



ARTICLES RELATING TO UTAS PUBLISHED IN THE MERCURY

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This list has been collated from a search of back issues of The Mercury. Whilst some of you will not be able to open the articles, the headlines paint a significant picture of the timeline of events signalling UTAS's intentions.

<p>Bruce Mounster December 20, 2013</p>	<p><u>Uni spreads its wings over city</u></p> <p>THE University of Tasmania's \$150 million re-occupation of inner-Hobart is complete.</p> <p>Vice-Chancellor Peter Rathjen says the newly-named UTAS Medical Science Precinct included the showpiece Medical Science 1 and 2 buildings as well as the newly re-occupied Domain campus that now houses the School of Nursing and Midwifery.</p> <p>The precinct also includes the School of Medicine's occupancy of the Royal Hobart Hospital.</p> <p>Professor Rathjen, who officially launched the precinct yesterday, said it was only part of UTAS's vision of a new academic heart for Hobart that also included the \$120 million Melville St student accommodation, the just completed Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies waterfront headquarters and the \$75 million Academy of Creative Industries and Performance Arts to be co-located with the Theatre Royal.</p>
<p>Michell Paine January 16, 2014</p>	<p><u>UTAS lifts overseas students enrolments with new markets in Latin American expected to follow</u></p> <p>A NEW push for overseas students is reaping rewards and new markets in Latin America are expected, says the University of Tasmania.</p>
<p>Editorial February 19, 2014</p>	<p><u>UTAS-led city revival</u></p> <p>SIGNIFICANT expansion of University of Tasmania enrolments has the potential to drive economic and cultural development in the state.</p>
<p>August 20, 2014</p>	<p><u>Local students drive UTAS past 30,000</u></p> <p>STUDENT enrolments at the University of Tasmania broke the 30,000 mark last year for the first time after a 9 per cent boost in domestic students</p>
<p>Michelle Paine October 21, 2014</p>	<p><u>Time-out call on uni housing plan</u></p> <p>A HOBART City Council candidate says a decision on what would be Hobart's tallest building should be deferred until after the council elections.</p> <p>Aldermen are due to vote on the 15-storey University of Tasmania accommodation on Monday night, the day before local government polls close.</p> <p>Four members of a council committee were split on the development, on the corner of Elizabeth and Meville streets, on Monday and deferred the vote. The committee will meet again on Monday afternoon and whatever the decision, the full council has the ability to approve the plan on Monday evening.</p>

	<p>In the interim, it is expected talks with the developer and council will continue. Committee chairwoman Helen Burnet said she would like the development to go ahead. But she said there had to be care with a development of this size in a historic precinct.</p>
<p>Duncan Abey August 30, 2015 -</p>	<p><u>Hodgman backs \$1 billion UTAS vision</u></p> <p>A BOLD new development partnership will result in \$400 million being injected into regional areas, the University of Tasmania claims.</p>
<p>Blair Richards February 5, 2016</p>	<p><u>Tasmanian taxpayers chip in \$15m to build UTAS arts academy</u></p> <p>THE State Government will chip in the extra \$15 million needed to build a UTas creative and performing arts academy in Hobart.</p>
<p>Jessica Howard March 10, 2016 -</p>	<p><u>Stage set for Hobart's city art to swell</u></p> <p>THE University of Tasmania's gradual move into the Hobart CBD is gaining pace.</p>
<p>Jessica Howard March 12, 2016</p>	<p><u>Meeting of minds at Theatre Royal Hotel after UTAS adds pub to portfolio</u></p> <p>ONE of Australia's oldest hotels is set to become the new watering hole of some of Hobart's best and brightest minds.</p> <p>The University of Tasmania has bought the Theatre Royal Hotel for \$1.7 million with a view to creating a future social hub for its growing inner-city campus.</p>
<p>Nick Clark Bruce Mounster June 24, 2016</p>	<p><u>Uni funding 'clever move', says TCCI</u></p> <p>UPDATED: BUILDING a new University of Tasmania campus near the centre of Launceston is a clever move sure to pull the city out of its economic funk, says TCCI chief Michael Bailey.</p>
<p>Nick Clark August 25, 2016</p>	<p><u>Lambie seeks UTAS details</u></p> <p>TASMANIAN Senator Jacqui Lambie wants the Federal Government to detail its \$150 million election promise on the relocation of the University of Tasmania's Launceston and Burnie campuses.</p>
<p>David Beniuk January 29, 2017 -</p>	<p><u>UTAS grand design to revitalise city</u></p> <p>STUDENTS will start moving into UTAS's new Hobart apartments within weeks, bringing life to the CBD and boosting local business.</p> <p>Stage one of the university's \$65 million residence will become home to hundreds of students from February 18.</p> <p>The National Rental Affordability Scheme project, rising behind Elizabeth and Melville streets, will eventually contain 430 rooms, many with a view to Mt Wellington.</p>
<p>Blair Richards February 17, 2017</p>	<p><u>UTAS on track for \$400m STEM sell</u></p> <p>THE University of Tasmania is on the hunt for funding for its next big project after a plan for a new campus in Hobart passed a major hurdle.</p>
<p>Nick Clark July 19, 2017</p>	<p><u>University of Tasmania considers shifting from prime Sandy Bay site</u></p> <p>THE University of Tasmania says it faces a tough decision about whether to stump up \$600-700 million to refurbish 50-year-old buildings at the Sandy Bay campus — or to seek options elsewhere.</p>

