

Monday 22 August 2016

MEDIA RELEASE:

OUR WATERWAY MINI-CONFERENCE

A mini-conference showcasing current knowledge of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel and Huon Estuary will be held at Mt Nelson on Tuesday the 30th of August, 2016 from 10am – 3:30pm. The event is being organised by the D'Entrecasteaux and Huon Collaboration.

The jam-packed program features a broad range of talks looking at how we value the waterway, waterway condition and management, biodiversity and coastal hazards.

Nepelle Crane, Coordinator of the D'Entrecasteaux and Huon Collaboration, noted that many researchers and agencies would be speaking on the day. "We have speakers coming from NRM South, the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies and the University of Tasmania, CSIRO, Aquenal, Huon Aquaculture, Tassal, BirdLife Tasmania, Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, and Kingborough Council," she said. "They will be providing current information and expanding our understanding of the D'Entrecasteaux and Huon waterways."

The Collaboration's new "Beneath the Surface" exhibition will also be on display – featuring photographs kindly provided by local researchers.

"The 'Beneath the Surface' exhibition features the underwater environments of the Huon Estuary and D'Entrecasteaux Channel – sharing these photos helps us to appreciate the variety of life we have in our waterways, and it will generate awareness and discussion in the community," said Nepelle.

Posters from some of the Collaboration's funding partners will be on display – featuring a small selection of local projects and programs including the South East Regional Shorebirds Alliance, saltmarsh and wetlands, coastal management projects at Coningham Beach and Shipwrights Point, and aquaculture programs such as Tassal's 'SMART FARMS' and Huon Aquaculture's Sustainability Dashboard.

All welcome to attend – registrations are essential.

WHEN: 30 August 2016, 10 AM - 3:30 PM

WHERE: Mt Nelson

REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL

Search for the event on Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/our-waterway-tickets-26716945102>

The D'Entrecasteaux and Huon Collaboration is supported through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme, NRM South and the D'Entrecasteaux and Huon Collaboration partners – the Derwent Estuary Program, Huon Aquaculture, Huon Valley and Kingborough Councils, Tassal and TasWater.

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