Warm greetings to all returning and newly arriving residents – I trust the year ahead will be a rewarding one for you. This is the first edition of the Residents Newsletter for 2013.

The Hobart induction sessions are listed below. If there is anyone who misses these sessions and who would like assistance regarding Accommodation Services, the residential campus or UTAS, please come into the Admin office and we will arrange something for you.

Remember there are countless social, academic and recreational opportunities here on the residential campus so keep your eyes & ears open to what’s happening week by week and please join in participate and enjoy.

Good luck for the year ahead and make the most of your stay here

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Induction Sessions

Wednesday 20th February @ 5:30pm
OR
Monday 25th February 5:30pm

Sessions to be held in Pepperz Café side of the dining hall at the start time of 5:30 pm on both days.

Please email your preference to: Paddy.Barbour@utas.edu.au
Internet In Residence:
BigAir Community Broadband.

To access the internet in your room you must register an account with BigAir. You can register online and make a payment using Direct deposit, PayPal, or credit card.

Please note the set up guide is provided on your arrival at Accommodation Services.

If you are experiencing problems and require assistance please contact BigAir on 1300 739 822

Dining Options 2013

Accommodation Services provides flexible & affordable meals at Pepperz Restaurant & Café at extremely competitive prices. Your Meal Card (UTAS Student Card) needs to be charged (money put on it) and it is available for use. Additional credit can be loaded at any time using the online payment system. Unused credit will be returned at the end of the year in the same way as unused telephone credit. Cash payment for food is acceptable as well.

Only pay for what you eat; our ever changing menu ensures options for every taste and is available 7 days a week which is convenient for busy life styles.

Parking on Campus

Permits and parking places on the Sandy Bay residential campus are extremely limited. Permits are issued on a first come first served basis. As per the University By-laws expensive parking fines are levied against vehicles parked incorrectly or without correct permits.

Please email us (enquiries@accommodation.utas.edu.au) with your expression of interest in a parking permit with your vehicle details (Colour, Make, Model & Registration Number) & we will respond when & if a permit becomes available.

No guaranteed parking - please consider carefully before bringing your car.

Events, Activities & Programs

- “O” Week orientation & welcoming activities 18/02 to 22/02
- Commencement Dinner / Pepperz Live. Musical night to welcome all
- Christ College Foundation Scholarships announcement/awarded
- Tutorial Program – Semester 1 & Semester 2
- International Dinner – 1st Semester. Exotic and spicy treats to share!
- College organized sports events to be held & looking for players:
  - Sports – Rugby/Football/Basketball/Netball/Volleyball/Tennis
  - Soccer/Cricket/Debating etc
  - Chat to the sports conveners in the Colleges & join in
- English speaking Coffee Hour
- Social BBQ’s organized by Colleges & Apartments
- A winter warming “Beanies & Mittens” evening with free soup, rolls & drinks and all to the sound of LIVE MUSIC at the amphitheater between John Fisher & Christ Colleges. Rug up, join in & have a great evening
- “Pepperz Live”. Friday 27th July 5:30pm to 8:30pm – a short evening of great live musical entertainment in Pepperz while you a cheap & cheerful meal option with your friends, new & old.
- The John Fisher College Ball is being held on Friday 9th August
- The Christ College Ball on the 17th August
- Christ College play takes place in September
- International Dinners – 2nd Semesters – more exotic treats
General Information for new Residents

Tutorial Program – Accommodation Services provides a free tutorial program to its residents. If you are having difficulty in your studies, you can register for assistance with the Office or see one of the RSOs. Single and group tutorials are available – register your interest with the RSOs and look out for posters advertising tutorials.

Tutors Needed - Accommodation Services are always looking for willing and able tutors in most subject areas. If you have a distinction average and believe that you can assist others in a particular subject, please forward your details and academic transcript to me – William.Hohman@utas.edu.au OR sign up at the office. These are paid positions @ about $23:00 or $27 per hour.

Fire Wardens Needed – We are always in need of volunteers to serve as building fire wardens. A warden assists AS staff in the event of a fire by directing students to exits, checking rooms, and taking roll call at the evacuation points. If you are interested in being a fire warden please register your interest with me by emailing your contact details to William.Hohman@utas.edu.au. Training and equipment is provided.

Resident Welfare Officers (RWO) – If you are interested in being trained as an RWO for your residence please email your contact details to me at Paddy.Barbour@utas.edu.au

Sporting Equipment – The RSOs & Student Club Sports Reps have access to a range of sporting equipment that can be borrowed. Generally we can sign things out for 24 hours or over a weekend. Ask about what’s available.

General Activities and Events – AS provides a series of recreational and social activities and events throughout the year and we advertise these so please keep a look out for academic, sporting & social events to take part in.

Resident Interest Groups (RIGs) - AS facilitates a variety of interest groups – if you have a hobby or a particular interest and wish to meet others with similar interests, consider forming a RIG – AS will advertise the group for you, arrange meeting space and are able to provide some small grants to assist your group get and stay established. Conditions do apply – for further details please email me at Paddy.Barbour@utas.edu.au

Your Mailing Address
The mailing address for all residences is:
C/o Accommodation Services,
Private Bag 94, HOBART
TASMANIA 7001

All mail is collected from the Apartments Laundry opposite Admin while parcels and secure items are collected from Admin office.
Disciplinary Matters

- Accommodation Services works on a system of formal warnings, if you get 3 formal warnings this may result in you being evicted from residence.
- Staff will usually give you a verbal warning before issuing a formal – but this will depend on what behaviour/s is exhibited.
- There are a number of behaviours that will result in you being evicted from residence – refer to the Terms and Conditions of Residence.