	<p>It comes as southern Tasmanian mayors believe young people from their council areas are disadvantaged by the difficulty of travelling to Sandy Bay, with several openly supporting a potential CBD shift.</p> <p>Vice chancellor Peter Rathjen said the buildings at the existing campus were not fit for purpose and a decision would have to be made “quite quickly”.</p> <p>“The big decision will be whether the University reinvests at Sandy Bay in which case it will be there for another 50 years or whether it chooses to build new facilities elsewhere which gives the opportunity to do something different,” Prof Rathjen said.</p> <p>“Many of the buildings at Sandy Bay are not fit for purpose for a University of our calibre, and they need to be replaced by buildings the calibre of the Menzies Institute or the IMAS Institute.”</p> <p>But he said no decision had been made and it was matter for the University council.</p> <p>STCA spokeswoman Sue Hickey said Brighton, Clarence, Derwent Valley, Huon Valley and Sorell councils had backed the concept of a move after a recent briefing from Prof Rathjen.</p> <p>If approved, it would see a significant portion of the university’s footprint shifted from Sandy Bay into Melville Street.</p> <p>Negative comments follow</p>
<p>Alex Luttrell August 23, 2017</p>	<p><u>World looks to University’s city shift</u></p> <p>THE eyes of Australia and the world are on the University of Tasmania this week as part of discussions around higher education infrastructure and its transition to inner-city spaces.</p>
<p>November 11, 2017</p>	<p><u>Professor Rufus Black named as new University of Tasmania vice-chancellor, replacing Peter Rathjen</u></p> <p>PROFESSOR Rufus Black is eager to continue the legacy of Peter Rathjen when he steps into the role of University of Tasmania Vice-Chancellor next year.</p> <p>Prof Black, who has visited Tasmania with his family a number of times, said he was keen to continue the university’s movement into Hobart’s CBD, which includes the push for a \$400 million STEM project.</p> <p>“I think that’s a profoundly important idea,” he said.</p>
<p>Alexandra Humphries March 28, 2018</p>	<p><u>UTAS unveils plan for 450-bed apartment complex in Melville St</u></p> <p>THE University of Tasmania expects work to begin on a 450-bed accommodation complex on Melville St before the end of this year.</p>
<p>David Beniuk April 14, 2018</p>	<p><u>Rankings, growth need rethink, says new UTAS Vice-Chancellor Rufus Black</u></p> <p>THE new head of UTAS has drawn a line under the reign of his predecessor.</p>
<p>Bruce Mounster August 13, 2018</p>	<p><u>MP backing our STEM precinct</u></p> <p>THE University of Tasmania’s \$400 million proposal to move its STEM facilities into Hobart’s CBD could turn the city into a science capital, says independent Denison MP Andrew Wilkie,</p>
<p>Jim Alouat May 22, 2018</p>	<p><u>Up to 170 student beds to be created in Hobart after UTAS acquires Midcity Hotel</u></p> <p>UNIVERSITY of Tasmania has bought a hotel in the Hobart CBD in a bid to combat skyrocketing rental costs and a lack of student housing across the city.</p>

