



# Media Release

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## DEEP DIVE INTO THE UNIQUE WORLD OF THE TAMAR

Virtual reality technology, touch tanks, aquarium displays, incredible underwater footage, interactive apps and art and craft activities are just some of the features on offer at Tamar Discovery.

The event on Saturday, June 16, is being organised by NRM North and Seahorse World with funding support from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and Inspiring Australia Initiative.

NRM North Facilitator, Megan Dykman, said the event would give attendees the unique opportunity to experience firsthand the incredible environment of the Tamar River estuary.

"The day will feature something for everybody, from presentations by experts in a range of fields, through to educational games and crafts to keep kids entertained," Miss Dykman said.

A number of presentations will be scheduled throughout the day, covering topics from giant kelp to the health of the Tamar and the arrival of new marine species with climate change.

"What a lot of people probably wouldn't realise is that the Tamar environment is really one of a kind. We have some very special habitats and species right on our doorstep," Miss Dykman said.

The event will also offer a sneak peek into exciting plans to feature the Tamar environment in an upcoming documentary.

Former Young Australian of the Year, ocean ambassador and award-winning author and documentary maker, Sheree Marris, will speak about the Tasmania Down Under project, which will showcase the diverse marine values of Tasmania, including the Tamar River estuary, across several multi-media platforms.

"This project builds on the highly successful Melbourne Down Under, which has received international media exposure, has been screened multiple times on a major network and has developed a library of resources for community groups and project partners to use in their own conservation and education efforts," Ms Marris said.

Other topics to be covered on the day range from tidal energy generation to Aboriginal cultural heritage of the Tamar Valley, marine debris and recreational fishing.

Attending organisations include the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, the Australian Maritime College, Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Plastic Free Launceston, Redmap and Fishcare.

Tamar Discovery will be held on Saturday, June 16, upstairs at Seahorse World (Shed 1A, Inspection Head Wharf, Beauty Point) from 10 am to 2 pm.

Entry is free and lucky door prizes and discounted Seahorse World tours will be on offer.

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