre-cast concrete panels. The design incorporated wording and texture for the Howrah Primary School's covered walkway that connects two schools on the same campus. This project involved the use of a flexible mould system to fit into standard factory production practice without disruption to the daily casting routine. Duggans has submitted the project to the national industry body, Concrete and Concrete Association of Australia's Bi-annual Award for Excellence.

Research and Research Training

How does forestry impact headwater streams?

Headwater streams are the tiny (often less than 50cm wide) streams and channels that most people take for granted. There are lots of them: they can make up to 40% or more of the total length of stream channel in a river system, and overseas research has shown that surprisingly large amounts of nutrients and carbon are processed in them. Moreover there are often unusual aquatic habitats in the saturated zones beside and underneath these streams, which can harbour species of invertebrates that are found nowhere else in a river system. In Tasmania, many headwater streams occur in areas subject to forestry. The present Forest Practices Code requires that machinery be excluded from a 10m buffer either side of such streams, but is this enough? With the Forest Practices Board of Tasmania as the major industry partner

and Freshwater Systems Pty Ltd providing in-kind support, Dr Leon Barmuta, a freshwater ecologist, is leading a team of researchers and postgraduate students to investigate the biodiversity issues and the implications for ecosystem functioning of forest practices around headwater streams. The team consists of Dr Peter McIntosh, a soil scientist, and Dr Sarah Munks, a zoologist from the FPB, and freshwater scientists Dr Peter Davies (Freshwater Systems P/L) and Associate Professor Andrew Boulton from the University of New England, who is an internationally recognised specialist on subsurface aquatic habitats. Collectively the group is supervising two PhD students: John Gooderham, who is researching biodiversity issues, and Joanne Clapcott, who is focusing on ecosystem function. Apart from the practical applications of this project, one of the exciting challenges the team has set themselves is to try to link static measures of

ecosystem health (such as species diversity) with dynamic aspects of ecosystem functioning (such as carbon processing and in-stream productivity). They hope to achieve this by combining a set of comparative surveys around the State with a major long-term experiment.

Genetic discrimination project

The Centre for Law and Genetics, under the Directorship of the Dean of the University's Law Faculty, Professor Don Chalmers, has been conducting research and providing expert advice both nationally and internationally since 1995. Most recently the Centre has been involved in providing expert advice to the Australian Law Reform Commission and the Australian Health Ethics Committee's investigation into the use of human genetic information. Major national research projects currently being conducted by the Centre include a study of the legal and ethical regulation of the use and

Tasmania offers a unique research laboratory.





commercialisation of human biological material, and a study of the impact of patents and patent licensing practices on the Australian biotechnology industry. Another of the Centre's major research projects is a national study of 'genetic discrimination'. Genetic discrimination can be defined as differential treatment of an individual (both positive and negative) on the basis of the person's genetic status. The research team, led by Associate Professor Margaret Otlowski (Faculty of Law, University of Tasmania), includes Dr Sandra Taylor (School of Social Work and Social Policy, University of Queensland) as Chief Investigator, Dr Kristine Barlow-Stewart (Centre for Genetics Education, NSW) as Partner Investigator, and Dr Mark Stranger (Faculty of Law, University of Tasmania) and Dr Sue Treloar (School of Social Work and Social Policy, University of Queensland) as Research Fellows. The project receives \$266,349 funding from the Australian Research Council for the period 2002-2004 inclusive.

The project involves a nationwide empirical study that aims to explore the nature and extent of genetic discrimination in Australia, and its social and legal implications. A key feature of the project is its breadth of focus, seeking to gain the experience and perspective of all key stakeholders across Australia. Data will be gathered from four distinct sub-projects: The Consumer Study will document accounts of alleged genetic discrimination from individuals affected; The Third Party Study will seek information from insurers and employers, whose use of genetic information has the potential to be discriminatory; The Legal System Study

will document any cases of genetic discrimination that have been pursued through the various organisations within the legal system; and The Verification Study will endeavour to follow up allegations of discrimination with the third parties involved in order to gain a greater understanding of the procedures, the veracity of the claims, and any justifications for discriminatory activity. A range of research methods is being applied by the various studies, including questionnaires, focus groups, interviews and document analysis. The research team receives advice from an Expert Reference Group, comprising leading experts across a range of disciplines, including law, sociology, ethics, clinical and laboratory genetics, as well as consumer and industry representatives. This is the first national empirical study to be undertaken on this topic in Australia, and it has the potential to produce outcomes of significance

nationally and internationally. The project is expected to produce valuable data from all of the studies and should provide a comprehensive overview of this important new issue. The project will provide benchmark data for ongoing assessment of the nature and extent of the problem, and facilitate longitudinal evaluation of the impact and effectiveness of any reforms that may be introduced in the future.

Professor Don Chalmers, Dean of Law and Director of the Centre for Law and Genetics, Dr Mark Stranger, Research Fellow, and Associate Professor Margaret Otlowski, Chief Investigator of the Genetic Discrimination Project.



State and Community Development

PUBLIC RELATIONS — COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

In 2002, the Public Relations & University Extension's (PR&UE) Media Office prepared and released 341 media statements and provided material for media supplements and special features in mainstream and specialist media. This resulted in 1,824 University stories in the print media and 2,592 news items on television and radio.

A professional monitoring firm, Rehome, monitors electronic media, and print material is monitored and clipped in-house, with statistics recorded on a database.

UniTas, the internal newsletter of the University, is produced and edited by the Media Office and has a distribution of 2,000, including 220 key community contacts. Stories from *UniTas* are frequently picked up by mainstream media and followed up through the Media Office.

As a Brand Tasmania partner, regular contributions are made to *Innovate*, the Brand Tasmania e-journal, and the University

collaborates with Brand Tasmania on the Visiting Journalist Program.

Alumni & Foundation News is compiled and edited by the Media Office and published bi-annually. The second edition, released in December 2002, incorporated for the first time the Annual Appeal to Alumni.

The *University Media Protocol* is circulated to all staff at regular intervals, and the Media Office provides an ongoing service for all areas of the University on request.

The PR&UE Unit also maintains a photo library through which material is available to the University community for either publicity or marketing purposes.

Public Relations

The PR&UE Unit provides advice, organisational assistance and management, where possible, for media launches, functions and other events involving senior executive staff and external stakeholders.

The Unit also manages and arranges events or other communication with business, industry and community groups, including Council community briefings in the three regions.

Tasmania 2010 Forum

The PR&UE Unit presented the seventeenth Tasmania 2010 Forum "Intelligent Tourism" on 21-22 July at Wrest Point Convention Centre. The keynote speaker was Professor John FitzGerald from the Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin, who addressed the forum dinner and presented a keynote paper, "Small in a Big World: Building a Successful Model", drawing on the experience of Ireland and its shared characteristics with Tasmania. Mr Nick Evers, Chairman of the Australian Tourist Commission, chaired the forum and other presenters were Mr Ken Latona, Professor Trevor Sofield and Mr Martin Betts. The forum attracted more than 80 participants.



*Tasmania 2010 Forum
keynote speaker Professor
John FitzGerald.*



UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA FOUNDATION

The University of Tasmania Foundation was established in 1994 as the major fundraising arm of the University.

It raises funds through bequests, the annual appeal, its sponsored scholarships and bursaries program, capital donations to the Scholarships Endowment and gifts for a range of other areas such as research, the University Fine Art Collection and the Classics Museum.

The Foundation has Australian Taxation Office endorsement as an income tax exempt charity and a deductible gift recipient.

Table 15 shows the key areas through which support was received.

Membership Program

A strategy for building financial membership of the Foundation was developed in 2000, with an initial focus on the University community and graduates.

Total financial membership increased by 33 (or 59%) to 89 over the year. The end of 2002 member category totals were:

Patrons	16
Benefactors	2
Fellows	16
Members	55

Annual Awards Dinner

The fourth Foundation Annual Awards Dinner was held in March and more than 430 guests attended.

Two Foundation Graduate Awards were presented to recognise high-achieving University of Tasmania graduates who demonstrate leadership in their professions and in the community. The 2002 recipients were Dr Anne-Louise Ponsonby, now a senior research fellow at the Australian National University, and Mr Saul Eslake, who is now Chief Economist with the ANZ Bank.

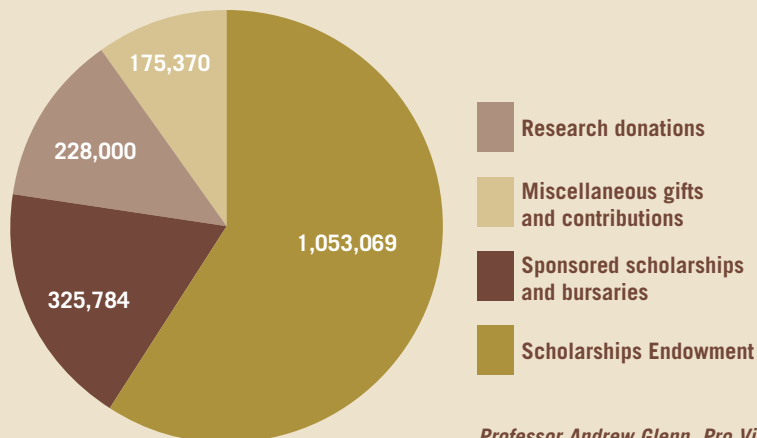
Launceston Dinner

Together with the University Alumni, the Foundation hosted a dinner in Launceston in September to celebrate 10 years of the University Alumni, and the development of closer links between the Foundation and the Alumni.

Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented to Mr Richard McCreddie and Miss Ann Hopkins by the University's Chancellor, Dr Michael Vertigan.

Chair of the Foundation, Mr Ian Roberts, presented a report on the activities of the Foundation, and the evening was rounded off with a thought-provoking-after-dinner speech delivered by Robyn Archer.

TABLE 15 FOUNDATION DONATIONS 2002 (TOTAL \$1.78 MILLION)



Professor Andrew Glenn, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research), with Dr Joan Woodberry and Mr Ian Roberts, Chair of the University Foundation, at the launch of a postgraduate Fellowship in Engineering or Bio Science established through the generosity of Dr Woodberry. The Fellowship is designed to encourage women to pursue careers in what are traditionally male-dominated fields.

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The Tasmania Scholarships Endowment

The Tasmania Scholarships Endowment was launched in 2000 and a target was set to raise \$2 million in the first two years.

At the Foundation's Hobart dinner in March, the Chair announced that the target had been met and exceeded, with \$2.95 million in gifts and pledges raised.

Annual Appeal

The second Annual Appeal launched in November 2001 raised \$29,000.

The appeal provides an opportunity for former graduates to support the University and the programs run through its Foundation.

The Foundation believes the appeal is an effective tool in promoting the value of philanthropic giving.

Bequests Program

In 2002, donors or their legal representatives, advised the Foundation, of more than \$1.6 million in bequest pledges – an increase of approximately \$0.5 million from 2001.

Directorship

The University of Tasmania Foundation Board of Directors 2002:

Mr Ian Roberts, Chair; Mr Rob Woolley, Deputy Chair; Mr Saul Eslake; Mr Rod Hayes; Mr Russell Paterson; Mr David Rowell and Mr Richard Watson. Three non-voting members also served on the Board: Mr Ron Banks, President of the Board of Governors; Mr John Brodie, University Council representative; the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don McNicol; and subsequently, the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Rudi Lidl.

ALUMNI

The University of Tasmania Alumni operates as an independent entity within the University, reporting annually to Council. The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Alumni Committee are members of the Council.

The standing orders of the Alumni Committee were amended in February 2002 to provide for the Deputy Chair of the Alumni to be elected biennially, instead of annually. Both serve a two-year term of office and are eligible for re-election on the expiration of that term.

In 2002 the Alumni furthered the development of 'lifelong professional and personal relationships between the University and its graduates' through the continuation and introduction of programs and events in Australia and overseas.



At the fourth University of Tasmania Foundation dinner the Chancellor announced the 2002 Graduate Award winners – epidemiologist and public health physician Dr Anne-Louise Ponsonby and ANZ Bank Chief Economist Saul Eslake.