<p>Emily Baker December 27, 2018</p>	<p><u>University of Tasmania buys Hobart CBD's Fountainside hotel for student accommodation</u></p> <p>A hotel in Hobart's CBD will be transformed into student accommodation after the budget travellers' favourite was bought by the University of Tasmania for an undisclosed sum.</p>
<p>Emily Baker January 9, 2019</p>	<p><u>University of Tasmania to find tens of millions of dollars in savings each year</u></p> <p>The University of Tasmania has to save tens of millions of dollars a year to be sustainable, a new report says.</p> <p>THE University of Tasmania has to save \$30 million a year to be sustainable and, without millions of dollars in state and federal government money for new infrastructure, might have closed campuses in Launceston and Burnie, a new report says.</p> <p>A UTAS strategic direction document released late last year gives a frank account of the university's finances and future.</p> <p>UTAS said there were questions about the viability of its Launceston campus before it received \$150 million from the federal government and \$75 million from the state government for its Northern Transformation project. UTAS will also chip in \$75 million.</p>
<p>Blair Richards February 12, 2019</p>	<p><u>University of Tasmania shells out top dollar for city property</u></p> <p>The University of Tasmania paid well over the capital value for the former home of Forestry Tasmania as part of its rush on Hobart city property. See just how much it spent.</p>
<p>Emily Baker February 13, 2019</p>	<p><u>UTAS splashes the cash in CBD property buying spree</u></p> <p>UPDATED: The University of Tasmania has splashed tens of millions of dollars on properties in the Hobart CBD in just the past four years. See what they bought and how much they paid.</p> <p>Don't miss out on the headlines from Real estate. Followed categories will be added to My News.</p> <p>THE University of Tasmania has splashed nearly \$80 million on several properties in the Hobart CBD in the past four years alone.</p> <p>As the institution looks to find efficiencies, arguing it needs to save \$30 million a year to survive, property reports show UTAS has spent big on inner-city sites since 2015.</p> <p>This included \$9.8 million across several addresses on Argyle St, all bought in August 2015, and about \$8.8 million across properties on Melville St, which is now university accommodation.</p> <p>The MidCity Hotel, on Bathurst St, cost the university \$25.85 million and was purchased early last year.</p> <p>UTAS was this week revealed as having paid \$15 million for the former Forestry Tasmania headquarters.</p>
<p>Jessica Howard February 21, 2019</p>	<p><u>University of Tasmania takes Planning Commission to court over amendments refusal</u></p> <p>UPDATED: The University of Tasmania says there will be no wholesale sell off of its Sandy Bay campus as it considers two options for the future.</p>
<p>Emily Baker February 24, 2019</p>	<p><u>University of Tasmania examines "city-centric" model in Hobart</u></p> <p>VC Rufus Black has revealed new detail about the state of the university's existing buildings and its examination of a potential "city-centric campus"</p> <p>THE bulk of the buildings that make up the University of Tasmania's Sandy Bay campus need replacing, with many of them under-utilised, failing standards for disability access, bleeding power and ranked as the worst out of all universities in Australia and New Zealand.</p>

	<p>As UTAS leads a community conversation about the future of the institution’s southern facilities — currently spread across Sandy Bay and the Hobart CBD — Vice-Chancellor Rufus Black has revealed new detail about the state of its existing buildings and its examination of a potential “city-centric campus” in an interview with the <i>Sunday Tasmanian</i>.</p> <p>Internal university documents showed:</p> <p>TWO-THIRDS of the Sandy Bay buildings need replacement because of poor ratings for “building condition and functionality”.</p> <p>ALL but one of the Sandy Bay campus’s 67 buildings are more than 10 years old and are not Green Star rated.</p> <p>MOVING to the CBD would allow an extra 9 per cent of students living across New Norfolk, Brighton/Bridgewater, Midway Point and Huonville access to the uni within one hour.</p> <p>RETAINING the distributed model would cost the university \$570 million over 10 years, while developing a city-centric campus would cost \$445 million — a difference of \$125 million.</p> <p>Professor Black said it was important Hobart understood the university was not offering a Brexit-style choice — rather, he said, it was time to plan properly for future generations of students and the broader Tasmanian population, which meant looking at where the university should be based.</p> <p>He said the university would never fully offload its Sandy Bay facilities if the decision was made to shift to the city.</p> <p>Prof Black said the university would look at long-term leases on its buildings and other ways to “realise value” if that choice was pursued.</p> <p>“This is two sets of options about how we are a university that’s either got its main weight in the city with continuing involvement or presence in Sandy Bay, or an evolution of our distributed model with some facilities in the city and some facilities in Sandy Bay,” Prof Black said.</p>
<p>Jim Alouat And James Kitto April 5, 2019</p>	<p><u>University of Tasmania commits to \$600m move into Hobart CBD</u></p> <p>UPDATED: Business and community leaders have cautiously welcomed the University of Tasmania’s decision on where its future operations will be based.</p> <p>IN a move destined to change the Hobart CBD forever, the University of Tasmania will move away from its Sandy Bay campus and consolidate its future in the city.</p> <p>The game-changing plan will see UTAS develop a city-centric campus in the heart of Hobart during the next 10 to 15 years.</p> <p>It will cost the university \$600 million to build its new campus</p>
<p>Anne Mather April 6, 2019</p>	<p><u>CBD retailers have hopes and fears about UTAS move</u></p> <p>Hobart is on the cusp of becoming a university town, but how will mid-town retail cope with the University of Tasmania’s move from Sandy Bay to the CBD?</p> <p>Elizabeth St business owner Katinka Challen, who owns Lily & Dot on Elizabeth St, welcomed the extra activity in mid-town Hobart.</p> <p>“I think it’s a really exciting opportunity and will add a new vibrancy to the city,” she said.</p> <p>“I understand there are some concerns from small business owners, and – having been a university student myself – I know students don’t have a lot to spend.</p> <p>“But we will have to find ways of being relevant to a new market and a new group of customers.”</p> <p>Tradewear owner John Oldmeadow said he was concerned the student population might cause a change in the traditional mix of shops.</p> <p>He said the new population “might be good for food outlets - which are bobbing up all over the place - but it would be an awful shame if too much changed”.</p>