Quiet Hours

Quiet hours – after 8:30pm it should be quiet enough to study; after 10:30 pm it should be quiet enough to sleep. During exam times we extend quiet hours to ensure that individuals are able to study in peace and quiet. Please consider others and ensure you monitor your own noise levels. If someone is playing music, has the TV turned up or is talking loudly please firstly ask them to adjust the volume; if this is unsuccessful please call the RSO on duty.

Alcohol in Residence

Alcohol at UTAS

UTAS has a comprehensive alcohol policy – what it means to you is:

- Accommodation Services cannot accept sponsorship from any alcohol or tobacco manufacturer, supplier or distributor.
- All functions organised by AS (including Student Club functions) must obtain proper licensing & permits from AS or, if applicable, from UTAS Commercial Services & Development, and/or the Licensing Board of Tasmania.
- AS will not buy or subsidise alcohol for any student event.
- All functions must abide by all Responsible Service of Alcohol principles, provide adequate security and minimise all risks.
- In planning and holding functions we must ensure that the consumption of alcohol is a social adjunct to, and not the sole purpose of, the function. Free and / or cheap drinks can’t be used as a draw-card to functions / events.
- AS (including Student Clubs) are responsible for all actions resulting from their activities whether on or off campus, or traveling to or from campus. This is why we have clear start and finish times, provide transportation and endeavour to hold functions at already licensed premises.

At the end of the day it is up to you to have a responsible attitude towards the consumption of alcohol. Please respect the rights of others not to drink if they so choose and ensure your behaviour does not endanger yourself, others or the University.

This does not mean you not have guests around for a few drinks – just do so responsibly, keep noise and your guests under control, and respect others. If you are going to have a gathering, particularly if it involves non-residents you need to let the RSO or office know via email or by using the Event Proposal tick sheet (available from the RSOs or office/Admin)

If you are holding a gathering or are heading out on the town, please respect Quiet Hours on your return to residence and enter quietly without disturbing others.

Drink Responsibly / Act Responsibly.

Some Helpful Acronyms

AS – Accommodation Services

CSO – Customer Service Officer

In Hobart – Luo, Zach, James and Ange

CSOs are available during office hours to answer your enquiries

RSO – Residential Support Officer

In Hobart – Will, Alex, Arash, Sarah, Amelie & Anneliese

RSOs are available after hours and at weekends to assist you
Financial Matters

Direct Debit Dates for 2013

- Rent is payable 2 weeks in advance.
- Direct Debit are deducted every second Friday for the rental periods listed below.

1 Debited on 15/02/13 Covering the period 17/02/13 to 3/03/13 (14 nights)
   *If you are arriving before the 17/02 please contact the office to arrange payment for this period.

2 Debited on 01/03/13. Covers the period 03/03/13 to 17/03/13 (14 nights)
3 Debited on 15/03/13. Covers the period 17/03/13 to 31/03/13 (14 nights)
4 Debited on 28/03/13. Covers the period 31/03/13 to 14/04/13 (14 nights)
   * This rent is due on the Thursday due to Good Friday public holiday.

5 Debited on 12/04/13. Covers the period 14/04/13 to 28/04/13 (14 nights)
6 Debited on 26/04/13. Covers the period 28/04/13 to 12/05/13 (14 nights)
7 Debited on 10/05/13. Covers the period 12/05/13 to 26/05/13 (14 nights)
8 Debited on 24/05/13. Covers the period 26/05/13 to 09/06/13 (14 nights)
9 Debited on 07/06/13. Covers the period 09/06/13 to 23/06/13 (14 nights)
10 Debited on 21/06/13. Covers the period 23/06/13 to 07/07/13 (14 nights)
11 Debited on 05/07/13. Covers the period 07/07/13 to 21/07/13 (14 nights)
12 Debited on 19/07/13. Covers the period 21/07/13 to 04/08/13 (14 nights)
13 Debited on 02/08/13. Covers the period 04/08/13 to 18/08/13 (14 nights)
14 Debited on 16/08/13. Covers the period 18/08/13 to 01/09/13 (14 nights)
15 Debited on 30/08/13. Covers the period 01/09/13 to 15/09/13 (14 nights)
16 Debited on 13/09/13. Covers the period 15/09/13 to 29/09/13 (14 nights)
17 Debited on 27/09/13. Covers the period 29/09/13 to 13/10/13 (14 nights)
18 Debited on 11/10/13. Covers the period 13/10/13 to 27/10/13 (14 nights)
19 Debited on 25/10/13. Covers the period 27/10/13 to 10/11/13 (14 nights)
20 Debited on 08/11/13 Covers the period 10/11/13 to 17/11/13 (7 nights)

Administration Charges

- Those residents on contracts less than 39 weeks will be subject to a once off fee of $250 which is payable at the same time as the two weeks rent in advance payment is made. If a resident converts to an academic year contract, this fee will be reimbursed.