The Alumni worked closely with the University Foundation to facilitate fund-raising activities and supported the University's access and equity initiatives by providing funding for bursaries through the West North-West Bursary scheme. \$3,700 was raised through program sales at 2002 graduation ceremonies. Three general meetings were held in Tasmania in 2002 and international branch offices also met on a regular basis. In 2002 the Alumni introduced a number of strategies to enhance the Alumni profile, strengthen relationships between the Alumni and the University, and foster cooperation with the University Foundation.

As at 30 November 2002 there were 47,453 graduates recorded on the Alumni database. Good mailing addresses were held for 29,413 (69%). Of those, graduates resident in Tasmania numbered 21,704 (74%); resident interstate 5,136 (17%); and resident overseas 2,573 (9%).

The 2,286 graduates who received degrees at the December 2002 graduation ceremonies are yet to be added to the database.

Alumni Planning

A planning meeting was held in February. Performance against the 2001 objectives was reviewed and the Alumni Plan updated.

Alumni Initiatives and Activities

In 2002 a highly successful Alumni art exhibition was mounted for the opening of the Academy of the Arts at Inveresk.

The Committee endorsed the development of an Alumni e-commerce portal and chat facility for the Alumni website. The e-commerce portal will enable graduates and others to purchase memorabilia, make payments for Alumni and Foundation events, and make donations in support of scholarships and bursaries. The chat facility will enable graduates to raise issues of relevance to their professional development and to the University, and to seek responses.

The Alumni Office plans to implement these initiatives in March 2003.

The Alumni had a visible presence at the University's Open Day in Launceston and hosted a reception for selected Year 10 students from schools in the region.

2002 marked the first decade of the University of Tasmania Alumni. Celebrations included displays at the Hobart general meeting in March, which coincided with the Foundation annual dinner in Hobart. The annual Alumni awards were presented at a joint Alumni and Foundation dinner held in Launceston in September. The awards were presented to Miss Ann Hopkins, former Chairman of the Alumni, and to Police Commissioner Richard McCreddie. A Distinguished Overseas Alumni Award was presented to high-profile Indonesian alumnus Jonathan Parapak at a ceremony held in Launceston in February 2002.



Top: At the University of Tasmania Alumni and Foundation dinner in September, a Distinguished Alumni Award was presented by Professor Don McNicol to Miss Ann Hopkins.

Richard McCreddie, Commissioner of Police, pictured here with Anne McCreddie and Julie Husin at the Foundation's Annual Dinner in March, went on to receive a Distinguished Alumni Award later in 2002.

State and Community Development

Alumni branches in Sydney, Singapore and Jakarta were consolidated and continued to be active in 2002.

Following Alumni functions in Perth, Western Australia, in 2001 and 2002 a steering committee was set up in that State to work towards the formal establishment of a branch.

A successful function, coordinated by committee member John Perry, was held in London in November 2002. This was attended by Professor Michael Bennett, Head of the School of History and Classics, who conveyed greetings from the Vice-Chancellor and spoke about developments at the University. Mr Perry is working towards the formal establishment of a branch in that city.

Coordination with the Tasmanian arts agency, arts@work, provided opportunities for branches to hold functions in conjunction with exhibitions held by Tasmanian artists in Sydney and Perth.

The Director of the University's International Services attended several Alumni Committee meetings in 2002 and has affirmed his willingness to further the already strong links between International Services and the Alumni.

The December 2002 conferral of an honorary degree on His Majesty the King of Thailand provided an opportunity for Thai alumni to celebrate the occasion. A commemorative medal celebrating the event was presented to Thai alumni and new graduates.

Celebratory events, organised by the International Office, were also held in Singapore, and Kuala Lumpur for offshore graduates. Membership of the Alumni was a focus of the gatherings.



Association for Tertiary Education Management (ATEM) hosted one of a number of functions to farewell Professor Don McNicol, pictured here with Mrs Kathie McNicol.



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The University Cultural Activities Committee distributes \$300,000 for a program of cultural events and exhibitions. The programs contribute towards the enrichment of university life and that of the wider community by the practice and presentation of innovative, high-quality activities. The committee also funds the University's collection of over 2,000 pieces of contemporary Australian art and sculpture, and the collection of ancient Egyptian, Greek and Roman pieces in the John Elliott Classics Museum.

The funding was disbursed to sectors through the Cultural Activities Committee in accordance with the committee's Business Plan for the triennium. In 2002, disbursements were made to:

- The Conservatorium of Music for concerts, music theatre and musicians-in-residence
- The North-West Centre for exhibitions, public lectures and performances at the North-West Centre
- The University Gallery in Launceston for a program of student and travelling art exhibitions and to support gallery operations
- Centre Stage for the public presentation of theatre productions in Launceston by the University's senior theatre pro-am company
- The Plimsoll Gallery (Art School, Hobart) for a program of student and travelling art exhibitions and to support gallery operations

- The University's Community Music Program for musical outreach activities and the Community Music Summer School
- The University Forum for public lectures and performances designed to engage the general public with the University and to support teaching initiatives
- Literature and Writing: to support the Tasmanian Readers' and Writers' Festival and the publication of *Island* magazine

Additional support for the Cultural Activities Program in 2002 was provided from cultural grants sourced by sectors from state and Commonwealth funding agencies.

The program in 2002 was rich and diverse. A highlight was the exhibition of works of Launceston visual arts Alumni, which marked the opening of the new Academy of the Arts at Inveresk. The Academy is the venue for regular exhibitions and gives the University a high visible presence in Launceston.

In Hobart the gallery program from the School of Art encompasses the Plimsoll Gallery in Hunter Street, the Fine Arts Gallery at Sandy Bay and a range of other exhibitions.

The John Elliott Classics Museum continued to host a school outreach program in 2002. The museum is open on a daily basis during the week. Acquisitions in 2002 included a 4th century BC, Greek, gold and silver bangle, and additions to the coin collection.



...an Italian studying Balinese dance in Tasmania.

Carmencita Palermo came to the School of Asian Languages and Studies on the Launceston campus to undertake postgraduate studies under the supervision of Professor Barbara Hately. Carmencita gave performances in Launceston as part of the University Forum series.

State and Community Development

The University was the grateful recipient of a gift from a Victorian benefactor, Dr Kagi. He generously donated a set of European, limited-edition prints valued at \$110,000 to the University collection. The important acquisition fills a gap in the collection as well as providing important study material.

The Conservatorium of Music continued to present regular concerts on the Sandy Bay campus, at the Conservatorium Recital Hall and other off-campus locations. The Conservatorium jointly presented the Lord Mayor's Gold Medal Gala Concert in the Federation Concert Hall in conjunction with the Olympic and Commonwealth Games committees. Other highlights included the *Gospel in the Vines* concert at Meadowbank winery given by the Conservatorium's Southern Gospel Choir, and the inaugural *Babies' Proms Concert* – an interactive musical experience for young children provided by the ensemble *Shiraz*, led by

Conservatorium staff member Marina Phillips.

The North-West Cultural Program presented a series of lectures, concerts and exhibitions under the banner "Past, Present, Future" and involved an increasing audience base from the region. Throughout the year the University Forum series took advantage of visiting international and interstate lecturers in Hobart and Launceston to stimulate intellectual debate and to showcase teaching and research at the University.

June saw the official opening of the University's Academy of the Arts at Inveresk in Launceston. Celebrations included an exhibition of work by 77 former arts students from the north. The exhibition was coordinated by Ralf Haertel.





UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

The University Council is the governing body of the University of Tasmania. It was established by the *University of Tasmania Act 1992*. In September 2001 the Act was amended, at Council's request, to reduce the number of Council members from 24 to 17 with the possibility of an 18th international member.

The Council is chaired by the Chancellor, who is appointed by the members. The current Chancellor is Dr Mike Vertigan, and the Deputy Chancellor to 31 December 2002 was Ms Kim Boyer. Both positions are honorary.

Council makes decisions in relation to policy and planning, makes University legislation and approves policy documents. It is advised by its committees (Audit Committee; Built Environment Committee and Student Residences Subcommittee; Ceremonial

and Honorary Degrees Committee; Finance Committee and Investment Subcommittee; Legislation Committee; Nominations Committee; and Remuneration Committee), its working parties and, in relation to academic matters, the Academic Senate.

During 2002, Council met five times, twice each in Hobart and Launceston and once in Burnie. Major issues dealt with included:

Student Residences Project

Council approved a redevelopment for student residences at Hobart.

School of Medicine

The Australian Medical Council extended the accreditation of the School of Medicine until December 2005. Work continued on the introduction of a five-year, problem-focused curriculum.

Commonwealth Higher Education Review

In April 2002, the Commonwealth Minister for Education, Science and Training, Dr Brendan Nelson, released a series of discussion papers as part of a year-long review of higher education:

- Higher Education at the Crossroads: an overview
- Striving for Quality: Learning, Teaching & Scholarship (released 21 June 02)
- Setting Firm Foundations: Financing Australian Higher Education (released 25 July 02)
- Varieties of Excellence: Diversity, Specialisation and Regional Engagement (released 31 July 02)
- Achieving Equitable and Appropriate Outcomes: Indigenous Australians in Higher Education (released 6 August 02)
- Meeting the Challenges: The Governance and Management of Universities (released 14 August 02)

Chancellor Dr Michael Vertigan 'signs up' the University's new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Daryl Le Grew. Photo: Contrast Photography.



Governance

- Varieties of Learning: The Interface between Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training (released 19 August 02)

The University submitted responses to all of the issues papers to the Minister.

Review of Administration and Policy-making Processes of the University

Council continued to implement the recommendations from the 2001 Review, including the introduction of Associate Deans (Teaching & Learning).

Mock Audit

Council participated in the University's mock audit.

Edge Radio Station

Council supported the establishment of a community radio station.

Re-appointment of the Chancellor

Dr Michael Vertigan accepted the offer of re-appointment as Chancellor for a

further four-year term, to 30 September 2006.

Departure of the Deputy Chancellor

Council farewellled Ms Kim Boyer as Deputy Chancellor and member of Council. Ms Boyer was first appointed to Council in 1988 and appointed as Deputy Chancellor in May 1996.

Dr Martyn Forrest has been appointed as Deputy Chancellor from 1 January 2003.

Departure of the Vice-Chancellor

Council farewellled Professor Don McNicol, Vice-Chancellor since 1996. The Chancellor said that Professor McNicol had made a major contribution to the higher education sector and had been a strong advocate for the State's fair share of federal funding.

Appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor

The Chancellor announced the appointment of Professor Daryl Le Grew as the next Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania. Professor Le Grew had been chosen after an extensive search and selection process.

Council Planning Conference

Higher education review and fiscal framework were the themes for the Council conference held in September 2002.

Speakers for the Conference

The Higher Education Review – context and implications for UTas

Professor Don Aitkin (recently retired Vice-Chancellor of the University of Canberra); Mr Gavin Moodie (higher education commentator and Principal Policy Adviser, Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Griffith University); Professor Rudi Lidl, Acting Vice-Chancellor

Varieties of excellence: Diversity, Specialisation and Regional Engagement

Professor Sue Johnston, Professor Don Aitkin and Mr Gavin Moodie formed a panel for comments and discussion.

The University of Tasmania – a World University

Professor Don Aitkin



The opening of the Inveresk Academy of the Arts was the culmination of 12 years of development.



Financing options and fee deregulation

Professor Don Aitkin and Mr Gavin Moodie

The need for an overall fiscal framework, and the options for its components

Mr Rod Roberts (Chair, Finance Committee) and Mr Tony Ferrall (Executive Director, Finance and Administration)

Council Receptions

Council met with local business leaders at Hobart, Launceston and Burnie to inform members of the local communities about some of the interesting projects that the University is involved in, and to seek input on possible future directions for the University.



COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

1 January 2002-31 December 2002

Ex Officio

- Dr Mike Vertigan
Chancellor
- Professor Don McNicol
Vice-Chancellor (to 2 August)
- Professor Rudi Lidl
Acting Vice-Chancellor
(from 3 August)
- Professor John Williamson
Chair of Academic Senate
- Mrs Elizabeth Daly
Chair of the Alumni
- Mr Mark Carrington
Deputy Chair of the Alumni

Appointed by Minister for Education

- Ms Jenny Williams
- Dr Martyn Forrest
- Mr Rod Roberts

Appointed by Council

- Ms Kim Boyer
- Mr Damian Bugg
- Mr Robert Ruddick

Elected by Academic Staff

- Dr Maria Flutsch
- Professor Jamie Kirkpatrick
- Professor Ned Pankhurst

Elected by General Staff

- Mrs Zita Mitchell

Elected by Students

- Mr Daniel Hulme
- Mr Ted Alexander (to 26 November)
- Mr Eli White (from 27 November)

Appointed by Council

- Optional international member (vacant)

Secretary

- Ms Belinda Webster, University Secretary



Back row:
Ned Pankhurst,
John Williamson,
Bob Ruddick,
Ted Alexander,
Jamie Kirkpatrick,
Mark Carrington,
Damian Bugg,
Daniel Hulme.

Front row:
Maria Flutsch,
Don McNicol,
Michael Vertigan,
Martyn Forrest,
Elizabeth Daly,
Zita Mitchell.

Inset:
Rudi Lidl,
Rod Roberts,
Jenny Williams,
Kim Boyer.

Governance



Top: The 2002 Giblin Lecture was delivered by Don Brash MP (left), the man credited with turning around the fortunes of New Zealand. (He retired from the Kiwi Reserve Bank to pursue a career in politics.) He is pictured here with Don Challen, Secretary, Department of Treasury, and the Chancellor, Dr Michael Vertigan.

The School of Computing won leading-edge research funding for its work in the development of technology that takes everyday relationships with computers to another level. With voice recognition becoming a familiar part of computer technology, the School is working on the next step – computers that can think, liaise and make decisions.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor are ex officio members of every board, faculty and committee of the University, but are listed here only for those committees normally attended.

1 January 2002-
31 December 2002

Audit Committee

Chair

Mr Bob Ruddick

Members

Mr Rod Roberts

Mr Harvey Gibson

Mr Lyn Cox (to 18 July)

Mr Keith Stacey (from 6 September)

Secretary

Ms Belinda Webster

Built Environment Committee

Chair

Ms Kim Boyer

Members

Professor Don McNicol (to 2 August)

Professor Rudi Lidl (from 3 August)

Professor John Williamson

Ms Jenny Williams

Professor Jamie Kirkpatrick

Professor Ned Pankhurst

Mr David Williams

Mr Ted Alexander (to 26 November)

Mr Eli White (from 27 November)

Mr Bryan Day

Assoc. Prof. Jonathan Holmes

Secretary

Ms Belinda Webster

Student Residences Subcommittee

Chair

Professor Don McNicol (to 2 August)

Professor Rudi Lidl (from 3 August)

Members

Mr Roy Cordiner

Mrs Elizabeth Daly

Mrs Zita Mitchell

Ms Kim Boyer

Assoc. Prof. Joan Abbott-Chapman
(to 15 October)

Ms Janine Healey

Mr Ted Alexander (to 26 November)

Mr Eli White (from 27 November)

Mr Richard Easter

Secretary

Ms Belinda Webster

Ceremonial and Honorary Degrees Committee

Chair

Dr Mike Vertigan

Members

Professor Don McNicol (to 2 August)

Professor Rudi Lidl (from 3 August)

Professor John Williamson

Mr Ian Roberts

Ms Kim Boyer

Mr Mark Carrington

Professor Jeff Summers

Professor Kon Muller

Secretary

Ms Belinda Webster



Finance Committee

Chair

Mr Rod Roberts

Members

Professor Don McNicol (to 2 August)

Professor Rudi Lidl (from 3 August)

Professor John Williamson

Mr Bob Ruddick

Dr Martyn Forrest

Mr Val Smith

Mr Mark Carrington

Prof. Jayne Godfrey (to 15 February)

Mr Miles Hampton (from 17 May)

Professor Rob Clark

Secretary

Ms Belinda Webster

Investment Subcommittee

Chair

Mr Rod Roberts

Members

Mr Bob Ruddick

Professor Rob Clark

Mr David Catchpole

Mr Richard Pringle-Jones

Secretary

Ms Belinda Webster

Legislation Committee

Chair

Mr Damian Bugg

Members

Dr Maria Flutsch

Dr Lee Weller

Secretary

Ms Belinda Webster

Nominations Committee

Chair

Dr Mike Vertigan

Members

Ms Kim Boyer

Mrs Elizabeth Daly

Secretary

Ms Belinda Webster

Remuneration Committee

Chair

Dr Mike Vertigan

Members

Ms Kim Boyer

Dr Martyn Forrest

Attendees

Professor Don McNicol (to 2 August)

Professor Rudi Lidl

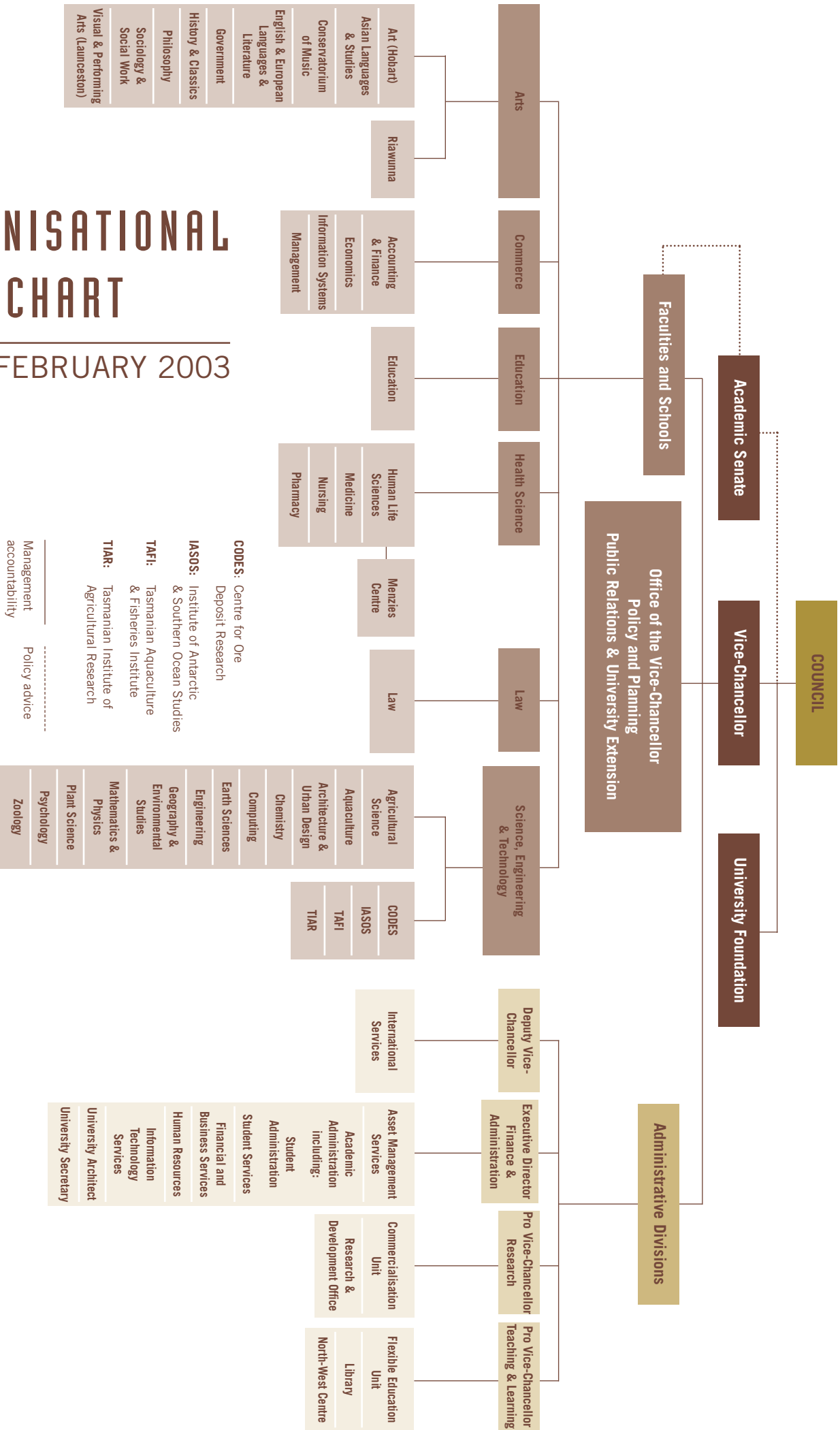
Secretary

Ms Belinda Webster

Linda Callahan, Greg Parkinson, Professor Don McNicol, Anne McKenzie, Jeff Hockley, Simon Talbot and Yvonne Shaw.

Professor Don McNicol presented the 2002 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Exceptional Performance by General Staff at a function in June. There were two individual awards, one was won by Linda Callahan, Faculty of Education, and the other by Simon Talbot, School of Zoology. The team award went to the Graduation Team from the Public Relations and University Extension Unit (PR&UE), Greg Parkinson, Yvonne Shaw, Anne McKenzie and Jeff Hockley.





