



# Media Release

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## **DIVE IN TO DISCOVER AMAZING TAMAR ENVIRONMENT**

A free community event planned for June is promising to reveal a whole new side of the Tamar River estuary.

Organised by NRM North and Seahorse World, Tamar Discovery will feature displays, presentations and hands-on activities which showcase the estuary's incredible environment, unique inhabitants and rich cultural heritage.

The inaugural event was held in 2016 and attracted more than 300 people.

NRM North Facilitator, Megan Dykman, said this year's event would cover a whole new range of topics relating to the estuary.

"Those who come along will have the opportunity to hear about the amazing biodiversity of the lower estuary, including giant kelp forests and sponge gardens, along with tidal energy generation, water quality and the Aboriginal cultural heritage of the area."

Other issues affecting the estuary, including marine debris and changing climates, will also be explored.

"There's a lot more than meets the eye when it comes to the Tamar. Tamar Discovery hopes to bring the many intriguing and important, but lesser known aspects of the Tamar to the surface."

Seahorse World Managing Director, Craig Hawkins, said Tamar Discovery would give the local community unique access to experts in a range of fields.

"We are looking to our local community to take advantage of this free opportunity to learn more about the waterway that we all know and love," Mr Hawkins said.

There will be several guest presentations throughout the day, a kids' corner, hands-on activities and interactive displays for all ages.

Tamar Discovery will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June from 10 am to 2 pm upstairs at Seahorse World, Beauty Point. Entry is free and discounted Seahorse World tours and lucky door prizes are available.

This event is supported through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and Inspiring Australia initiative.

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