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## Antarctic 10-minute Talks to feature at IMAS Open Days

Over the next two days visitors to the free Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) Open Days as part of the Australian Antarctic Festival will be able to hear a range of fascinating talks by some of Australia's leading Antarctic and Southern Ocean researchers.

The Antarctic 10-minute Talks will feature at the IMAS waterfront building in Hobart along with drones, AUVs, ice cores, microscopic creatures, a penguin spy cam and a marine life touch display.

The IMAS Open Days will run from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, as part of the inaugural Antarctic Festival.

Executive Director Professor Richard Coleman said the talks would give visitors an excellent overview of the world-class Antarctic and Southern Ocean research being undertaken by Tasmanian-based scientists. "The 14 short talks by our researchers will cover a wide range of subjects, from krill to underwater robots, and from Antarctic law to oxygen levels in the ocean.

"Our other displays will feature research into ice cores, the development of a new Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV), the use of drones to map and video ice sheets and sea ice, the skulls of Antarctic mammals and birds, and research into local and Southern Ocean marine species.

"We'll also present a range of fascinating videos about Antarctic and Southern Ocean science, and there will be plenty to engage the young scientists of the future, including face-painting, a penguin spy-cam track, and the chance to see and touch local marine life," Professor Coleman said.

A full list of the talks is at: <http://www.imas.utas.edu.au/australianantarcticfestival>

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