ORGANISATIONAL CHART

AS AT FEBRUARY 2003

Financial Statements

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002



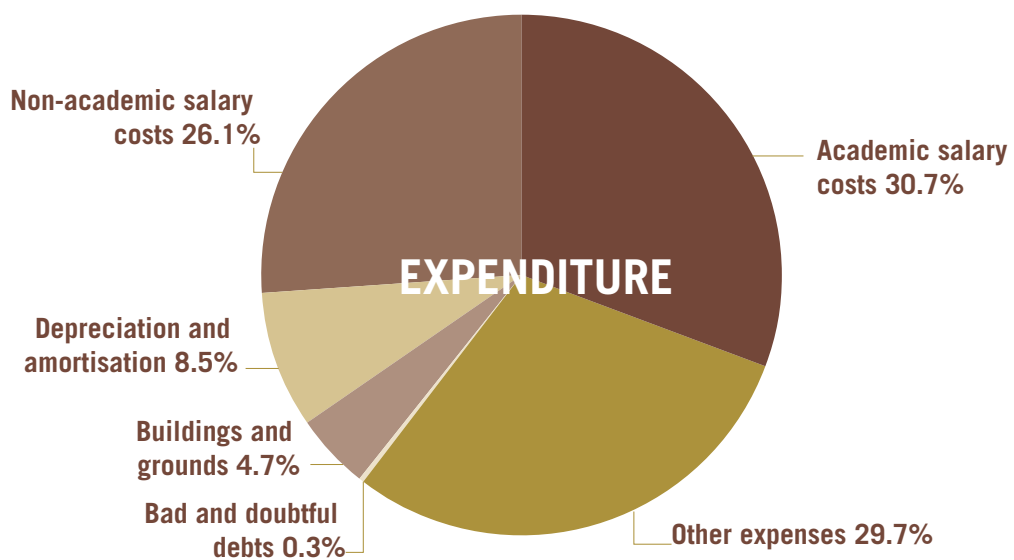
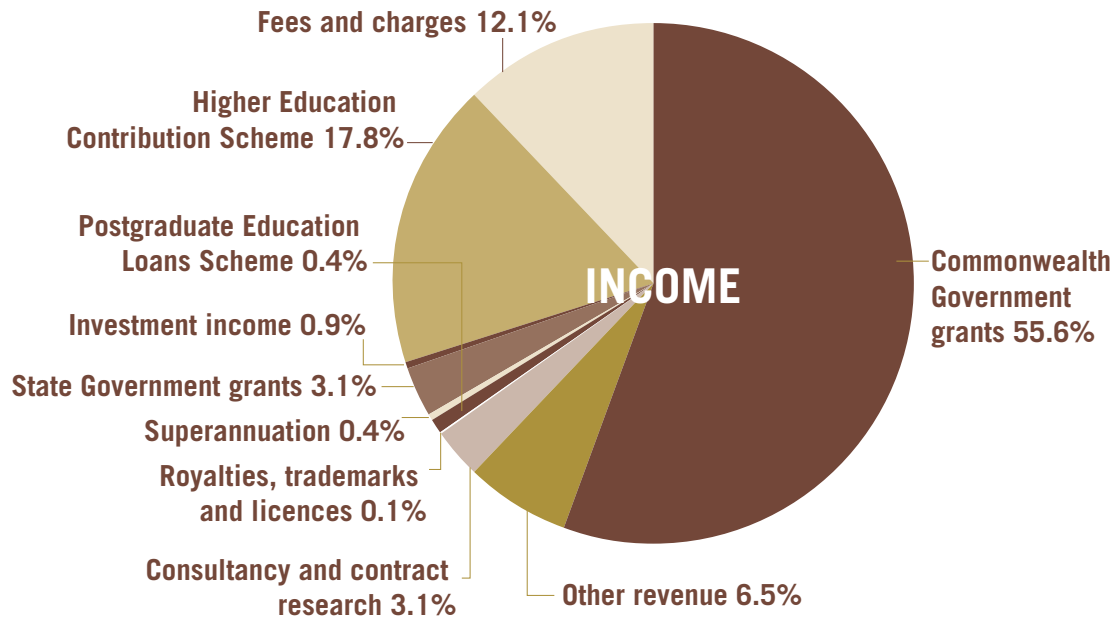
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INCOME										
Commonwealth Government grants	111,742	55.9	101,708	55.6	98,018	57.1	99,264	57.0	95,509	60.0
State Government grants	6,166	3.1	6,927	3.8	6,278	3.6	7,349	4.2	3,594	2.3
Higher Education Contribution Scheme										
Student contributions	3,132	1.6	3,448	1.9	3,988	2.3	3,803	2.2	3,462	2.2
Commonwealth payments	32,523	16.3	31,485	17.2	29,839	17.3	25,491	14.6	26,423	16.6
Postgraduate Education Loans Scheme	724	0.4								
Fees & charges	24,159	12.1	18,083	9.9	13,960	8.1	11,808	6.8	11,228	7.0
Superannuation										
Deferred Government contributions	35	0.0	393	0.2		0.0		0.0		0.0
Commonwealth supplementation	882	0.4	579	0.3	624	0.4		0.0		0.0
Investment income	1,798	0.9	2,165	1.2	6,540	3.8	5,902	3.4	6,922	4.3
Royalties, trademarks and licences	259	0.1								
Consultancy and contract research	6,174	3.1	7,472	4.1	5,219	3.0	4,746	2.7	2,729	1.7
Other revenue	12,116	6.1	10,556	5.8	7,539	4.4	15,817	9.1	9,415	5.9
Total income	199,710	100.0	182,816	100.0	172,005	100.0	174,180	100.0	159,282	100.0
EXPENDITURE										
Academic salary costs	61,337	30.7	56,424	30.1	51,847	30.0	49,263	30.7	44,421	30.6
Non-academic salary costs	51,896	26.0	50,116	26.7	48,302	27.9	48,680	30.3	44,775	30.7
Depreciation and amortisation	16,994	8.5	16,664	8.9	14,734	8.5	14,286	8.9	7,914	5.4
Buildings & grounds	9,342	4.7	7,509	4.0	6,658	3.8	4,812	3.0	7,282	5.0
Bad & doubtful debts	440	0.2	765	0.4	39	0.0		0.0		0.0
Other expenses	59,477	29.9	56,180	29.9	51,576	29.8	43,434	27.1	41,229	28.3
Total expenditure	199,486	100.0	187,658	100.0	173,156	100.0	160,475	100.0	145,621	100.0
OPERATING RESULT	224		(4,842)		(1,151)		13,705		13,661	
KEY RATIOS										
1. Financial stability and liquidity										
– Current ratio	2.3		2.0		1.9		1.7		1.6	
– Net cash balances	8,411		8,922		14,749		19,700		20,524	
– Net assets	296,370		296,146		300,988		301,587		354,062	
2. Revenue										
– Commonwealth Government grants (Inc. HECS and PELS)	145,871		133,772		128,481		124,755		121,932	
– Other University income	53,839		49,044		43,524		49,425		37,350	
Total University income	199,710		182,816		172,005		174,180		159,282	
Commonwealth Government grants as a percentage of total income	73		73		75		72		77	
Student (full-time equivalents)*	9,415		9,168		9,251		9,433		9,153	
Average Commonwealth recurrent grant (Inc. HECS)	15,493		14,591		13,888		13,225		13,322	

*Source: Statistics 2002 – DEST Operating Grant Load



	2002		2001		2000		1999		1998	
	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
INCOME										
Commonwealth Government grants	111,742	55.6	101,708	54.8	98,018	56.0	99,264	56.2	95,509	59.2
State Government grants	6,166	3.1	6,927	3.7	6,278	3.6	7,349	4.2	3,594	2.2
Higher Education Contribution Scheme										
Student contributions	3,132	1.6	3,448	1.9	3,988	2.3	3,803	2.2	3,462	2.1
Commonwealth payments	32,523	16.2	31,485	16.9	29,839	17.1	25,491	14.4	26,423	16.4
Postgraduate Education Loans Scheme	724	0.4								
Fees & charges	24,159	12.1	18,082	9.7	13,960	8.0	13,172	7.5	11,995	7.4
Superannuation										
Deferred Government contributions	35	0.0	393	0.2		0.0		0.0		0.0
Commonwealth supplementation	882	0.4	579	0.3	624	0.4		0.0		0.0
Investment income	1,747	0.9	2,640	1.4	6,788	3.9	5,995	3.4	7,028	4.4
Royalties, trademarks and licences	259	0.1								
Consultancy and contract research	6,174	3.1	7,472	4.0	5,204	3.0	4,746	2.7	2,729	1.7
Other revenue	12,940	6.5	13,275	7.1	9,977	5.7	16,627	9.4	10,592	6.6
Total income	200,483	100.0	186,009	100.0	174,676	100.0	176,447	100.0	161,332	100.0
EXPENDITURE										
Academic salary costs	61,337	30.7	56,511	30.6	51,847	29.7	49,263	30.4	44,421	30.1
Non-academic salary costs	52,129	26.1	50,235	27.3	48,515	27.7	48,951	30.2	40,572	27.5
Depreciation and amortisation	17,012	8.5	16,703	9.1	14,734	8.4	14,322	8.8	7,928	5.4
Buildings & grounds	9,342	4.7	7,509	4.1	6,658	3.8	2,025	1.2	4,253	2.9
Bad & doubtful debts	539	0.3	672	0.4	39	0.0		0.0		0.0
Other expenses	59,281	29.7	52,538	28.5	53,178	30.4	47,655	29.4	50,352	34.1
Total expenditure	199,640	100.0	184,168	100.0	174,971	100.0	162,216	100.0	147,526	100.0
OPERATING RESULT	843		1,841		(295)		14,231		13,806	
KEY RATIOS										
1. Financial stability and liquidity										
– Current ratio	2.6		2.5		2.0		1.7		1.6	
– Net cash balances	8,684		8,922		14,749		19,700		20,524	
– Net assets	306,587		296,146		300,988		301,587		354,062	
2. Revenue										
– Commonwealth government grants (Inc. HECS and PELS)	145,871		133,772		128,481		124,755		121,932	
– Other university income	54,612		52,237		46,195		51,692		39,400	
Total University income	200,483		186,009		174,676		176,447		161,332	
Commonwealth Government grants as a percentage of total income	73		72		74		71		76	
Student (full-time equivalents)*	9,415		9,168		9,251		9,433		9,153	
Average Commonwealth recurrent grant (Inc. HECS)	15,493		14,591		13,888		13,225		13,322	

*Source: Statistics 2002 – DEST Operating Grant Load





	Notes	ECONOMIC ENTITY (Consolidated)		PARENT ENTITY (University)	
		2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	2				
Commonwealth Government financial assistance	2.1	111,742	101,708	111,742	101,708
Tasmanian Government financial assistance	2.2	6,166	6,927	6,166	6,927
Higher Education Contribution Scheme					
Student contributions	20.1	3,132	3,448	3,132	3,448
Commonwealth payments	20.1	32,523	31,485	32,523	31,485
Postgraduate Education Loans Scheme	20.1	724		724	
Fees & charges	2.3	24,159	18,083	24,159	18,083
Superannuation					
Deferred Government contributions		35	393	35	393
Commonwealth supplementation		882	579	882	579
Investment income	2.4	1,747	2,640	1,798	2,165
Royalties, trademarks & licences	2.5	259		259	
Consultancy and contract research	2.6	6,174	7,472	6,174	7,472
Other revenue	2.7	12,940	13,274	12,116	10,556
Total revenue from ordinary activities		200,483	186,009	199,710	182,816
Share of net result of associates and joint ventures accounted for using the equity method		-	-	-	-
Total revenue		200,483	186,009	199,710	182,816
EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	3				
Employee benefits	3.1	113,466	106,746	113,233	106,540
Depreciation and amortisation	3.2	17,012	16,703	16,994	16,664
Buildings & grounds		9,342	7,014	9,342	7,014
Bad & doubtful debts		539	672	440	765
Other expenses	3.3	59,281	53,033	59,477	56,675
Total expenses from ordinary activities		199,640	184,168	199,486	187,658
Correction of fundamental error		-	-	-	-
Operating result from ordinary activities before income tax expense		843	1,841	224	(4,842)
Income tax related to ordinary activities		-	-	-	-
Operating result – after related income tax		843	1,841	224	(4,842)
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-
Net operating result		843	1,841	224	(4,842)
Net operating result attributable to outside equity interests		-	-	-	-
Net operating result attributed to parent entity		843	1,841	224	(4,842)
Direct credits or debits to equity as per Para 4.3 of AASB 1018, "Statement of Financial Performance"		-	-	-	-
Share of associates increase in general reserve		-	-	-	-
Share of joint venture entities increase in general reserve		-	-	-	-
Total revenue, expense and valuation adjustments attributed to the parent entity and recognised directly in equity		-	-	-	-
Total changes in equity other than those resulting from transactions with owners as owners		843	1,841	224	(4,842)

Statement of Financial Position for the year ended 31 December 2002

	Notes	ECONOMIC ENTITY (Consolidated)		PARENT ENTITY (University)	
		2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash assets		1,578	3,362	1,578	2,962
Inventories		177	179	177	179
Receivables	6	4,991	4,657	4,566	3,972
Other financial assets	7	81,619	78,583	71,295	69,130
Other assets	8	3,357	3,023	3,307	3,015
Total current assets		91,722	89,804	80,923	79,258
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Receivables	6	510	750	510	750
Other financial assets	7	10,350	10,038	10,370	10,038
Property, plant and equipment	9	252,167	255,313	252,097	255,250
Other assets	8	6,998	6,844	6,998	6,844
Total non-current assets		270,025	272,945	269,975	272,882
Total assets		361,747	362,749	350,898	352,140
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Payables	10	5,395	6,253	5,345	6,061
Provisions	11	15,239	15,327	15,232	15,322
Revenue in advance		13,077	12,253	12,557	11,444
Other liabilities	12	1,638	2,282	1,583	2,277
Total current liabilities		35,349	36,115	34,717	35,104
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Provisions	11	19,811	20,890	19,811	20,890
Total non-current liabilities		19,811	20,890	19,811	20,890
Total liabilities		55,160	57,005	54,528	55,994
Net assets		306,587	305,744	296,370	296,146
EQUITY					
Reserves	13	205,304	205,304	205,304	205,304
Statutory funds	13	21,861	20,933	21,861	20,933
Accumulated funds	13	79,422	79,507	69,205	69,909
Total equity		306,587	305,744	296,370	296,146



	Notes	ECONOMIC ENTITY (Consolidated)		PARENT ENTITY (University)	
		2002 \$'000 Inflows (Outflows)	2001 \$'000 Inflows (Outflows)	2002 \$'000 Inflows (Outflows)	2001 \$'000 Inflows (Outflows)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	19				
Inflows:					
Financial assistance					
Commonwealth Government		114,013	105,049	114,302	104,334
Tasmanian Government		6,337	7,195	6,337	7,195
Superannuation – Commonwealth supplementation		882	579	882	579
Higher Education Contribution Scheme					
Student payments		3,132	3,448	3,132	3,448
Commonwealth payments		32,523	31,485	32,523	31,485
Postgraduate Education Loans Scheme		724		724	
Fees & charges		24,334	18,303	24,334	18,303
Investment income		1,747	2,640	1,798	2,165
Royalties, trademarks and licences		259		259	
Consultancy and contract research		6,747	8,116	6,747	8,116
Other revenue		12,331	10,158	11,247	7,969
GST – net refund from ATO		3,587	3,309	3,587	3,309
Outflows:					
Employee benefits		(115,586)	(106,759)	(115,355)	(106,456)
Buildings & grounds		(9,342)	(7,509)	(9,342)	(7,509)
Other expenses		(65,688)	(53,582)	(65,650)	(59,925)
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities		16,000	22,432	15,525	13,013
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Inflows:					
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		1,329	3,096	1,329	3,065
Outflows:					
Payments for investments		(2,201)	(8,541)	(1,623)	912
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(15,766)	(22,872)	(15,742)	(22,817)
Net cash provided/(used) in investing activities		(16,638)	(28,317)	(16,036)	(18,840)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(638)	(5,885)	(511)	(5,827)
Cash at beginning of reporting period		9,322	15,207	8,922	14,749
Cash at end of reporting period		8,684	9,322	8,411	8,922

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with:

- the *Financial Management and Audit Act 1990*;
- the *University of Tasmania Act 1992*;
- the Australian Accounting Standards Board and Urgent Issues Group consensus views; and
- the Guidelines for the Preparation of Annual Financial Reports for the 2002 reporting period by Australian Higher Education Institutions issued by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST).