	<p>Mr Oldmeadow said he was also concerned the move out of Sandy Bay could erode the traditional university way of life.</p> <p>“I think a great part of being at university is the social and sporting interests – I don’t know how that will work with parts of the university dotted all over the city,” he said.</p> <p>Nelson candidate Madeleine Ogilvie, a UTAS law graduate, said she was disappointed by the move from Sandy Bay.</p> <p>“Moving the campus will create a gap in the cultural, intellectual and creative life of the Sandy Bay community that will be very hard to fill,” she said.</p> <p>She said it would also create further congestion in central Hobart.</p> <p>“Students and employees are already wondering where they will be able to park in the city, and whether the traffic congestion will intensify with so many more people in the city.”</p>
<p>David Killick April 8, 2019 -</p>	<p><u>University of Tasmania buys Hobart site for student accommodation K&D</u></p> <p>The University of Tasmania has bought a key site in central Hobart for future student accommodation, just hours after committing to a \$600m move into the CBD.</p>
<p>Richard Flanagan April 20, 2019 -</p>	<p><u>Opinion: Flanagan: Stop work until UTAS rebuilds trust</u></p> <p>RICHARD FLANAGAN: University of Tasmania will be building into the chaos caused by lack of a planning strategy for Hobart</p> <p>TASMANIANS should view the University of Tasmania’s move from its Sandy Bay campus into the heart of Hobart’s CBD with grave concern. It makes little sense, raises many unanswered questions, and threatens to damage both Hobart and the university.</p> <p>How can UTAS seriously argue that bringing more than 2000 staff and perhaps more than 20,000 students (the exact figures are not easily obtained) into the city daily will not severely worsen traffic and parking in Hobart?</p> <p>Why in its messaging UTAS has been notably silent about the considerable opposition to the move? Why has it not mentioned the many Hobartians who have opposed the move?</p> <p>Why has it not acknowledged that the Glebe community wrote to the university opposing the considerable intensification of use and consequent damage to both the amenity of the Glebe and the heritage values of the Domain site — one of Hobart’s most precious — of moving all of humanities and law into the Domain?</p> <p>Why has it not mentioned the 75 per cent of its own academics, polled by the National Tertiary Education Union, who oppose the move?</p>
<p>Amanda Ducker May 4, 2019</p>	<p><u>Bright sparks ignite city shift</u></p> <p>What will the University of Tasmania’s \$600 million relocation from Sandy Bay mean for central Hobart, asks Amanda Ducker.</p>
<p>David Killick May 8, 2019</p>	<p><u>Sale price revealed for University’s purchase of K&D’s CBD site</u></p> <p>HOBART’S well-known K&D hardware store site sold for \$30 million, it has been revealed.</p> <p>The University of Tasmania last month announced it had purchased the 1.3 hectare site for student accommodation.</p>
<p>Jack Paynter August 5, 2019</p>	<p><u>Long closure for city street for uni apartments</u></p> <p>A CBD street will be reduced to one-way traffic to allow the University of Tasmania to build a new student apartment block. Find out where detours will be in place – and for how long.</p>

