



Media Release

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DISCOVERING A WEALTH OF LIFE BENEATH THE TAMAR

An upcoming event at Seahorse World at Beauty Point will give visitors the rare opportunity to explore the wonder of the Tamar River estuary's incredible biodiversity.

Organised by NRM North and Seahorse World and timed to coincide with National Science Week, the Tamar Discovery event on Saturday, August 20th will involve activities, presentations and displays suitable for the whole family.

NRM North's Coastal Coordinator, Emma Williams, said the event promised to uncover a whole new side of the Tamar River estuary.

"Many people don't realise that there is an incredible wealth of life within the Tamar estuary and also some visually spectacular and extremely important environments," Ms Williams said.

"These environments include deep-water sponge and coral gardens, threatened saltmarshes and one of the last Giant Kelp forests remaining along Tasmania's coastline."

Seahorse World Managing Director, Craig Hawkins, said the community event aimed to celebrate the diversity of the Tamar estuary.

"This event will be a good opportunity to learn about different issues relating to the Tamar and to celebrate the estuary as a fantastic natural and community asset."

Underwater photographs by David Maynard will be on display along with unique coral species collected less than one kilometre from where the event will be held.

Visitors have the opportunity to get hands-on with touch tanks, competitions and NRM North's interactive TamAR app. Lucky door prizes and discounted Seahorse World tours are also on offer.

The event will run from 11:00am to 2:00pm upstairs at Seahorse World, Shed 1A Inspection Head Wharf.

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