The financial report covers the economic entity of the University of Tasmania and controlled entities, and the University of Tasmania as an individual parent entity.

This financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs. The report does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

a) Significant accounting policy issues

From 2002, the University has increased the threshold for the recognition of assets from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Consequently, all assets recorded in the University's asset register system between this range were treated as a disposal. The amount of \$2.6m is included in "Other" expenses in Note 3.3. If the increase in the threshold had already been in place in prior years the amount expensed would have been \$0.9m in 2002.

Consolidated profit in 2002 would therefore have been improved from \$0.8m to \$2.5m. In addition, "Other" revenue in Note 2.7 includes \$1.9m resulting from adjustments to the asset register.

During the year the University reviewed depreciation rates for all classes of non-current assets. A number of changes to depreciation rates were implemented as a result of the review. Further detail is provided in Note 1(g).

b) Principles of consolidation

A controlled entity is any entity controlled by the University of Tasmania. Control exists where the University has the capacity to dominate decision making in relation to the financial and operating policies of another entity so that the other entity operates with the University to achieve University objectives. A list of controlled entities is contained in Note 17 to the financial statements.

The financial statements for the economic entity include all controlled entities, with all inter-company balances and transactions having been eliminated on consolidation.

Where controlled entities have left or entered the University during the year, their operating results have been included from the date control was obtained or until the date control ceased.

c) Tax status

Income tax

The University entity does not provide for Australian income tax as it is exempt from income tax in accordance with the provisions of Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

Fringe benefits tax

The University is liable to pay fringe benefits tax, and it is included in expenditure reported.

Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as a current asset or liability in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

d) Revenue recognition

Commonwealth Government operating grants received under the *Higher Education Funding Act 1988* in advance, are treated as reciprocal.

Revenues received from other government sources in respect of future periods are treated as income in the period they are received where the grant is considered non-reciprocal in nature.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

Donations and bequests are recognised when the right to receive the funds has been established.

The gross proceeds from the sale of non-current assets are treated as revenue from the time that ownership has passed to the purchaser.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

e) Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost is assigned on a weighted average basis. Stocks are valued on a first in first out basis.

f) Capital works in progress

Capital works in progress on buildings represents the cost associated with the construction of buildings and other projects of a capital nature, which have not reached their date of practical completion.

g) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation. Land, buildings and improvements were revalued by the Australian Valuation Office in 1999 at the prevalent market (fair) value at that time. The existing valuation methodology was applied for land and buildings in 2002, with revaluations to occur in 2003.

Transitional provisions within Australian Accounting Standard 1041 – Revaluation of Non-Current Assets, allows revaluation of assets within the class of assets to which it belongs on a fair value basis under which revaluations must be made with sufficient regularity, on a consistent basis, in a systematic manner and within a five year period. The valuation methodology adopted for asset classes is as follows:

Asset class	
Property (land & buildings)	Fair value
Motor vehicles	Cost
Computing equipment and photocopiers	Cost
Other plant and equipment	Cost
Library	Cost
Works of art and cultural collection	Fair value

Property

Freehold land and buildings are measured at their existing valuation for 2002, with an independent revaluation to be undertaken during 2003.

Plant and equipment

All plant and equipment items with a cost equal to or exceeding \$10,000 have been capitalised.

Library collection

The library collection is valued at cost.

Works of art

Valuations for works of art reflect the University-appointed art curator's assessment of these works of art at fair value. Revaluation increments are credited directly to the Asset Revaluation Reserve, unless they are reversing a previous decrement charged to the Statement of Financial Performance, in which case the increment is credited to the Statement of Financial Performance.

Depreciation

The depreciation amount of all fixed assets including building and completed capital projects, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to the University commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Properties held for investment purposes are not subject to depreciation. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Depreciation and amortisation rates and methods are reviewed regularly. Depreciation rates for a number of categories were changed in 2002.

Asset class	Depreciation rate	
	2002	2001
Land & buildings	2.5% to 5%	2.5% to 5%
Computing equipment	33%	20%
Plant and equipment (general)	10%	10%
Audio equipment	20%	10%
Photocopiers	25%	25%
Motor Vehicles	20%	15%
Library		
Serials	5%	10%
Books	5%	n/a
Non-books	20%	n/a

Computing equipment and photocopiers

The depreciation rate of computing equipment was increased to 33% to reflect the general decline in service potential due to technical and commercial obsolescence. The increase in annual depreciation cost as a result of this change is approximately \$0.7m per annum. This is offset by a reduction in depreciation of \$0.35m due to the change in capitalisation limit from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Plant and equipment

The depreciation rate of audio equipment was increased to 20% to reflect the general decline in service potential due to technical and commercial obsolescence and general wear and tear through physical use. The depreciation rate of motor vehicles changed from 15% to 20% to reflect changes in vehicle usage patterns and trade-in values.

The increase in annual depreciation cost as a result of these changes is approximately \$0.45m per annum. This is offset by a reduction in depreciation of \$0.65m for general plant and equipment due to the change in capitalisation limit from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Library

Following a review of the University Library's financial assets, the rate of depreciation was changed for each asset sub-group to better reflect the usage patterns and obsolescence of library information. The increase in annual depreciation cost as a result of this change is approximately \$0.9m per annum.

h) Employee entitlements

Employee entitlements comprising annual leave, long service leave and superannuation benefits, together with on-costs, have been fully provided. The total liability in respect of employee entitlements has been brought to account in accordance with AASB 1028 – Employee Benefits.

Annual leave

Liabilities for annual leave are recognised and measured as to the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' service up to that date.

Annual leave for academic staff is deemed to be taken in the year in which it is accrued, hence no provision is made in respect of these employees. The provision relates to amounts payable to non-academic staff for their pro-rata entitlements.

Long service leave

The liability for long service leave for employees has been measured with reference to the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for these entitlements, predictions of when long service leave will be taken and the University's experience of the probability that employees will qualify for long service leave.

Consideration has been given to future increases in salary levels. Related on-costs have been included in the provision. The University recognises as a current liability the portion of long service leave accruing to employees with 10 or more years of service.

Sick leave

Sick leave entitlements provided to the employees of the University are non-vested and are based on a cumulative sick leave system. No liability is recorded for sick leave.

Superannuation

The University has a policy of compulsory superannuation for continuing staff members. The majority of University staff are members of schemes known as 'UniSuper'. For additional information regarding superannuation see Note 23 – superannuation commitments.

i) Leases

All University leases are classified as operating leases. Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

j) Investments

The University's investments are managed as a pooled fund by an independent portfolio manager. This fund is invested in cash deposits, Australian equities, overseas equities, fixed interest securities and property trusts under an approved investment policy. The majority of specific purpose endowments received by the University to fund research activities, scholarships and prizes are also managed in this pooled investment fund.

The investments are valued at cost. Unrealised gains or losses arising from changes in net market value together with any interest, dividend income and other distributions

are brought to account in the Statement of Financial Performance in the period in which they are realised.

Investment properties are properties owned by the University and rented. Income received is brought to account as revenue in the Statement of Financial Performance in the period received.

k) Joint venture operations

The University participates in five Co-operative Research Centres, which are disclosed in Note 17. The University interests are not considered material, and expenditure incurred by the University as a result of its participation is expensed.

l) Controlled entities

Investments in controlled entities are carried in the University's Statement of Financial Position at the lower of cost or recoverable amount. Dividends are brought to account as revenue in the Statement of Financial Performance when received.

m) Other business undertakings

Investments in other business undertakings are carried in the University's Statement of Financial Position at the lower of cost or recoverable amount. Dividends are brought to account as revenue in the Statement of Financial Performance when received.

n) Foreign currency transactions and balances

Transactions made using foreign currency are converted into Australian currency at market exchange rates applicable at the date of the transactions. Amounts payable or receivable in foreign currencies at balance date are converted into Australian currency at market exchange rates at balance date. Currency conversion gains and losses are included in the operating result for the year.

o) Receivables

All debtors are recognised at the amounts receivable, as they are due for settlement no more than 30 days from the date of recognition. The collection of receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Debts known to be uncollectable are written off. A provision for doubtful debts is raised where some doubt as to collection exists and in any event where the debt is more than 90 days overdue.

p) Cash

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes:

- cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, net of bank overdrafts; and
- investments in short-term bank bills.

q) Comparative figures

When required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

r) Rounding of amounts

Amounts in the financial report have been rounded off to the nearest \$1,000.

Notes	ECONOMIC ENTITY (Consolidated)		PARENT ENTITY (University)	
	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
2. REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES				
2.1 Commonwealth Government financial assistance (incl. superannuation, excl. HECS & PELS)				
Teaching and learning	20.1			
Operating purposes, excluding HECS & PELS		63,342	58,611	63,342
Teaching hospitals		144	141	144
Australian Research Council	20.2			
Discovery projects (including Large Grants)		2,603	3,006	2,603
Discovery – fellowships		888	896	888
Linkage projects (including SPIRT grants)		2,187	1,727	2,187
Linkage infrastructure equipment & facilities		1,073	398	1,073
Linkage International Researcher Exchange			58	58
Linkage – Centres of Excellence (Special Research Centres)		904	884	904
DEST Research Financial Assistance	20.3			
Institutional Grants Scheme (including Small Grants)		6,536	6,250	6,536
Research Training Scheme		13,800	12,845	13,800
Systemic Infrastructure Initiative		500		500
Research Infrastructure Block Grant		2,609	1,930	2,609
Australian Postgraduate Awards		1,762	1,771	1,762
International Postgraduate Research Scholarships		208	226	208
Other Commonwealth Government				
National Health & Medical Research Council		1,894	1,227	1,894
Commonwealth Government research (non-ARC)		8,785	6,520	8,785
Commonwealth Government (non-research)		4,789	5,671	4,789
Other Commonwealth Government income		600	126	600
		112,624	102,287	112,624
Less Commonwealth Superannuation Supplement		(882)	(579)	(882)
Balance of Commonwealth Government financial assistance		111,742	101,708	111,742
2.2 Tasmanian Government financial assistance				
Tasmanian Aquaculture and Fisheries Institute		2,613	2,601	2,613
Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research		1,879	1,813	1,879
Menzies Centre for Population Health Research		800	1,010	800
Centre for Regional Economic Analysis			230	230
Tasmanian Law Reform Institute		65	35	65
Other State Government income		809	1,238	809
		6,166	6,927	6,166
2.3 Fees and charges				
Continuing education				
Fee-paying overseas students		14,134	11,644	14,134
Fee-paying non-overseas postgraduate students		876	764	876
Fee-paying non-overseas undergraduate students		1,210	509	1,210
Fee-paying non-overseas non-award students		10	16	10
Child Care Centre fees		907	827	907
Accommodation charges		3,543	3,070	3,543
Services and Amenities fees		2,674		2,674
Other		805	1,253	805
		24,159	18,083	24,159