<p>Anne Mather August 10, 2019</p>	<p><u>The University of Tasmania’s property portfolio cost \$44.2m</u></p> <p>The University of Tasmania’s move from Sandy Bay to the city came at a cost last year, according to the annual report.</p>
<p>Jessica Howard December 19, 2019</p>	<p><u>UTAS signs its own ‘city deal’ with council</u></p> <p>In a historic deal, the University of Tasmania has agreed to make two different payments to the Hobart City Council as it moves into the CBD.</p>
<p>John Livermore February 12, 2020</p>	<p><u>UTAS move to city must be debated</u></p> <p>JOHN LIVERMORE: many reasons for university’s shift to CBD do not stack up.</p>
<p>Cameron Whiteley March 10, 2020</p>	<p><u>UTAS will cut more than three-quarters of its course offerings.</u></p> <p>The University of Tasmania has flagged potential job losses in a major overhaul of the courses it offers</p>
<p>James Kitto March 11, 2020</p>	<p><u>Is UTAS’ CBD move now invalid?</u></p> <p>Following the announcement on Tuesday that UTAS will slash its course offerings, is the education institution’s plans to shift into Hobart’s CBD still sustainable?</p> <p><i>DOUBTS have been cast over how the University of Tasmania plans to sustain its CBD shift following the announcement <u>UTAS will cut more than three-quarters of its course offerings.</u></i></p> <p>This is despite UTAS’s end of calendar year 2018 annual report showing that it was more than \$59 million in profit.</p> <p>Tasmanian Small Business Council chief executive Robert Mallett said the CBD trade would take a hit from the university’s move.</p> <p>“Hobart CBD is not a school, it’s a place for business,” he said. “To take over prime CBD properties and turn them into student dormitories is nonsensical.”</p> <p>Clarence councillor Richard James said he felt last year’s university CBD shift announcement “was a mistake”.</p> <p>“Myself and a lot of UTAS alumni are saying, well look, the move to the CBD is probably not a reality now,” he said.</p> <p>“Therefore the buildings in Sandy Bay should be maintained and upgraded.</p>
<p>James Kitto March 13, 2020</p>	<p><u>UTAS signals budget blues</u></p> <p>University of Tasmania vice-chancellor Rufus Black has revealed whether or not UTAS finished with a profit at the end of last year.</p>
<p>Sally Glaetzer May 9, 2020</p>	<p><u>Dramatic drop in overseas students expected</u></p> <p>While the University of Tasmania is expecting a sharp decline in international students, Vice Chancellor Rufus Black is still planning a shift into the city but with some changes.</p>
<p>John Lawrence September 26, 2020</p>	<p><u>UTAS is literally a law unto itself</u></p> <p>UTAS annual report shows property development is the tail wagging the education dog.</p> <p>If annual reports were marked like university assignments, the University of Tasmania’s latest effort would receive one out of 10.</p> <p>UTAS reports on a calendar year basis. The Auditor General signed off the 2019 report in February. The Board (known as the Council) adopted the report in May and sent it to the government as</p>

	<p>required. The government released the report in late August, eight months after year's end. Were it a listed company it would have been suspended.</p>
<p>Judy Augustine May 18, 2021</p>	<p><u>Uni's plans to move to the city 'a waste of money'</u></p> <p>Many students are sceptical about the University of Tasmania's plan to move to the city, with concerns the money could be better spent to improve the current campus.</p> <p>"On the surface, the university's move to the city appears to be a waste of money," the union's president Braydon Broad said.</p> <p>Mr Broad says the general mood towards the project likely relates to the level of consultation students have had.</p> <p><i>"Most students feel that they haven't been consulted or been given the opportunity to ask questions.</i></p> <p>He said many who are sceptical feel the money could be better spent on current services.</p> <p>"Something that we hear from students quite often is that this seems like an irresponsible use of funds while issues remain with learning and teaching and access to services"</p> <p>" ... though it's important to note that the funding for the relocation plan comes from low interest loans that could not possibly go to operational uses.</p>
<p>Judy Augustine May 21, 2021</p>	<p><u>Everything you need to know about UTAS' move to the city</u></p> <p>The University of Tasmania is adamant it's not taking over the city, after its draft relocation plan was released. Now, the uni has exclusively answered 20 questions from Mercury readers. Rufus answers questions</p> <p>Q: You are very well-placed in Sandy Bay, why do you want to take over the city?</p> <p>Q: How much taxpayer money is being used for this move?</p> <p>Q: Can the university actually afford this move?</p> <p>The University has for many years been strengthening its financial position including building an investment portfolio of \$400 million, which provides high levels of security in undertaking this decade-long plan.</p> <p>Q: It's obviously a costly move, how does the University plan to make a return on this?</p> <p>Q: How has losing international students affected this plan?</p> <p>Q: With many courses moving online, is it even worth it?</p> <p>Q: Isn't Hobart too small to have such a large development take over the city?</p> <p>A: We aren't seeking to take over the city. We know people love Hobart and its special qualities. We want to enhance those qualities by bringing green spaces into the CBD, preserving the views to the mountain and the river and creating buildings that integrate with the human scale of the city.</p> <p>We already have the buildings or sites required for the future campus. Almost all the new work will occur on one city street – Melville Street – along with some very heritage sensitive work on the Domain. The development of these will occur in a staged way over a decade.</p> <p>Q: Is the Uni under State Government control at all? Does the State Government have a say in this?</p> <p>A: We work very closely with government and it has provided valued contributions to not just these plans, but also our campuses in the North and North-West of the State. We will continue in conversation with all levels of government and the community, recognising that this is an opportunity to work on a future together not just for our cities, but Tasmania as a whole.</p>

