Welcome
A warm welcome to all returning and new residents – I trust the year ahead will be a rewarding one in every sense.

This is the first edition of the Residents Newsletter for 2015 – hope it proves informative & helpful.

The Hobart induction session for new residents listed below is compulsory – however, anyone missing the session and wanting assistance regarding life on the residential campus or UTAS, please visit the Admin office and something will be arranged for you. We do strongly encourage you to attend the session as this will assist you in settling into your new “home”.

Just a reminder - there are countless social, academic, sporting 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 Session

Wednesday 18th February '15 @ 5:30pm

This sessions will be held in Pepperz Restaurant/Café dining hall at the start time of 5:30 pm. Attendance at this session is compulsory

Look forward to meeting you all
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Dining Options 2015

Accommodation Services provides flexible & affordable meals at Pepperz Restaurant & Café at very competitive prices. Residents must activate their UTAS Student ID Card at the office – this becomes your meal card & entitles you to receive discount prices. The 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. Cash payment for food is acceptable as well but this will be phased out by Easter. Only pay for what you eat; our ever changing menu ensures options for every taste and is available 7 days a week - 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. Residential Parking Permit for ’15 costs $198.

No guaranteed parking
Please consider carefully before bringing your car.

Events, Activities & Programs

For starters - see below

- “O” Week orientation & welcoming activities 16/02/15 to 20/02/15
- Commencement Dinner!! Good food, company, music to welcome all
- Christ College Foundation Scholarships announcement/awarding
- Tutorial Program – Semester 1 & Semester 2
- International Dinner – 1st & 2nd Semesters. Exotic and spicy treats to share!
- College organized sports events are held & looking for players:
  - Sports – Rugby / Football / Basketball / Netball / Volleyball / Tennis / Soccer / Cricket / Debating / Table tennis etc.
  - Chat to the sports conveners in the Colleges & join in
- “English Speaking” - Coffee Hour
- Social BBQ’s & other activities organized by Colleges & Apartments
- A winter warming “Beanies & Mittens” evening - free soup, rolls & drinks to the sound of LIVE MUSIC at the amphitheater between John Fisher & Christ Colleges. Rug up, join in & have a great evening
- “Pepperz Live” – a short evening of great live music in Pepperz while you share a cheap & cheerful meal with your friends, new & old.
- The John Fisher College Ball is held on the first Friday in August
- The Christ College Ball on the 2nd Saturday in August
- Christ College play takes place in September
- Environmental/Energy Challenge/Kill-A-Watt – prizes to be won.
- Student Club arranged functions – talk with Student reps/Admin
- Mid semester breaks - trip to Wine Glass Bay. Enquire at Admin

CHECK NOTICE BOARDS, ADMIN & EMAILS FOR EVENT INFORMATION
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 is 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 – William.Hohman@utas.edu.au OR sign up at the office. These are paid positions @ about $25:00 or $27:00 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. 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

**Lock out Fines** - You will be charged a $5.00 lock out fee every time you require a staff member (CSO, RSO or UTAS Security) to let you into your room or into the residence. This money will be donated to charity. There will be a 2 week amnesty at the beginning of Semester before fines start so please don’t forget to keep your room key/card on you at all times. Sorry but this is to discourage serial lock-outs while leniency is still practiced.

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**Your Mailing Address**
The mailing address for all residences is:
C/o Accommodation Services,
20 College Road,
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 a verbal warning before issuing a formal – but this will depend on what behaviour is exhibited.
- There are a number of behaviors that will result in you being asked to leave – refer to the Terms and Conditions of Residence.

Quiet Hours

- After 8:30pm - should be quiet enough to study;
- After 10:30 pm - should be quiet enough to sleep.
- During exam times we extend quiet hours to ensure individuals are able to study in peace and quiet.
- Please consider others; 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 or 62266000.

Alcohol in Residence

Alcohol at UTAS

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

- There is no alcohol or tobacco sponsorship allowed
- 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 comply with Responsible Service of Alcohol principles, provide adequate security and minimise all risks.
- In planning and holding functions 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 drawcard 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.

Essentially, it is up to you to be responsible regarding the consumption of alcohol. 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 can’t 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, Debbie, Camille and Juliet
  - CSOs are available during office hours to answer your enquiries
- RSO – Residential Support Officer
  - In Hobart – Will, Graeme, Alex, Ali, Munaf and Stephanie
  - RSOs are available after hours and at weekends to assist you
Financial Matters

Direct Debit Dates for 2015

Rent is payable 2 weeks in advance

Direct Debit are deducted every second Friday for the rental periods listed below

1 Debited on 13/02/15  Covering the period 15/02/15 to 01/03/15 (14 nights)
2 Debited on 27/02/15  Covers the period 01/03/15 to 15/03/15 (14 nights)
3 Debited on 13/03/15  Covers the period 15/03/15 to 29/03/15 (14 nights)
4 Debited on 27/03/15  Covers the period 29/03/15 to 12/04/15 (14 nights)
5 Debited on 10/04/15  Covers the period 12/04/15 to 26/04/15 (14 nights)
6 Debited on 24/04/15  Covers the period 26/04/15 to 10/05/15 (14 nights)
7 Debited on 08/05/15  Covers the period 10/05/15 to 24/05/15 (14 nights)
8 Debited on 22/05/15  Covers the period 24/05/15 to 07/06/15 (14 nights)
9 Debited on 05/06/15  Covers the period 07/06/15 to 21/06/15 (14 nights)
10 Debited on 19/06/15  Covers the period 21/06/15 to 05/07/15 (14 nights)
11 Debited on 03/07/15  Covers the period 05/07/15 to 19/07/15 (14 nights)
12 Debited on 17/07/15  Covers the period 19/07/15 to 02/08/15 (14 nights)
13 Debited on 31/07/15  Covers the period 02/08/15 to 16/08/15 (14 nights)
14 Debited on 14/08/15  Covers the period 16/08/15 to 30/08/15 (14 nights)
15 Debited on 28/08/15  Covers the period 30/08/15 to 13/09/15 (14 nights)
16 Debited on 11/09/15  Covers the period 13/09/15 to 27/09/15 (14 nights)
17 Debited on 25/09/15  Covers the period 27/09/15 to 11/10/15 (14 nights)
18 Debited on 09/10/15  Covers the period 11/10/15 to 25/10/15 (14 nights)
19 Debited on 23/10/15  Covers the period 25/10/15 to 08/11/15 (14 nights)
20 Debited on 06/11/15  Covers the period 08/11/15 to 15/11/15 (7 nights)

Please note:
All fees must be paid two weeks in advance via direct debit from an Australian bank account or paid upfront prior to the beginning of each semester.

A discount of 2.5% will apply to upfront payment of fees for the entire single semester or full academic year. Payment must be made prior to the beginning of each semester to be eligible for the discount.