	Notes	ECONOMIC ENTITY (Consolidated)		PARENT ENTITY (University)	
		2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
2.4 Investment income					
Parent entity		1,738	2,165	1,798	2,165
Wholly owned controlled entities		9	475		
		1,747	2,640	1,798	2,165
2.5 Royalties, trademarks & licences		259		259	
		259		259	
2.6 Consultancy and contract research					
Industry and other research		3,429	3,123	3,429	3,123
Research consultancies		946	1,739	946	1,739
Research donations and bequests		556	1,416	556	1,416
Industry support to Linkage projects (incl SPIRT grants)		608	572	608	572
Industry support to other Commonwealth research		185	181	185	181
Industry support to research centres		450	441	450	441
		6,174	7,472	6,174	7,472
2.7 Other revenue					
Contract revenue (other than consultancy and contract research)		707	400	480	197
Proceeds from sale of assets	21	1,329	3,065	1,329	3,065
Sale of goods		1,718	1,303	1,718	1,303
Donations and bequests		1,248	445	288	270
Scholarships and prizes		131	1,781	969	153
Miscellaneous income		7,807	6,280	7,332	5,568
		12,940	13,274	12,116	10,556
3. EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES					
3.1 Employee benefits					
Academic					
Salaries		47,363	43,855	47,363	43,855
Contribution to superannuation & pension schemes:					
Deferred employee benefits for superannuation		19	215	19	215
Emerging costs		1,176	1,437	1,176	1,437
Funded		7,043	6,650	7,043	6,650
Provisions for future emerging costs		(391)	(390)	(391)	(390)
Payroll tax		3,310	3,187	3,310	3,187
Workers' compensation		235	222	235	222
Long service leave expense		1,772	1,204	1,772	1,204
Other expenses		810	626	810	626
Total academic		61,337	57,006	61,337	57,006



	Notes	ECONOMIC ENTITY (Consolidated)		PARENT ENTITY (University)	
		2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
3.1 Employee benefits (cont.)					
Non-academic					
Salaries		41,554	38,984	41,321	38,778
Contribution to superannuation & pension schemes:					
Deferred employee benefits for superannuation		16	177	16	177
Emerging costs		1,026	1,180	1,026	1,180
Funded		5,904	5,467	5,904	5,467
Provisions for future emerging costs		(342)	(315)	(342)	(315)
Payroll tax		2,812	2,699	2,812	2,699
Workers' compensation		211	194	211	194
Long service leave expense		577	1,065	577	1,065
Annual leave – change in provision		254	146	254	146
Other expenses		117	143	117	143
Total non-academic		52,129	49,740	51,896	49,534
Total employee benefits		113,466	106,746	113,233	106,540
3.2 Depreciation and amortisation					
Computing equipment		1,680	980	1,680	980
Library collections		2,665	1,746	2,665	1,746
Buildings		7,767	8,284	7,767	8,284
Leasehold improvements		1,049	1,120	1,049	1,120
Other equipment		3,851	4,573	3,833	4,534
		17,012	16,703	16,994	16,664
3.3 Other expenses					
Scholarships and prizes		9,005	8,537	8,904	8,542
Telecommunications		1,317	1,292	1,300	1,292
Non-capitalised equipment		8,656	5,378	8,656	5,378
Travel and staff development		6,303	6,555	6,303	6,555
Consumables		7,619	9,507	7,140	9,043
Net foreign exchange loss		25	14	25	14
Carrying amount of assets sold	21	2,300	3,903	2,300	3,903
Office administration		2,867	2,843	2,642	3,736
Electricity & heating fuel		3,457	3,169	3,457	3,169
Public relations and marketing		2,188	2,021	2,163	2,026
Consultancy services		4,302	1,726	4,302	1,726
Library materials		2,044	773	2,044	773
Cleaning		2,033	1,903	2,033	1,903
Security		1,057	990	1,057	990
Audit fees		178	159	173	144
Transfer to University Foundation				760	5,211
Operating lease payments		295	167	295	167
Service & Amenities fees paid to student unions		2,451		2,451	
Other		3,184	4,096	3,472	2,103
		59,281	53,033	59,477	56,675

	ECONOMIC ENTITY (Consolidated)		PARENT ENTITY (University)	
	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
4. REMUNERATION OF EXECUTIVES				
The number of executive positions where the total remuneration (including salary, superannuation and other benefits) for the reporting period exceeded \$100,000 within bands of \$10,000 were:	No.	No.	No.	No.
\$100,000 to \$109,999		2		2
\$130,000 to \$139,999		1		1
\$140,000 to \$149,999	2	1	2	1
\$150,000 to \$159,999	3		3	
\$160,000 to \$169,999		1		1
\$170,000 to \$179,999		2		2
\$180,000 to \$189,999	3	1	3	1
\$190,000 to \$199,999	2		2	
\$220,000 to \$229,999	1		1	
\$300,000 to \$309,999		1		1
	11	9	11	9
Aggregate remuneration of executives	1,906	1,488	1,906	1,488
5. REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS				
External audit	72	66	67	66
	72	66	67	66
Note: audit services for the University Foundation were donated by Wise, Lord and Ferguson.				
6. RECEIVABLES				
Current				
Debtors	5,266	5,011	4,834	4,319
Less provision for doubtful debts	(834)	(711)	(827)	(704)
	4,432	4,300	4,007	3,615
Accrued revenue	309	107	309	107
Sundry loans and advances	250	250	250	250
	4,991	4,657	4,566	3,972
Non-current				
Debtors	10		10	
Sundry loans and advances	500	750	500	750
	510	750	510	750
Total receivables	5,501	5,407	5,076	4,722



	ECONOMIC ENTITY (Consolidated)		PARENT ENTITY (University)	
	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
7. INVESTMENTS				
Current*				
At call deposits	4,139	4,381	3,866	4,381
Bank bills	2,967	2,200	2,967	2,200
Trust investments	5,341	5,430	5,341	5,430
Investment fund #	69,172	66,572	59,121	57,119
	81,619	78,583	71,295	69,130
Non-current				
Shares – unlisted	413	101	433	101
Property held for investment purposes at Australian Valuation Office market value 1999	9,937	9,937	9,937	9,937
	10,350	10,038	10,370	10,038
Total investments	91,969	88,621	81,665	79,168
* Current investments do not include unrealised losses of \$1.781m (Consolidated), which were not brought to account.				
# The University's investment fund is managed by Schroder Investment Management Australia Limited. The pooled investment consists of cash, fixed interest securities, International equities and Australian equities, property and hybrids.				
Summarised by maturity date				
Within 1 year	7,106	5,200	6,833	5,200
Within 1 to 2 years				
Within 2 to 5 years				
More than 5 years				
No maturity date (investment fund, trust funds, unlisted shares, property)	84,863	83,421	74,832	73,968
	91,969	88,621	81,665	79,168
8. OTHER ASSETS				
Current				
Prepayments	2,031	1,719	1,981	1,711
DEST superannuation reimbursement	550	579	550	579
GST	776	680	776	680
Other		45		45
	3,357	3,023	3,307	3,015
Non-current				
Prepayments	90		90	
DEST superannuation reimbursement	6,908	6,844	6,908	6,844
	6,998	6,844	6,998	6,844
Total other assets	10,355	9,867	10,305	9,859

	Notes	ECONOMIC ENTITY (Consolidated)		PARENT ENTITY (University)	
		2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT					
Land					
at valuation		6,240	6,195	6,240	6,195
accumulated depreciation		-	-	-	-
Written down value		6,240	6,195	6,240	6,195
Buildings					
at valuation		281,498	281,997	281,498	281,997
accumulated depreciation		(140,986)	(133,988)	(140,986)	(133,988)
Written down value		140,512	148,009	140,512	148,009
Capital works in progress					
at cost		6,736	11,875	6,716	11,875
accumulated depreciation		-	-	-	-
Written down value		6,736	11,875	6,716	11,875
Building improvements and additions					
at cost		27,386	14,299	27,386	14,299
accumulated depreciation		(1,008)	(622)	(1,008)	(622)
Written down value		26,378	13,677	26,378	13,677
Leasehold improvements					
at valuation		41,787	41,787	41,787	41,787
accumulated amortisation		(27,154)	(25,975)	(27,154)	(25,975)
Written down value		14,633	15,812	14,633	15,812
Plant and equipment					
at cost		43,173	44,442	43,054	44,324
accumulated depreciation		(28,363)	(28,246)	(28,294)	(28,191)
Written down value		14,810	16,196	14,760	16,133
Library collections					
at cost		51,237	51,395	51,237	51,395
accumulated depreciation		(12,118)	(10,820)	(12,118)	(10,820)
Written down value		39,119	40,575	39,119	40,575
Works of art and cultural collections					
at valuation		3,739	2,974	3,739	2,974
accumulated depreciation		-	-	-	-
Written down value		3,739	2,974	3,739	2,974
Total property, plant and equipment					
at cost/valuation		461,796	454,964	461,657	454,846
accumulated depreciation/amortisation		(209,629)	(199,651)	(209,560)	(199,596)
Written down value		252,167	255,313	252,097	255,250
Movements in asset classes during the year					
Land					
Value 1 January		6,195	6,185	6,195	6,185
Add: acquisitions		45	10	45	10
		6,240	6,195	6,240	6,195
Less: disposals		-	-	-	-
Balance 31 December		6,240	6,195	6,240	6,195
Less: current depreciation expense		-	-	-	-
Less: adjustments		-	-	-	-
Value 31 December		6,240	6,195	6,240	6,195



	Notes	ECONOMIC ENTITY (Consolidated)		PARENT ENTITY (University)	
		2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONT.)					
Buildings					
Written down value 1 January		148,009	155,208	148,009	155,208
Add: acquisitions		-	-	-	-
		148,009	155,208	148,009	155,208
Less: disposals		115	-	115	-
Balance 31 December		147,894	155,208	147,894	155,208
Less: current depreciation expense		7,380	7,974	7,380	7,974
Less: adjustments		2	(775)	2	(775)
Written down value 31 December		140,512	148,009	140,512	148,009
Capital works in progress					
Value 1 January		11,878	2,901	11,875	2,901
Add: acquisitions		9,840	12,470	9,823	12,470
		21,718	15,371	21,698	15,371
Less: transfers to building improvements		14,982	3,496	14,982	3,496
Balance 31 December		6,736	11,875	6,716	11,875
Less: current depreciation expense		-	-	-	-
Less: adjustments		-	-	-	-
Value 31 December		6,736	11,875	6,716	11,875
Building improvements and additions					
Written down value 1 January		13,677	10,490	13,677	10,490
Add: transfers from capital works in progress		14,982	3,497	14,982	3,497
		28,659	13,987	28,659	13,987
Less: transfers to expense		1,894	-	1,894	-
Balance 31 December		26,765	13,987	26,765	13,987
Less: current depreciation expense		387	310	387	310
Less: adjustments		-	-	-	-
Written down value 31 December		26,378	13,677	26,378	13,677
Leasehold improvements					
Written down value 1 January		15,812	16,802	15,812	16,802
Add: acquisitions		-	-	-	-
		15,812	16,802	15,812	16,802
Less: disposals		-	-	-	-
Balance 31 December		15,812	16,802	15,812	16,802
Less: current depreciation expense		1,049	1,120	1,049	1,120
Less: adjustments		130	(130)	130	(130)
Written down value 31 December		14,633	15,812	14,633	15,812
Plant and equipment					
Written down value 1 January		16,195	17,833	16,133	17,753
Add: acquisitions		6,340	7,459	6,334	7,405
		22,535	25,292	22,467	25,158
Less: disposals		1,591	3,854	1,587	3,822
Balance 31 December		20,944	21,438	20,880	21,336
Less: current depreciation expense		5,526	5,554	5,512	5,515
Less: adjustments		608	(312)	608	(312)
Written down value 31 December		14,810	16,196	14,760	16,133

	Notes	ECONOMIC ENTITY (Consolidated)		PARENT ENTITY (University)	
		2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONT.)					
Library collections					
Written down value 1 January		40,575	40,611	40,575	40,611
Add: acquisitions		2,287	2,026	2,287	2,026
		42,862	42,637	42,862	42,637
Less: disposals		844	316	844	316
Balance 31 December		42,018	42,321	42,018	42,321
Less: current depreciation expense		2,665	1,746	2,665	1,746
Less: adjustments		234	-	234	-
Written down value 31 December		39,119	40,575	39,119	40,575
Works of art and cultural collections					
Value 1 January		2,974	3,049	2,974	3,049
Add: acquisitions		145	-	145	-
		3,119	3,049	3,119	3,049
Less: disposals		7	80	7	80
Balance 31 December		3,112	2,969	3,112	2,969
Less: current depreciation expense		-	-	-	-
Less: adjustments		(627)	(5)	(627)	(5)
Value 31 December		3,739	2,974	3,739	2,974
Summary					
Written down value 1 January		255,315	253,079	255,250	252,999
Add: acquisitions		18,657	21,965	18,634	21,911
Add: transfers		14,982	3,497	14,982	3,497
		288,954	278,541	288,866	278,407
Less: disposals		2,557	4,250	2,553	4,218
Less: transfers		16,876	3,496	16,876	3,496
Balance 31 December		269,521	270,795	269,437	270,693
Less: current depreciation expense		17,007	16,704	16,993	16,665
Less: adjustments		347	(1,222)	347	(1,222)
Total property, plant and equipment at written down book value		252,167	255,313	252,097	255,250
10. PAYABLES					
Current		5,395	6,253	5,345	6,061
Total payables		5,395	6,253	5,345	6,061
11. PROVISIONS					
Current					
Annual Leave		3,109	2,853	3,102	2,848
Long Service Leave		8,547	9,138	8,547	9,138
Superannuation*		3,583	3,336	3,583	3,336
		15,239	15,327	15,232	15,322
Non-current					
Long service leave		3,664	3,798	3,664	3,798
Superannuation*		16,147	17,092	16,147	17,092
		19,811	20,890	19,811	20,890
Total provisions		35,050	36,217	35,043	36,212

* NOTE: The superannuation provision provides for the superannuation schemes outlined in Note 23 (b).

