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Life and times of Tasmanian photographer captured in new book

The life and legacy of one of Tasmania's most influential wilderness photographers has been captured in a new book.

Pedder Dreaming: Olegas Truchanas and a lost Tasmanian wilderness by Tasmanian author Natasha Cica will be launched at the UTAS Cradle Coast Campus on **Monday 3 October**.

A Lithuanian immigrant, Olegas Truchanas is remembered as one of the founding fathers of Tasmanian wilderness photography, and as a conservationist, an adventurer and a democrat.

Natasha Cica retells the story of Truchanas and the 'Sunday Group', a small gathering of Tasmanian landscape artists who paved the way for later Tasmanian conservation successes – and changed the way we think about nature, culture and society.

The book is stunningly illustrated with Truchanas' photographs and artwork from the Sunday Group.

Born in Tasmania's North West and raised in Hobart, Natasha returned to Tasmania in 2006, to work on *Pedder Dreaming*. Currently she is the Director of the Inglis Clark Centre for Civil Society at the University of Tasmania.

WHAT: Book launch – *Pedder Dreaming: Olegas Truchanas and a lost Tasmanian wilderness* by Tasmanian author Natasha Cica. Professor Janelle Allison (UTAS Pro-Vice Chancellor Regional Development and Director Cradle Coast Campus) will launch the book.

WHEN: Monday, October 3 – 5.30pm

WHERE: UTAS Cradle Coast Campus Atrium Gallery, 16-20 Mooreville Road, Burnie. RSVP: (03) 6430 4949
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