



THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND FORENSIC SCIENCE SOCIETY INC.

TASMANIAN BRANCH

25 January 2013

President Assoc. Prof Greg Dicoski's departure from Tasmania

Assoc. Prof Greg Dicoski, the Tasmanian Branch President, will be leaving the State in February and as such will have to step down from his position as President of the Branch. If anyone is interested in nominating for the position, please contact the Secretary, Kate Cashman on kate.cashman@utas.edu.au to register your interest. In the mean time, Vice President Gerard Dutton is happy to step into the role until someone nominates or the annual AGM in August, whichever comes first. If anyone has any objection to this arrangement, please contact Kate. The Tasmanian Executive thank Greg for his time as President and wish him well on his future endeavours.

We encourage all members to start thinking even at this early stage about nominating for positions on the 2013/2014 committee: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please let Kate know if you are interested in any Branch positions.

Seminar dates for your 2013 diaries

We apologise for any late notice of the seminars in recent times. We have locked in dates for the remainder of 2013, so please put these into your diaries and we will update you as to speakers and locations (we may change where we hold these to spice things up a bit!) closer to the time.

All seminars start at 6pm unless otherwise notified. Note that we will be trialling a new venue at UTAS for February 7th. The SOHO Hotel is free but not ideal for our meetings for a number of reasons. Dates (and tentative speakers) for the 2013 meetings are as follows:

- February 7th (see information below)
- April 4th (TBC - Dr Jeremy Prichard, senior lecturer in criminal law, Faculty of Law, University of Tasmania)
- June 6th (Darren Conabeer from the Tasmanian Prison Service)

- August 1st (AGM – speaker TBC)
- October 3rd (speaker TBC)

Next seminar: **February 7th, 6pm**

Level 2, Room 208, Chemistry building, University of Tasmania (near the lift off the foyer). Kate will be outside the Chemistry building to show members where to go for the seminar.

The Chemistry Building situated on Dobson Road in Sandy Bay and is building number 17 (location AR19) on the UTAS Campus Map located at http://www.campuses.utas.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0011/84287/SB_Campus_Map_2012-12-04.pdf.

Speakers: Emily Sowter, Anna Lemalu and Amy Kok (15 minute presentations)
Topics (in order of the above speakers): saliva testing and background levels of saliva on people; comparing two different dyes for the detection of semen, and looking at how good we were at predicting whether samples submitted by police would give a DNA profile.

We hope to see you there for an interesting mix of presentations from these Tasmanian scientists. It is also a good opportunity for you to mix with other members and enjoy some nibbles in the company of new friends.

We will be providing pizzas and drinks afterwards, so please come along. It is **essential** you RSVP Kate however to allow for catering!

Special event: seminar and workshop with Hugh Selby (editor of 'Expert Evidence')

We are very lucky to be able to bring to you a seminar and workshop from the editor of 'Expert Evidence' and ANU academic, Assoc. Prof. Hugh Selby. Hugh trains experienced lawyers and expert witnesses; police; and law students, drawing upon teaching methods he has developed, in Australia; Malaysia; Japan and the USA. He is often best known for his publications about how the law that affects expert witnesses; principles of advocacy and pleading; appellate practice; coronial law and practice; contemporary issues in the law; and, industrial law.

Hugh is a very accomplished speaker and is going to be in Tasmania on Thursday 18th of July for a talk to our local branch. In addition to his seminar, we are organising an all day workshop suitable for forensic practitioners on Friday 19 July. This will be free for all ANZFSS (Tas) members and will also be open to non-members for a small fee. We will keep you updated on exact details of these

events, but please note this event in your diary as there will be limited places and we know this will fill up quickly.

Profit from the ANZFSS 2012 Symposium to come to Tas Branch

Another big congratulations has to be extended to Gerard and the organising committee for the ANZFSS Symposium in September 2012. Although the object of the symposium isn't to make money, around \$150K profit was realised that goes to National Branch with 25% allocated to the hosting state branch for the benefit of members. This isn't meant to sit in the bank earning interest, so we want to know what you'd like us to spend the State Branch profits on. Do you want more speakers from interstate for seminars and workshops, or perhaps more scholarships for the National Symposium (applications are needed for this from members), or would you prefer us to spend it on the social side of things? Send your ideas to kate.cashman@utas.edu.au. We aim to serve!

Merchandise sale – 50% off RRP on range of ANZFSS items

We have a range of ANZFSS merchandise that must be sold. Prices have been slashed, so please let Kate know if you want any of these items and we can bring them to the Feb 7th meeting to be collected if you haven't done so already (these can also be collected from the Merchandise Officer Claire Fulton at FSST).

Current merchandise/stock available:

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| • Mens Polo (current design) 1xS, 1x3XL | RRP\$34, now \$15 |
| • Mens Tee (current design) 1x5XL | RRP\$25, now \$10 |
| • Ladies Polo (current design) 1x16, 1x18 | RRP\$34, now \$15 |
| • Ladies Tee (current design) 1x10, | RRP\$25, now \$10 |
| • Mens Raglan Tee (previous design) 1xL, 1x5XL, | now \$5 |
| • Mens Raglan Polo (previous design) 1xS, 1x2XL, | now \$10 |
| • 2x Coffee Mugs, RRP \$10, | now \$5 |
| • Cotton tea towel, | now \$5 |
| • Bucket hat 1xS/M, 1xL/XL, | RRP\$11, now \$5 |
| • Travel umbrella in case | RRP\$28, now \$15 |
| • 24 CD carry case | RRP\$14, now \$5 |
| • 2 x USB Wrist Bands | RRP\$18, now \$5 |
| • 5x Golf Umbrella | RRP\$35, now \$15 |
| • 4x Compendium | RRP\$40, now \$20 |

The Tasmanian Executive hope to see you at the next meeting.

Kind regards,
Kate Cashman
Secretary, Tasmanian Branch ANZFSS