	Notes	ECONOMIC ENTITY (Consolidated)		PARENT ENTITY (University)	
		2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
12. OTHER LIABILITIES					
Current					
Other accrued expenses		1,638	2,282	1,583	2,277
Total other liabilities		1,638	2,282	1,583	2,277
13. MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY ACCOUNTS					
Reserves					
Asset revaluation reserve					
Balance at end of previous year		205,304	205,338	205,304	205,304
Less: adjustments consolidated entity			(34)		
Balance at end of year		205,304	205,304	205,304	205,304
Statutory funds					
The Statement of Financial Performance combines a number of funds which, under granting conditions, can only be utilised for specified expenditure purposes. These statutory funds cannot be allocated to general purpose expenditure categories. Statutory funds comprise:					
Trust funds – donations for endowments and specified purposes such as prizes and scholarships.					
Other restricted funds – specific research grants, consultancies and other contract funds.					
Balance at end of previous year		20,933	21,027	20,933	21,027
Transfer from/(to) accumulated funds		928	(94)	928	(94)
Balance at end of year		21,861	20,933	21,861	20,933
Accumulated funds					
Balance at end of previous year		79,507	77,538	69,909	74,657
Operating result (inclusive of transfers)		843	1,841	224	(4,842)
Transfers from/(to) statutory funds		(928)	94	(928)	94
Adjustment to reserves			34		
Balance at end of year		79,422	79,507	69,205	69,909
14. COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE					
Contracted but not provided for and payable not later than one year					
Capital expenditure commitments		7,029	4,785	7,029	4,785
Other expenditure commitments		1,661	939	1,661	939

15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The University of Tasmania, together with the University of Sydney and the University of Melbourne is involved in a legal dispute with Sony Music, Universal Music and EMI Music. The parties are alleging potential copyright breaches by the universities and/or other individuals. The three universities involved are dealing with the matter jointly. The Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee is supporting the universities and is dealing with the matter as a sector-wide issue. At the time of finalising the 2002 accounts, it is not practical to provide an estimate of the potential effect of this issue.

Other than the item referred to above, the University currently has no significant legal claims outstanding.

Notes	ECONOMIC ENTITY (Consolidated)		PARENT ENTITY (University)	
	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
16. LEASE COMMITMENTS				
Operating leases				
Commitments for future lease payments exist under current non-cancellable lease agreements held by the Consolidated Entity. Future minimum rental payments for leased photocopiers:				
Payable not later than one year	313	167	313	167
Payable later than one year, not later than two years	180	167	180	167
Payable later than two years, not greater than five years	411	477	411	477
Payable later than five years		122		122
	904	933	904	933

17. CONSOLIDATED AND OTHER ACTIVITIES	OWNERSHIP INTEREST	
	2002 %	2001 %

Consolidated entities

The University is the parent entity or ultimate parent entity of the following entities. All are incorporated in Australia.

University of Tasmania Foundation Inc.

Raises money to endow scholarships, support research and build resources, while developing links between the University, industry and the community.

The auditors for the University Foundation are Wise, Lord and Ferguson.

Unitas Company Limited

Provides a commercial window or 'shopfront' to the University.

The auditors for Unitas are Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

Southern Ice Porcelain Pty Ltd

Manufacture and sale of high quality porcelain.

The auditors for Southern Ice are KPMG.

Other activities

The University is a managing agent for the following operations which are not consolidated:

Australian Music Examinations Board

Cooperative Research Centre for Antarctica and the Southern Ocean Environment

Cooperative Research Centre for Sustainable Production Forestry

The University also participates as a partner in the CRCs for Sustainable Aquaculture of Finfish, Smart Internet Technology and Sustainable Tourism. The University's contributions to the CRCs have been brought to account as part of the University's consolidated financial statements. Due to the limited term tenure and significant number of partners, the University's level of activity is not separately reported as the amounts are not material.

18. DISAGGREGATED INFORMATION (CONSOLIDATED)

Industry	REVENUE		RESULTS (i)		ASSETS (ii)	
	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
Higher Education	200,483	186,009	843	1,841	361,747	362,749
Total	200,483	186,009	843	1,841	361,747	362,749
Geographical						
Australia	199,927	185,478	1,054	2,019	361,603	362,412
Asia	556	531	(211)	(178)	144	337
Total	200,483	186,009	843	1,841	361,747	362,749

(i) Consolidated operating results

(ii) Total assets



Notes	ECONOMIC ENTITY (Consolidated)		PARENT ENTITY (University)	
	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
19. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS				
Reconciliation of cash				
For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the University considers cash to include cash on hand, short-term deposits at call and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of the reporting period, as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows, is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:				
Cash	1,578	3,362	1,578	2,962
Short-term deposits at call	4,139	3,760	3,866	3,760
Bank bills of exchange	2,967	2,200	2,967	2,200
	8,684	9,322	8,411	8,922
Non-cash financing and investment activities				
During the reporting period, no items of plant and equipment were recorded by way of donation.				
Credit standby arrangement with banks				
A bank overdraft facility of \$100,000 exists with the Commonwealth Bank. This facility was unused during 2002.				
The total value of credit from Mastercards issued during the year was \$3.0 million.				
Reconciliation of net cash used in operating activities to operating result				
Operating result	843	1,841	224	(4,842)
Depreciation	17,012	16,703	16,994	16,664
Change in provision for doubtful debts	123	605	123	598
Change in assets and liabilities:				
(Increase)/ decrease in receivables	(265)	(1,298)	(525)	(768)
(Increase)/ decrease in inventories	2	274	2	274
(Increase)/ decrease in sundry loans & advances	250	(1,020)	250	(1,020)
(Increase)/ decrease in accrued revenue	(202)	1,525	(202)	1,525
(Increase)/ decrease in other assets	(488)	(1,010)	(446)	(1,025)
(Decrease)/ increase in revenue in advance	824	2,030	1,113	1,315
(Decrease)/ increase in accounts payable	(1,259)	953	(1,117)	(1,629)
(Decrease)/ increase in accrued expenses	(644)	608	(693)	603
(Decrease)/ increase in employee entitlements	(1,167)	384	(1,169)	481
Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment	971	837	971	837
Net cash provided or used by operating activities	16,000	22,432	15,525	13,013

20. ACQUITTAL OF COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

	UNIVERSITY ONLY			
	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000

20.1 Teaching and learning

	Operating Financial Assistance excluding HECS		Teaching Hospitals	
	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
Financial assistance in advance (paid during previous reporting period)	4,957	4,548	11	11
Plus financial assistance received during reporting period	63,382	59,020	144	141
Less financial assistance in advance (received in reporting period for next reporting period)	(4,887)	(4,957)	(11)	(11)
Accrual adjustments	(110)			
Revenue attributed to the reporting period	63,342	58,611	144	141
Plus surplus/deficit prior year				
Funds available for current period	63,342	58,611	144	141
Less expenses for current period	(63,342)	(58,611)	(144)	(141)
Surplus/deficit for current period	-	-	-	-

	HECS		PELS	
	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
Financial assistance in advance (paid during previous reporting period)	2,520	2,479		
Plus financial assistance received during reporting period	32,721	31,526	724	
Less financial assistance in advance (received in reporting period for next reporting period)	(2,718)	(2,520)		
Plus contributions actually received from students	3,132	3,448		
Accrual adjustments				
Revenue attributed to the reporting period	35,655	34,933	724	
Plus surplus/deficit prior year		3,988		
Funds available for current period	35,655	38,921	724	
Less expenses for current period	(35,655)	(38,921)	(724)	
Surplus/deficit for current period	-	-	-	

	Capital Development Pool	
	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
Financial assistance in advance (paid during previous reporting period) plus financial assistance received during reporting period		
Less financial assistance in advance (received in reporting period for next reporting period)		
Accrual adjustments		
Revenue attributed to the reporting period		
Plus surplus/deficit prior year		2,751
Funds available for current period		2,751
Less expenses for current period		(2,751)
Surplus/deficit for current period		-



20.2 Australian Research Council

UNIVERSITY ONLY

	2002	2001	2002	2001
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000

	Discovery Projects (Incl Large Grants)		Discovery Fellowships	
Financial assistance in advance (paid during previous reporting period)				
Plus financial assistance received during reporting period	2,854	2,960	938	896
Less financial assistance in advance (received in reporting period for next reporting period)	(177)		(50)	
Accrual adjustments	(74)	46		
Revenue attributed to the reporting period	2,603	3,006	888	896
Plus surplus/deficit prior year	1,069	861	199	250
Funds available for current period	3,672	3,867	1,087	1,146
Less expenses for current period	(2,713)	(2,798)	(880)	(947)
Surplus/deficit for current period	959	1,069	207	199

	Linkage Projects (Incl SPIRT)		Linkage Infrastructure Equipment & Facilities	
Financial assistance in advance (paid during previous reporting period)				
Plus financial assistance received during reporting period	2,313	1,868	1,073	398
Less financial assistance in advance (received in reporting period for next reporting period)	(130)			
Accrual adjustments	4	(141)		
Revenue attributed to the reporting period	2,187	1,727	1,073	398
Plus surplus/deficit prior year	510	506		
Funds available for current period	2,697	2,233	1,073	398
Less expenses for current period	(1,651)	(1,723)	(1,008)	(398)
Surplus/deficit for current period	1,046	510	65	-

	Linkage – International Researcher Exchange		Centres of Excellence	
Financial assistance in advance (paid during previous reporting period)				
Plus financial assistance received during reporting period		58	978	884
Less financial assistance in advance (received in reporting period for next reporting period)			(74)	
Accrual adjustments				
Revenue attributed to the reporting period		58	904	884
Plus surplus/deficit prior year	9		(27)	(7)
Funds available for current period	9	58	877	877
Less expenses for current period	(9)	(49)	(877)	(904)
Surplus/deficit for current period	-	9	-	(27)