Q: Why weren't students and staff consulted or offered to give feedback on the plans?

A: This draft plan has come from consultation with staff, students and the community, which mostly occurred before COVID-19 caused us to pause. We received substantial feedback in the process of determining whether we moved to the city and then held a major multi day summit where community, staff and students came together to share their thinking. We have provided a summary of all that feedback.

Q: A court ruling prevented the university from subdividing and selling off some of its Sandy Bay campus last year. What makes you confident the new plans for the campus will be allowed?

A: What the court required of us was to have a strong masterplan for Sandy Bay. That is something we will be working to do this year. In coming months, we will announce master planners for Sandy Bay and we will consult with the community about the future development of our Sandy Bay campus as a sustainable mixed-use precinct.

We will not be selling off Sandy Bay. We will retain ownership and remain stewards for the long-term, ensuring it is developed in ways that benefit the Tasmanian community.

Q: What will happen to the current buildings on the Sandy Bay campus? Will the plans build on existing structures or will it be knocked down?

A: The master planning process will help shape the future of the Sandy Bay campus, including the ways existing buildings are used and developed. Environmentally important bushland will be protected, sporting facilities on the lower part of the campus will be kept and upgraded for the university and the community, and student accommodation will be retained.

Over the long-term, Sandy Bay can be sensitively developed as a world-leading example of a sustainable mixed-use precinct that will provide a range of housing options, including affordable housing, along with commercial, educational and other services.

Q: Is this a done deal?

A: In April 2019, the University made the decision to move to an inner-city campus, bringing our southern students and staff together in Hobart.

Q: Will this move push out shops from Hobart's CBD?

A: No. We want to bring vibrancy, activity and life to the CBD and create more opportunities for small business and entrepreneurs. A key part of our proposed masterplan is a range of mixed-use and retail spaces along street frontages in the university development. The staff and students that move from Sandy Bay to the city over the next decade will contribute to the economic vibrancy of the surrounding businesses.

At every stage, we will be working to make sure that the impact we have is a positive one.

K&D was closing down, Forestry was a vacant building, Freedom Furniture had indicated it would not renew its lease, the Webster's site contains a long-empty building and on-grade carparking. The development of the future campus will bring life and energy to these sites.

Q: Has student carparking been included in this plan?

A: Parking is part of our planning at both the West End and Mid-town sites, as well as park-and-ride facilities at Sandy Bay, shuttle buses between campuses, end-of-trip bike facilities, and flexible, bookable commuter parking.

We will also support and advocate for public transport improvements. The University community accounts for just 1% of Hobart's traffic but we know there are things that can be done at the community level that will have a huge positive impact on traffic.

We will work to advocate for and support a northern suburbs rapid transport corridor, better pedestrian and bike infrastructure on the Tasman Bridge and a Derwent River ferry service.

Q: Do you expect to run into problems with the council on this project?

