**Central Science Laboratory Tour**

Dr Evan Peacock, Director of the UTAS Central Science Laboratory (CSL), has kindly agreed to host a visit to the lab by interested RACI members on Thursday 16 April 2015. Come along and meet the enthusiastic, talented CSL staff, learn more about what services the CSL offers and see some of the laboratory’s research grade analytical instruments in full flight.

[For more information, click here.](#)

**RACI Divisions – Call for nominations**

Tasmanian RACI membership of / involvement with a number of Divisions is either absent or under-represented. For example, there is no Tasmanian presence within the following Divisions:

- Health, Safety and Environment
- Electrochemistry
- Industrial Chemistry
- Medicinal Chemistry & Chemical Biology

Divisions are the lifeblood of the RACI. It’s the Divisions that plan, host and run the bulk of the Institute’s events and activities. Having a ‘stake’ in each Division should be viewed as a fundamental goal and responsibility in our organisation.

Admittedly not every Division will have natural or well developed connections/synergies with the skills and professional experiences of Tasmanian chemists. However I feel it’s timely that we all take a moment to review the mission statements of the Divisions and consider how we might better contribute, either directly as a state representative or indirectly simply by more regular monitoring of Division activity.

If you would to nominate for a Division or learn more about a Division’s purpose and activities, then please contact the Division directly. Find Divisional information, including contact details [here](#).

**Facebook page**

The Tasmanian Branch is pleased to announce the arrival of its fledgling Facebook page. You can locate the page at [https://www.facebook.com/groups/RACITas/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/RACITas/).
Keep abreast of upcoming Tasmanian RACI events and initiatives, read event reports and post your own ideas and thoughts about potential activities your local Branch should consider organising, hosting or supporting.

Follow the URL provided and click ‘Join’ to send page manager Jeremy a request to join the group.

Don’t miss out on any of your local - join the local Facebook group today!

**Event update– Visit to TasWater’s Bryn Estyn water treatment facility near New Norfolk**

Taswater’s recent safety risk assessment of its Bryn Estyn water treatment facility identified a number of safety measures that require prompt implementation. Consequently TasWater’s recommended we visit this facility later in the year. October has been nominated.

We’re still helping Taswater determine which of its staff best suit the needs of our group, so please think about what it is you would like to learn or know about this facility—especially with respect to chemical and biological processes and practices. Email your water treatment and supply questions and queries to racitasbranch@gmail.com (subject *Bryn Estyn*). A ‘queries compilation’ will then be sent to TasWater, allowing it to select the most appropriate tour guides.

**UTAS Science Investigation Awards 2015**

For those members with budding scientist offspring, consider involving them in the UTAS Science Investigation Awards. Students (year 5–12) conduct a science investigation and present their findings in a poster and report, which are displayed for judging by representatives from science research, industry and education.

The Awards occur during September 2015. For more information contact Adele Wilson (6226 7477).

Damien Blackwell
Branch President (Tasmania)

---

**CONTACT**

Royal Australian Chemical Institute

1/21 Vale Street
North Melbourne
Phone +61 3 9328 2033
Fax +61 3 9328 2670

MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES: member@raci.org.au

www.raci.org.au

No longer wish to receive this email? Unsubscribe