	UNIVERSITY ONLY			
	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
20.3 DEST Research Financial Assistance				
	Institutional Grants Scheme		Research Training Scheme	
Financial assistance in advance (paid during previous reporting period)	522	500	1,103	1,028
Plus financial assistance received during reporting period	6,575	6,272	13,881	12,920
Less financial assistance in advance (received in reporting period for next reporting period)	(561)	(522)	(1,184)	(1,103)
Accrual adjustments				
Revenue attributed to the reporting period	6,536	6,250	13,800	12,845
Plus surplus/deficit prior year	49	167		
Funds available for current period	6,585	6,417	13,800	12,845
Less expenses for current period	(6,548)	(6,368)	(13,800)	(12,845)
Surplus/deficit for current period	37	49	-	-
	Systemic Infrastructure Initiative		Research Infrastructure Block Grant	
Financial assistance in advance (paid during previous reporting period)	40		208	154
Plus financial assistance received during reporting period	460	40	2,661	1,984
Less financial assistance in advance (received in reporting period for next reporting period)		(40)	(260)	(208)
Accrual adjustments				
Revenue attributed to the reporting period	500		2,609	1,930
Plus surplus/deficit prior year			28	101
Funds available for current period	500		2,637	2,031
Less expenses for current period	(467)		(2,598)	(2,003)
Surplus/deficit for current period	33	-	39	28
	Australian Postgraduate Awards		International Postgraduate Research Scholarships	
Financial assistance in advance (paid during previous reporting period)				
Plus financial assistance received during reporting period	1,762	1,771	208	226
Less financial assistance in advance (received in reporting period for next reporting period)				
Accrual adjustments				
Revenue attributed to the reporting period	1,762	1,771	208	226
Plus surplus/deficit prior year	253	153	87	65
Funds available for current period	2,015	1,924	295	291
Less expenses for current period	(1,985)	(1,671)	(206)	(204)
Surplus/deficit for current period	30	253	89	87



20.4 Summary of unspent financial assistance

	Amount of unspent financial assistance as at 31 December 2002	Amount of financial assistance that it is more likely will be approved by the Commonwealth for carry forward	Amount of unspent financial assistance that it is more likely will be recovered by the Commonwealth
	2002 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2002 \$'000
Discovery projects (incl large grants)	959	952	7
Discovery fellowships	207	207	
Linkage projects (incl SPIRT)	1,046	1,014	32
Linkage infrastructure equipment & facilities	65	65	
Institutional grants scheme	37	37	
Systemic infrastructure initiatives	33	33	
Research infrastructure block grant	39	39	
Australian Postgraduate Awards	30	30	
International Postgraduate Research Scholarships	89		89
Total	2,505	2,377	128

21. SALE OF ASSETS

	ECONOMIC ENTITY (Consolidated)		PARENT ENTITY (University)	
	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
Proceeds from sale:				
Property, plant & equipment	1,329	3,065	1,329	3,065
Carrying amount of assets sold:				
Property, plant & equipment	2,300	3,903	2,300	3,903
	(971)	(838)	(971)	(838)

22. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The following table details the economic entity's exposure to interest rate risk as at 31 December 2002

	Non interest bearing	1 year or less	Over 1 year to 5 years	More than 5 years	Carrying amount as per balance sheet	Weighted effective interest rate %	Fair (market) value
Financial assets 2002							
Cash		1,578			1,578	3.6	1,578
Debtors	4,442				4,442	n/a	4,442
Prepayments and advances	2,897				2,897	n/a	2,897
Investment fund	49,592	24,161			73,753	3.5	71,964
Other securities and deposits		760			760	5.3	760
Bank securities and deposits		7,106			7,106	4.0	7,106
Shares unlisted	413				413	n/a	413
Total financial assets	57,344	33,605			90,949		89,160
Financial liabilities 2002							
Revenue in advance	13,077				13,077	n/a	13,077
Creditors	5,395				5,395	n/a	5,395
Accrued liabilities	36,688				36,688	n/a	36,688
Total liabilities	55,160				55,160		55,160
Financial assets 2001							
Cash		3,362			3,362	4.7	3,362
Debtors	4,300				4,300	n/a	3,615
Prepayments and advances	2,444				2,444	n/a	2,436
Investment fund	48,462	24,161			72,623	5.1	73,617
Other securities and deposits		760			760	5.7	760
Bank securities and deposits		5,200			5,200	4.7	5,200
Shares unlisted	101				101	n/a	101
Total financial assets	55,307	33,483			88,790		89,091
Financial liabilities 2001							
Revenue in advance	12,253				12,253	n/a	12,253
Creditors	6,253				6,253	n/a	6,253
Accrued liabilities	38,499				38,499	n/a	38,499
Total liabilities	57,005				57,005		57,005



Interest rate risk

Cash at bank, bank securities and deposits are exposed to the risk that their value will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

Credit risk exposure

The maximum exposure to credit risk on financial assets of the economic entity, excluding investments, relates to receivables which are exposed to the risk of financial loss due to the other party to the contract failing to discharge a financial obligation. The maximum credit risk exposure in relation to receivables is the carrying amount less the provision for doubtful debts. The economic entity is not materially exposed to any individual or group. Accounts receivable credit terms are 30 days.

Market risk

Investments mainly comprise investments in managed investment funds. The Investment Fund has a prudent longer-term investment strategy with a growth-style portfolio including equities. It is acknowledged there may be short-term fluctuations in asset values from time to time with such a strategy. The possibility of a negative return is approximately one year in seven. Historical trends for such a strategy indicate that, with reasonable probability, unrealised losses will be recovered in the short to medium term.

The manager places a great deal of emphasis on risk management and constantly examines the risk and return profiles of the portfolios in terms of both asset allocation and the active management of each asset class within the portfolio. This ensures a well diversified portfolio of assets, including hybrid securities, emerging market bonds and global smaller companies, which has proven successful in adding value in an environment of risk aversion and falling equity markets.

The manager has deliberately pursued a defensive asset allocation strategy for the Fund, with over weight positions in property trusts and fixed income, which have performed relatively well, and under weight positions in equities, most notably international markets.

Accordingly, the University has not adjusted the carrying amount for these short to medium-term market fluctuations and recognises gains/losses on realisation of the investment assets.

Foreign currency risk

The University does not hold any foreign currency bank accounts. Amounts payable or receivable in foreign currencies at balance date are converted into Australian currency at market exchange rates at balance date. Currency conversion gains and losses are included in the operating result for the year.

Creditors

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not invoiced to the University.

23. SUPERANNUATION COMMITMENTS

a) Schemes operational and open to membership

i) UniSuper Limited

The majority of University staff are members of schemes and plans administered and managed by UniSuper Limited. University contributions are expensed as incurred. Mr Grant Harslett of Towers Perrin performed the last actuarial review of this fund on 18 May 2000 in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 1999.

In accordance with section 130 of the SIS Act, UniSuper provided a new Funding and Solvency Certificate from Towers Perrin, as at 30 June 2002. This followed certain changes in benefit design and the fact that the Defined Benefits Plan's Vested Benefit Index (VBI) had fallen below 100% in the September quarter of 2001. As at 30 June 2002, the VBI for the Defined Benefits Plan was 91.9%. The actuary confirmed the Board's view that the VBI being below 100% at 30 June 2002 is due to short-term fluctuations in asset values and notes that variability in investment returns is inevitably associated with the prudent long-term investment strategy, which UniSuper employs.

The actuary's advice to the Trustee, accompanying the new Funding and Solvency Certificate, confirms that as at 30 June 2002, based on the assumptions required by AAS 25, UniSuper's accrued benefit liability is well covered by the market value of its assets. It further advises that there has been no underlying change to UniSuper's benefits or any material change to its membership since the previous actuarial investigation and concluded that the current rate of contributions of 21% was expected to be sufficient to provide members' future benefits. The next actuarial review is due as at 31 December 2002 and is currently being performed.

In accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1028 – Employee Benefits, UniSuper Limited has advised that the latest available estimate of the value of accrued benefits for University members who are in the Defined Benefits Plan as at 30 June 2002 is as follows:

	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	Change \$'000
Vested benefits	111,107	111,678	(0.5%)
Accrued benefits*	111,107	111,678	(0.5%)
Estimated market value of assets	103,347	123,237	(16.1%)
Surplus/(deficit)	(7,760)	11,559	(167.1%)

*The actuary notes that the accrued benefit liability shown here is based on a minimum of the vested benefit for each member so it does not reflect the level of accrued benefit liability on an ongoing basis.

b) Schemes closed to future membership

The University of Tasmania Staff Superannuation and Additional Benefits Scheme was closed on 31 December 1982 and wound up. Two aspects of the scheme remain, the lump sum compensation benefits scheme and the supplementary pension scheme.

i) Lump Sum Compensation Benefits

As part of the winding up of the University of Tasmania Staff Superannuation & Additional Benefits Scheme it was agreed with members that staff transferring contributions to SSAU would be compensated at retirement. The calculation of compensation is formula-based and consistent with terms determined by Council in 1982. Compensation is adjusted in line with movements in the consumer price index. It is financed on an emerging cost basis and charged against operating funds.

ii) Supplementary Pension Scheme Liability

In a report prepared by Mr Brian Bendzulla of Bendzulla Tasmania Pty Ltd, dated 25 November 1999, the present value of the University's liability at 31 December 2002, in respect of supplementary pensions being paid and all reversionary pensions that may become payable to spouses in the future, is \$12.2 million. This is a closed scheme. It is anticipated that further actuarial reviews of the scheme will be undertaken every five years, with the next review due in 2004.

iii) Retirement Benefits Fund

The University of Tasmania has a liability in respect of a small number of staff who transferred from the Tasmanian College of Advanced Education and who are members of the State Government scheme, the Retirement Benefits Fund.

The right to re-imbursment from the Commonwealth for the unfunded past service liability of \$7.458 million is recognised as an asset in Note 8 – Other Assets.

In an actual valuation report provided by PriceWaterhouseCoopers in July 2002 the University's liability was as follows:

	2002	2001	Change
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Vested benefits	11,639	11,567	0.6%
Accrued benefits	11,492	11,411	0.7%
Less: RBF Contributory			
Scheme Assets	4,034	3,988	1.2%
Surplus/(deficit) (unfunded			
past service liability)	(7,458)	(7,423)	0.5%

24. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The members of Council and the directors of the controlled entities received no remuneration during the year for their services as directors.

UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES
MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

STATEMENT BY PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING OFFICER

In my opinion:

- (a) the financial statements present a true and fair view of the financial position of the University as at 31 December 2002, and have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Consensus Views of the Urgent Issues Group, other mandatory professional reporting requirements, and the Guidelines for the Preparation of Annual Financial Statements for the 2002 Reporting Period by Australian Higher Education Institutions (issued by the Commonwealth Department of Employment Science and Training);
- (b) at the time of signing the accounts there are reasonable grounds to believe that the University will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due;
- (c) the amount of Commonwealth financial assistance expended during the reporting period was for the purpose(s) for which it was provided; and
- (d) the Institution has complied in full with the requirements of various programme guidelines that apply to the Commonwealth financial assistance identified in these financial statements.

In addition, I am not aware at the date of signing these statements of any circumstances which would render any particulars included in the statements to be misleading or inaccurate.



R. M. EASTHER
Director Financial and Business Services
26 May 2003

STATEMENT BY THE ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER


In our opinion:

- a) the financial statements present a true and fair view of the financial position of the University as at 31 December 2002, and have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Consensus Views of the Urgent Issues Group, other mandatory professional reporting requirements, and the Guidelines for the Preparation of Annual Financial Statements for the 2002 Reporting Period by Australian Higher Education Institutions (issued by the Commonwealth Department of Employment Science and Training);
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R. LIDL
Acting Vice-Chancellor
26 May 2003



T. FERRALL
Executive Director Finance and Administration
26 May 2003



INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA**

Scope

I have audited the financial report of the University of Tasmania comprising the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Cash Flow Statement and notes thereto, for the year ended 31 December 2002. The financial statements comprise the accounts of the University and the consolidated accounts of the economic entity, being the University and its controlled entities. The members of the Council of the University of Tasmania are responsible for the financial report. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members.

The audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the financial position of the University of Tasmania, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the financial report presents fairly in accordance with applicable legislation, Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, the financial position of the University of Tasmania as at 31 December 2002, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

A J McHugh
AUDITOR-GENERAL

2 June 2003
HOBART

David Keeling was born in Launceston in 1951. He lives and works in Hobart. His work is represented in many collections, including the National Gallery of Australia, state and university collections, private and corporate collections in Australia, the UK and the USA.

Art will conquer nature: Picnic in Arcadia

Purchased for the University Fine Art Collection in 1997, with funds from the bequest of Marion E. Wharmby.