	<p>A: We will work closely with all levels of government throughout this project. With strong design principles and strategies guiding the project over the next ten years, we are confident that we can deliver a modern, distinctive campus that works for our students and staff, and the community.</p> <p>Q: Who is leading this plan?</p> <p>A: This is a University of Tasmania plan that we aim to deliver over the next 10 years, and we have a strong team leading that work. Ultimately though the work will be guided by the needs of our community – both staff and students – and also the wider community.</p> <p>Q: Is the university using money from teaching pay cuts to pay for this?</p> <p>A: We are using a combination of low interest loans, realising value from Sandy Bay and the normal yearly investments universities make to maintain their infrastructure to fund this plan. Universities must be able to sustainably deliver our core mission of teaching and research while maintaining and investing in the facilities and campuses that make that work possible.</p> <p>We have worked hard to ensure that we are right-sized and sustainable for the long-term.</p> <p>Through the hard work of many people in the University we achieved that in face of the challenges of last year.</p> <p>Q: Why is this money not being spent on education and the continuation of existing departments of education in the university as it now stands?</p> <p>A: This project will be funded in a number of ways, including finance at historically low interest rates. This is not funding that is available for operational expenses.</p> <p>If we are going to be long-term sustainable, we need to be able to deliver education and research, and invest in the physical fabric of the University. Historically we have not achieved that, but now we are in a position to do so.</p> <p>58 almost all negative comments follow</p>
<p>Cameron Whiteley August 19, 2021</p>	<p><u>UTAS searches to find long-term tenant for Midcity Hotel</u></p> <p>The University of Tasmania is trying to find a long-term tenant for an inner-city Hobart hotel building it bought three years ago amid a surge in demand for student accommodation</p>
<p>Rob Inglis September 29, 2021</p>	<p><u>Should the UTAS Sandy Bay campus be used for housing?</u></p> <p>The University of Tasmania’s move to the Hobart CBD could see the Sandy Bay campus used for housing developments – but not everyone is happy with the idea.</p> <p>Among the most desired outcomes for the 100 hectare Sandy Bay site identified during consultation were the adaptive re-use of existing campus buildings and the sports precinct, continued public accessibility, protection of the site’s natural assets, and the provision of “diverse” housing options.</p> <p>“Strongest criticisms received were around the relocation of the campus itself, as well as concern for high density infill development,” a summary of the first consultation phase reads. “Social and attainable housing was a passionate topic, but opinions were divisive among participants.”</p> <p>Hobart lord mayor Anna Reynolds said the redevelopment of the Sandy Bay campus site was “a really important opportunity to develop something that is high-quality and consolidates Hobart’s reputation as a sustainable and liveable city”.</p> <p>“We would like to see a diverse mix of well-designed housing and also sites for economic development with a focus on research, science or innovation,” Ms Reynolds said. “We also support the vision of retaining the bushland and the sporting ovals.”</p> <p>“We think that the site is more suited to medium density housing, not high density. Any urban renewal project should aim to provide a diversity of housing types so that people on a range of incomes can have an opportunity to be part of the new community.</p>

<p>Annie Mccann</p> <p>October 20, 2021</p>	<p><u>REVEALED: Next stage for Sandy Bay campus multi-decade revamp</u></p> <p>The third phase of the UTAS Sandy Bay masterplan begins today, with Vice Chancellor Rufus Black revealing five key precincts planned for the historic campus.</p>
<p>Judy Augustine</p> <p>November 18, 2021</p>	<p><u>'Taking over': Traders voice fears as UTAS moves to CBD</u></p> <p>Traders are up in arms at a University of Tasmania plan for a parklet in Hobart's CBD, labelling the proposal a "terrible" and "disastrous" idea</p>
<p>Judy Augustine</p> <p>November 23, 2021</p>	<p><u>Opposition grows against proposed UTAS parklet</u></p> <p>Traders have denied being consulted on University of Tasmania plans for a parklet in the Hobart CBD as they step up their campaign against the plan.</p>
<p>Judy Augustine</p> <p>November 30, 2021</p>	<p><u>UTAS secures long-term tenant for its empty former Midcity Hotel</u></p> <p>More than three years after being purchased by the University of Tasmania for student accommodation, a CBD hotel will soon be welcoming tourists again.</p>
<p>Rob Inglis and Jeff Malpas</p> <p>December 10, 2021</p>	<p><u>City move dismays former UTAS dean</u></p> <p>Bruce Scott feels a special connection to the UTAS Sandy Bay campus having worked there from the very beginning, and he despairs at plans to relocate to the city.</p>
<p>Simon Bevilacqua</p> <p>December 10, 2021</p>	<p><u>We were sold a dream, but we bought a nightmare</u></p> <p>When the university first touted its move to Hobart's CBD, there was a sense of something being left unsaid, and now we know what that unspoken element was, writes SIMON BEVILACQUA.</p>
<p>Kenji Sato</p> <p>December 17, 2021</p>	<p><u>Protesters demand UTAS to stay right where it is</u></p> <p>Placard-wielding protesters marched onto University of Tasmania grounds today to demand uni administrators keep the Sandy Bay campus right where it is.</p>
<p>Annie Mccann</p> <p>February 16, 2022</p>	<p><u>'Save UTAS Campus' petition rakes in signatures</u></p> <p>Since its launch on Tuesday morning, a petition against the University of Tasmania's campus relocation has drawn a sea of signatures.</p>
<p>Kenji Sato and Rob Inglis</p> <p>February 19, 2022</p>	<p><u>UTAS ramps up PR efforts amid fierce push for inner city move</u></p> <p>The University of Tasmania has ramped up their PR efforts after a community petition rapidly gathered over 1000 signatures opposing their move into the inner city.</p> <p>Professor Black said the university move would allow more people to access an education within easy walking distance of their work and social life.</p> <p>"We've clearly got to talk more about access and have that conversation, because it's just so important for people right across Tasmania," Prof Black said.</p> <p>"Over 80 per cent of students need a job in order to afford to have a university life, so we need to make sure they can access the jobs and mix it in with the rest of their life."</p> <p>There is no evidence to support the University of Tasmania's reasoning for relocating its Sandy Bay campus into the city, a group opposed to the move says.</p> <p>It comes after Vice-Chancellor Rufus Black launched a detailed pitch for the university's expansion – which he says will pump \$550m into the Hobart economy – in a Talking Point published in the Mercury on Saturday.</p>

