

AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF PHLEBOLOGY ANNUAL
SCIENTIFIC MEETING WELCOME BY THE HONOURABLE PETER
UNDERWOOD AC, GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA, HOBART,
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As the Governor of the State of Tasmania it is an honour for me to welcome to the Tasmania the Chancellor and Emeritus Chancellor of the Australasian College of Phlebology, as well as the Presidents and members of the College Board and the Heads of Faculties. I also extend a warm welcome to the Fellows and Members of the College and the many distinguished and learned speakers, Australian and overseas, who are here to speak at the 16th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian College of Phlebology. It is particularly pleasing to see that the first time that the Annual Scientific Meeting has been held in Tasmania will be marked by the launch of a Tasmanian Faculty of the College that will improve the training of Tasmanian doctors in the field of Phlebology.

Hobart now has a well-established critical mass of scientists. Many scientists in diverse disciplines work and do their research here and many more visit from time to time for conferences and collegial collaborations. There is considerable work done in Hobart in the field of climate change and rising sea temperatures at the CSIRO, the Australian Antarctic Division (the National Head Quarters of which are located at the edge of the city) and the University's Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies. The Antarctic Climate and Eco-systems Co-operative Research Centre is established in Hobart as is Secretariat of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources. The latter annually hosts hundreds of visitors from all over the world who travel here to attend to attend meetings. The Menzies Research Institute Tasmania, which employs close to 400 people is just finishing massive extensions to its medical research facilities in Hobart and

attracts many well known international researchers. The Vice-Chancellor of our University is one such researcher as is his wife. The 2010 *Good University Guide* rated the University of Tasmania in the top 20 per cent of Australia's 38 universities.

So although Tasmania rightly has a reputation for beautiful scenery, clear air and good food it also is held in high repute as a place where academic endeavour is recognised, encouraged and prospers. So Mr Chancellor I am confident that Tasmanians will welcome your members and your distinguished visitors here for this Meeting and am equally confident in saying that Tasmania will prove to be a place with fertile soil that will encourage your new faculty to grow and flourish.

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