

## Media Release

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## Architecture students to illuminate Launceston

Architecture students in Launceston will rekindle a tradition that dates back to the 1860s when they light 16 large lanterns on the North Esk River tomorrow evening.

The event - *Illuminations* – will showcase the results of the first design project for the first year students studying architecture, interior design and furniture design at the University of Tasmania.

Lecturer at the School of Architecture and Design Louise Wallis said the event harkened back to the first Chinese lanterns event, where 500 lanterns lined the first basin at the Gorge.

“There were many of these events lighting up the Gorge from the 1860s to the 1890s and we’d like to recapture a small part of that spirit,” Ms Wallis said.

“We’d love the community to come along and see what will be a brief but beautiful spectacle with lanterns and accompanied by a solo drummer.”

The 16 lanterns are built on a one metre by one metre base and stand up to two metres tall. They are made from sustainable harvested bamboo, recycled timber offcuts, luncheon wrap and candles.

**Illuminations will begin at 7pm tomorrow evening (Wednesday, 23 March 2016) at Seaport near the Lower Charles Street Bridge.**

The lanterns will then light up the grounds in front of the School of Architecture and Design from 8.30pm where students will be celebrating the event.

**Media note:** The lanterns will be on display at the School from 4pm TODAY (Tuesday, 22 March 2016).

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