	<p>Professor Black said moving the campus to the CBD would provide young Tasmanians with greater access to quality higher education, noting that only 21 per cent of people living in Hobart and less than 10 per cent of people living in most areas outside the inner-city had a university degree.</p> <p>“As Tasmania’s only university, we have an obligation to improve these numbers, and to ensure as many young Tasmanians have access to the best opportunities in life as possible,” he wrote.</p> <p>But the chair of Save UTAS Campus, Pam Sharpe, said Professor Black’s comments were not backed up by evidence.</p> <p><i>LM quoted</i></p>
<p>Rob Inglis and Judy Augustine March 17, 2022</p>	<p><u>‘Massive boost’: UTAS’ next step for Forestry building revamp</u></p> <p>UTAS has achieved a key milestone in the approval process of its \$86m vision for the former Forestry building in the CBD that it hopes to house its business, economics and law faculties.</p>
<p>Kenji Sato, Annie McCann, Judy Augustine March 8, 2022</p>	<p><u>‘Social licence’ crucial for UTAS campus move, Andrew Wilkie says</u></p> <p>The University of Tasmania must prove the campus relocation project is transparent and genuinely beneficial to the community, independent Member for Clark Andrew Wilkie says</p>
<p>Simon Bevilacqua March 12, 2022</p>	<p><u>UTAS projects deserves more scrutiny</u></p> <p>Raises more questions than answers.</p>
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<p>Kenji Sato, Annie McCann, Judy Augustine March 19, 2022</p>	<p><u>Political heavyweight hired as UTAS ‘spin doctor’</u></p> <p>The University of Tasmania has recruited Sue Hickey as a “spin doctor” to spruik their move to the inner city. WHAT HER ROLE WILL ENTAIL</p>
<p>Sue Bailey March 26, 2022</p>	<p><u>New facilities promised with CBD move win over UTAS sports clubs</u></p> <p>UTAS sporting clubs have hailed plans for new facilities as part of UTAS’s move from Sandy Bay to the Hobart CBD saying the current clubrooms are “tired” and don’t cater for women and juniors.</p>
<p>Judy Augustine May 16, 2022</p>	<p><u>UTAS “carefully considering” flood of negative feedback over uni move</u></p> <p>On Wednesday UTAS higher ups heard voice after voice slamming the campus move, and now they’re considering what they heard.</p>
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<p>May 25, 2022</p>	<p><u>Call for final say on UTAS move</u></p> <p>Opposition to the University of Tasmania relocation has been loud and clear but there’s a push for Hobart to have one more chance to weigh in. ELECTOR POLL</p>

<p>Judy Augustine July 15, 2022</p>	<p><u>'Sham sales pitch': Opponents launch into UTAS</u></p> <p>The University of Tasmania's plan for an 80 member consultation panel has been slammed as a "sham sales pitch" by opponents of the university move.</p>
<p>Judy Augustine July 25, 2022</p>	<p><u>Move or stay? Have your say on UTAS campus</u></p> <p>Hobart City Council voters will be able to have their say on the University of Tasmania move in massive news for the proposed relocation</p>
<p>Blair Richards and Judy Augustine August 4, 2022</p>	<p><u>Students fight back as vice chancellor hoses down poll</u></p> <p>A push is on to establish a new union for University of Tasmania students feeling left out of the Sandy Bay city relocation saga, while it's been revealed the results of an upcoming elector poll on the relocation may not count for much.</p>