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Oxfam director to present forum on North-West Coast

Oxfam Australia Executive Director Andrew Hewett will present a forum on climate change in Burnie on Tuesday, October 14.

Mr Hewett, who is also co-chair of Make Poverty History, will be joined by Dr Nick Towle for the public forum, *Climate Change: think bigger than our backyard*, at the Red Lion Café, UTAS Cradle Coast campus.

The forum will discuss the issues surrounding climate change and poverty and the impact climate change is having in developing countries.

Dr Towle will address the broader health implications, looking at how cities have been affected. A workshop will follow the forum where guests will have the chance to discuss local solutions.

Mr Hewett has spent almost 20 years with Oxfam Australia where he became Executive Director in 2001. He is Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), the peak council of non-government overseas development agencies.

Dr Towle is a University of Tasmania lecturer in rural medical practice and is a founding member of the National Rural Health Network. His research interests surround childhood health, climate change and health, implications for food security and exploration of healthy adaptive responses.

The forum will begin at 6.30pm with light refreshments supplied. It is being supported by Oxfam Australia, Make Poverty History and the Tasmanian University Union.

- Andrew Hewett will also present the forum with Dr Kate Crowley, Tasmanian Climate Action Council Chair, from 6.30pm at the Republic Bar, North Hobart on Monday, October 13.

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