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A window to the world of animals

A North-West Coast artist is providing a unique window into the animal kingdom in his latest exhibition.

Devonport artist Wayne Edwards' new collection of works offers an extraordinary insight into how animals interact in the wilderness.

Entitled *Windows*, the exhibition features the movements of animals in their own environment through 12 paintings.

It will be officially opened by Dr Bill Cotching, TIAR Natural Resource Management Senior Research Fellow, on **Friday, June 20 from 6pm** at the UTAS Cradle Coast campus.

"I have always had a desire to discover the natural environment," Mr Edwards said.

"I wanted to put myself in the animals' environment, looking at how they move and wanting to get as close to nature as possible. By getting up close and personal it offers a different perspective."

Mr Edwards said painting in the wilderness allowed him to respond instantly to the environment, rather than relying on memory or a photo when back in the studio.

"In many of the paintings I have used organic materials via printmaking processes or spray painting.

"As animals are an integral part of the landscape it seems appropriate to record their marks as well," he said.

Mr Edwards has spent the past 20 years focusing his artistic endeavours on animal and wilderness conservation.

He has held 36 solo exhibitions with his work taking him across the globe to places including the US, the Netherlands and the Antarctic.

The exhibition will run until August 12. A percentage of the sale profits will go towards animal conservation.

Bookings are essential for the exhibition opening.

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